APIC MN Fall Conference Business Meeting

September 24, 2026

BOD Report Outs

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WINE COUNTRY
CORRESPONDENT

I HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING THE

CONFERENCE!



“I’m sorry I can’t be there. Sadly, I’ve been called away on urgent wine business.”

CHEERS, SAM

President

Sam Saunders



- Again! Sorry to not be there in attendance!
- Thank you to the conference committee for planning (what I'm sure is) a beautiful conference
- Congratulations to the newly elected board members!
- We have oodles of open vice chairs for next year – if interested, please talk to the current chair/vice chair or BOD liaison

Congratulations!

MN APIC Newly Elected Leaders



- President Elect: Jen Boe
- Treasurer Elect: Ellie Carter
- Nominating Committee Co-Chair: Katherine Grimm

President-Elect

Jessica Nerby



- **MN Chapter Excellence Award Application**
  - Traveling meeting
  - I survived it series
- **Goals for 2027**
  - Send ideas to president_elect@apicmn.org or jessica.nerby@allina.com
- **Planning donation drive for holiday luncheon, details soon**

Director at Large

Amy Hays



- Congratulations to **Kelly Wente** of Johnson Memorial Health Services for being selected for the LTC education and travel support to attend this conference!
- Never been to APIC National? Apply for a chance to attend the **APIC National Conference** in Los Angeles, June 14-16, 2027! Scan here to apply:
- **Congrats** to the following new and renewed infection control certificants this year!

a-IPC

Laura Tourdot, a-IPC – Fairview Ridges

Krista Knowles, a-IPC – Fairview Southdale

New CIC, LTC-CIP

Brian Kallinen, CIC – CommonSpirit Health

Mady Harmon, CIC – Mayo Clinic

Leah Higbe, CIC – Mayo Clinic

Sarah Anderson, CIC – Olmstead Med Ctr

Ilise Kundel, CIC – Essentia St. Joseph's

Tasha Forness, CIC – Essentia Health

Christina Williston, LTC-CIP – Sanford Health

Jennifer Miller, CIC – Fairview GICH and Range

Jackie Robinson, CIC – Fairview ambulatory

Eric Hilsgen, CIC – MDH

Renewed CIC, LTC-CIP

Boyd Wilson, CIC, LTC-CIP - HealthPartners

Kari Gand, CIC - Fairview

Jessica Swanson, CIC – Hennepin Health

Amy Hays, CIC – Park Nicollet

Rennae Houle-Burns – MN Veterans Home

Jenna Rasmusson – Mayo Clinic

Past President

Katherine Grimm



- **MN Chapter Leader Award Nominations**
  - Send nominations to Katherine.grimm@northmemorial.com

Eligibility:

1. Nominees should be a chapter member for at least 2 years.
2. Nominees must be:
   - A recognized leader. This can include elected or appointed APIC MN chapter officers, committee chairs, committee members, members of APIC national committee(s), or a leadership role in a state/regional organization.
   - Instrumental in chapter activities such as developing programs, increasing membership, improving chapter processes, training new board members, filling leadership positions, mentoring chapter members, participating in community activities related to infection prevention and control.
   - Certified in Infection Prevention by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC) with the exception of a certification lapse following retirement.
   - All nominees must have active APIC national and APIC MN chapter membership to be considered.
3. Individuals can receive the Chapter Leader Award once per chapter.

2025 - Jessica Nerby

2024- Molly Bisciglia

2023 - Jean Barth

2022 - Stephanie Homuth

2021 - Mindy McFarren

2019 - Stephanie Tismer

2018 - Kathy Miller

2017 - Kathleen Steinmann

2016 - Mary Thompson

2015 - Amy Priddy

2014 - Candi Shearen

2013 - Ginnie Bren

2012 - Jane Harper

2011 - LeAnne Ellingson

2010 - Boyd Wilson

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- **For Fun: Tee Shirt Link**
  - APIC Minnesota Chapter 18 T-Shirt | Bonfire





Scan me!

Vice President

Elaine Stevens



- BIP Course on track for Nov 12 & 13.
  - Focus on getting LTC participants
  - Looking for assistance getting the word out to register
  - Looking to develop a small workgroup going forward for planning next year
- Great General meetings by Educ Committee and This Conference by our Conference Committee (Easy to serve as liaison to the board)
- Look across your IP colleagues and yourself on what things you like to do. If not yet interested in leading a group consider joining a committee to get tasks. It all HELPS!
- APIC Winter Celebration (Formerly APIC Luncheon) Scheduled for Dec 10th 1-4pm at Minneapolis Cider Company with Pickleball, appetizers, recognitions, Noted 2026 accomplishments. Plan to attend. Registration available on website SOON!

Treasurer

Jodi Hogendorf



- Checking $90,783.18
- Savings $95,325.92
- Wonderful candidates for Treasure Elect 2027

Committee Report Outs

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Reprocessing Committee

Chair: Darla Tuil

Vice Chair: Jennifer Davidson Feliu





Major accomplishment of 2026

- Promoted/Educated members on APIC's New MIFU Toolkit
- Discussed the release of AAMI TIR 119 – supporting ST 108
- Organizational collaboration and resource sharing
- Supported development of reprocessing policies and work standards

Current priority or focus areas

- Problematic MIFUs
- HLD/Sterilization practices
- Reprocessing policy standardization

What help or support is needed

- **In need of Chair and Vice Chair for 2027**

Mental/Behavioral Health Committee

Chair: Kelly Westgaard

Vice Chair: Annika Wichmann

- **Major accomplishment of 2026**
  - Discussions on unique situations in these settings
  - Cleaning and disinfection of equipment
  - Managing MDROs
  - Hand hygiene
  - TB risk assessment
- **Current priority or focus areas**
  - Respiratory season management
- **What help or support is needed**
  - In need of Vice Chair for 2027

Nominating Committee

Chair: Kelsey Wick; Vice Chair: Kari Russell

2027 Committee Updates

- Chair position: Kari Russell
- Vice Chair: Katherine Grimm
- **Upcoming open positions:** President Elect, Secretary, Director at Large, Membership Director

2026 Election

- 2nd year using Election Buddy
- If you have feedback regarding the election, please share your comments with us at nominating@apicmn.org

Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Committee

Chair: Kelsey Wick; Vice Chair: Lia Johnson

Venue for discussion all things EMR:

- Sharing tips and workflows
- Flagging for respiratory infections
- NHSN reporting (annual survey, unit designation review, AU/RU reporting
- MDH required reporting
- Travel screening and C. auris/CPO screening
- RN documentation of key IP issues (CHG bathing, etc.)



Next meeting is on 11/11 from 1-2pm via Teams – email emr@apicmn.org to join us!

Emerging Infections

Chair: Terra Menier

Vice Chair: Jean Barth



- **Major accomplishment of 2026**
  - Have met 8 times so far this year
  - Guest Speakers:
    - Marc Osborn presented on Wastewater
    - MDH Guests: Dr. Lim and Alex Waterman on HCIDs; Jayne Griffith on Measles; Stacy Holzbauer on NWS
- **Current priority or focus areas**
  - HCIDs, Measles, and updated Return to Work Guidance
- **Other updates**
  - Vice Chair for 2027 is Laura Tourdot!

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Education Committee | 2026 Update

Chair
Asha Elgonda, MPH, CIC

Chair Elect
Melissa Pappas, MS, CIC



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Major accomplishment of 2026

Expanded the reach and accessibility of APIC MN education.

2026 delivered **3 general meetings**, **7 formal education sessions**, and **6 CE/IPU hours**, generating **271 registrations** across virtual and regional in-person programming so far.

Launched **I Survived It** to expand peer-led learning and practice sharing.

Current priority or focus areas

Build a responsive and sustainable 2027 education plan.

Use member feedback to identify priority topics, expand the speaker pipeline, continue peer-sharing opportunities, and support Basic Infection Prevention (BIP) course planning.

What help or support is needed

Looking for new committee members and 2027 leadership.

Recruit new committee members and a 2027 Chair Elect for 2028 leadership. Members can also support the committee by sharing experiences, recommending speakers or topics, identifying future host venues, and volunteering with BIP planning and delivery.

Long Term Care Committee:

Chair: Candace Trondson
Vice Chair: April Terlinde





Committee updates:

- Continue to attempt to meet quarterly via Teams
  - Next meeting TBD
- Assisted living:
  - Looking for members to join!
- Education
  - Open to ideas from LTC members
- **Scan QR code to join email distribution list**
- Contact info: ctrondson@lyngblomsten.org or april.terlinde@state.mn.us

Ambulatory Committee

2026 APIC MN Updates

Chair: Ellie Barbell

Vice Chair: Gloria Mutombo





- **Major accomplishment of 2026**
  - **Community Practice:** Compared approaches for Botox vial use, measles response, MDRO precautions, and speculum reprocessing
  - **Shared Access to Resources:** Homecare resources, sharing learnings from APIC National Conference
- **Current priority or focus areas**
  - **Exposures:** Confirming notification pathways and contacts for EMS exposures, measles exposure workflows
  - **MDROs:** C. auris and CRE screening in clinic vs. inpatient, clinic isolation practices
- **What help or support is needed**
  - New committee members welcome!
  - In need of Vice Chair for 2027! Reach out to Ellie or Gloria if interested ☺