



IPAC – Southern Alberta

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Venue: Lync

Time: 1300 – 1400

Present: Blair McFerran, Blanda Chow, Debbie Lam-Li, Dione Kolodka, Gwyneth Meyers, Heidi O’Grady, Jason Morris, Jennifer Ellison, Jennifer Happe, Jennifer McMullen, Joseph Kaunda, Karen Cargill, Kim Houde, Kristine Cannon, Lorinda Stuber, Maureen Kano, Michelle Platt, Suzanne Gavet, Zaheeda Jessani, Guest.

Chair called meeting to order at 1305 hr. Agenda was approved, and Minutes approved by Joseph Kaunda

President’s Report

IPAC-SA Education Day is set for Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Dr. Mendez has confirmed attendance; to present his topic: *Innovation and healthcare*. Although this is not really an IP&C topic, it explores new frontiers in healthcare.

A total of four invited speakers have confirmed. These are: Mel Cordovitz, Ivar Mendez, Rhonda – Ebola, Dr. Louie – Evolution of fecal transplantation. Four other speaking slots are available. Members were encouraged to suggest names.

We are seeking four members to assist Jason in planning for the day. The target audience is ICPs, Healthcare workers, Nursing, Physicians and others.

The day is to be designed along the lines of IPAC-NA’s education day. Calgary is to avail telehealth connectivity to IPAC-NA members. More information to follow.

Updates

IPAC-Canada Annual Conference is on May 3-6.

2020 is the year of nurses and midwives, therefore IPAC-Canada is working together with them.

Pan-Canadian Roadshow is coming up in Vancouver

A big part of the website is on Novel Coronavirus-2019: Statistics, latest information, epidemiologic links, PHAC, WHO etc. A good resource.

On March 19, there will be a webinar for dentistry

Craig's presentation on VRE isolation in the renal population is scheduled for February 12

Attendance for these webinars add up to education hours required for CIC certification. Members were also reminded that there is a \$50 discount towards annual registration if one attained CIC certification during the preceding year.

Diversey scholarship competition closes February 10. GoJo and a few other scholarships are closing on February 17.

Infectious diseases experts in the United States have given a warning of disease outbreaks at detention centres at borders.

In addition to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 outbreak in China, there is also newly-reported Bird flu outbreaks in the country.

Executive Positions

The positions of President Elect and Seminar/Fundraising Coordinator are vacant.

Standing Committees and Interest Groups

Education Committee – Gwyneth/Heidi

Our last meeting was Dec 10 2019

- We reviewed our activities for 2019 – we sponsored 5 webinars
- Discussed Webinars for 2020
 - One Webinar Feb 12 VRE Isolation in Renal Medicine – Is it Needed? Craig Pearce
- Finalized our Winter 2019 Newsletter – now on the web (see attached)
- Discussed doing a needs assessment – first step will be to review results from the last needs assessment
- Will start planning for a joint meeting between the ECC and the Chapter Education Reps
- Some of the ECC members have had to step down so we are currently recruiting new members

(Please see attached Winter Newsletter)

Mentorship Committee – Alison Devine

Report: The work of this committee continues to focus on marketing to potential mentors and mentees across Canada. Jennifer Happe joined as the IPAC Board representative to support this group's work.

Special Issues: Both my term, and the term of the other Alberta representative, have ended on this committee. Therefore, this committee will be seeking, and would benefit, by a new representative from Alberta. If you are an IPAC member and interested, contact the chair of this

group: Jeffrey Eruvwetaghware Jeffrey.Eruvwetaghware@waha.ca

Community Interest Group – Lori

Hasn't met

Dialysis – Joseph

No news

Environmental Hygiene – Gord

Report: Barry Hunt, Chair IPAC Canada EHIG lead the topic for January 2020 session.

Special Issues: IPAC Canada EHIG working group is completing suggested protocol for 2 areas of environmental auditing: ATP testing and culture testing for inclusion in CSA Z317.12 cleaning/disinfection for healthcare sites.

Jim Gauthier MLT CIC is on this working group and will have updates for the next EHIG session.

The CSA Z317.12 guideline for general cleaning/disinfection in healthcare sites is currently in draft and review by representative working groups.

Recommendations: The goal for completing the CSA Z317.12 cleaning/disinfection final document is slotted for April 1, 2020.

A general discussion on 2019-nCoV Coronavirus was tabled...at the time, WHO had not declared a global emergency regarding novel Coronavirus (this has since changed since the date of this report). At the time of the report, the risk for novel Coronavirus transmission to Canadian Health is low, but IP&C vigilance must be maintained for persons arriving in Canada that have traveled from Wuhan in Hubei Province, China.

Construction – Joseph

Webinar held on Jan 23, 2020. Roberta gave her presentation on "Living Walls." A proposal was made for a mock-up of sink/faucet combinations to see how they perform. A library of construction photos, including hoarding is to start being assembled for education purposes.

Longterm Care – Karen Cargill

There has been no meeting, but questions are sent out. They are in the website.

Mental Health – Jennifer Happe

There has been no meeting. The Chair is on maternity leave.

Network of Networks – Jennifer Happe

We have not met. Chairs want to step down due to retirement.

Reprocessing – Michelle Platt

The group has done a lot. Footcare, ultrasound etc. All links are on IPAC website under interest groups.

Surveillance – Jennifer Happe

There are five key projects including Heidi's, Craig's Webinar VRE in Renal. Pre-register for it.

*late notice came Feb 27 – The Cardiac Care Interest Group has disbanded.

Zaheeda volunteered to help Jason with the Education Day. Other members to consider. Karen Cargill to look into how she can assist remotely.

Meeting ended at 1333 hr.