



IPAC Canada Chapter Annual Reports 2019

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IPAC-NA Infection Prevention and Control Northern Alberta
A Chapter of Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) - Canada

2019 Executive

President: Yvette Gable, RN

President-elect: Jennifer Parsonage, RN, BScN, CIC

Secretary: Brenda Jenkins, BScN, RN, CIC

Treasurer: Crystelle Ong, MLT, BSc (MLS)

Education Chair: Mandeep Atwal, BSc, BEH, CPHI (C)

Webmaster: Sara Gallinger, RN, BScN

Past President: Denise Sorel, BScN, RN, CIC

Incoming 2020 Executive

President: Jennifer Parsonage, RN, BScN, CIC

President-elect: Mandeep Atwal, BSc, BEH, CPHI (C)

Secretary: Lisa Acorn, RN, BN, CIC

Treasurer: Crystelle Ong, MLT, BSc (MLS)

Education Chair: Frederick Cundict, BSc, BEH, CPHI(C), CIC

Webmaster: Sara Gallinger, RN, BScN

Past President: Yvette Gable, RN

Number of Members: 75 (as of end Nov)

Geographic Area Served: Northern and North Central Alberta from the NWT border to Red Deer.

Meetings

- Seven Chapter meetings which included a one-hour education presentation followed by a one-hour meeting. Oct meeting did not have education..
- Three executive meetings were held in 2019 (the Dec mtg. moved to first week of Jan 2020).
- Two joint IPAC NA and IPAC SA Executive meetings were held to discuss the potential for collaboration on initiatives.

Education at Meetings

- January: "Covert Hand Hygiene Reviews" by William Banh IPC AHS
- March: "CPO and ESBL" by IPC Residents Ellina Lytyyak, Michael Zakhary, and Maulik Baxi
- May: SecureAire Presentation (Vendor: AquaAir Systems) by Jim Delaney and David Lima
- June: Conference Poster Summaries, Luncheon, Plant Event
- September: Presentation: IPAC/IFIC Conference Highlights by Yvette Gable
- October: Business Meeting only



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- November: Molecular Diagnostics: Benefits from Patient to Administrators and Antimicrobial Stewardship by Inter Medico, Eugene Chomey

Highlights

1. Membership Activity:

- The President did a presentation about IPAC Canada and IPAC NA to Continuing Care contracted partner IPCs in the Edmonton Zone
- An IPAC information table was staffed during our 2019 education conference
- A number of members attended the 2019 education conference and participated in abstract and poster presentations
- A virtual meeting format was continued this year to increase communication with members who use the distance connection (Skype). The meeting content was imbedded in a PPT to provide visuals for each agenda item.
- Each meeting highlighted 1-2 specific interest groups and representatives were invited to discuss the value of participating
- The “Member Profile” format was continued, where one member would do a short presentation to introduce themselves to the chapter in the following format: about me; about my work; one of the challenges in my job; one of my work successes; one thing surprising about my job; and advice I would give if you asked me.
- We continue to provide a semiannual newsletter with updates from committee and interest group representatives.
- We had a Spring Luncheon with social activity for the members

2. Education

- In addition to education offered prior to each general meeting, we had our IPAC NA Education Day on September 20, 2019. The full day event showcased 9 speakers. It was very well received and attendance included over 80 in-person and was projected over 15 telehealth sites across the province.
- Speaker presentations and pictures of event have been uploaded to the chapter members area.
- Our chapter supports CIC Certification and offers reimbursement of \$400 for successful completion of CIC.

3. Administration

- Approval of the addition of an annual financial self-audit process to begin XXX
- Revision of chapter funding request application forms and processes
- Addition of standardized bank change over forms to facilitate signing authority changes with new and retiring executive



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- Completion of the archiving of old chapter records and transfer to new electronic record keeping
- Acknowledgement, recognition and thanks letters were sent out to members holding executive positions and those who assisted with Conference planning from the chapter president
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4. Current work that is underway includes:

- Review and revision of our TOR
- Revision of 5 year financial plan
- Review of interest group participation
- Revision of process for communicating work being done by IPAC interest groups and committees
- Upcoming work on the Strategic Plan
- Development of a conference planning toolkit
- Joint executive discussions with the other Alberta Chapter, IPAC SA, to discuss potential collaborations.

Submitted by: Yvette Gable on behalf of the IPAC Northern Alberta Chapter. Jan 20, 2019

**IPAC-SA Chapter Annual Report
2019**

Current Year's Executive

President: Kim Houde, IPC Calgary Zone

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Joseph Kaunda, IPC-PLC

Treasurer: Kris Cannon, IPC-PLC

Education Coordinator: Jason Morris, IPC-Rural

Seminar/Fundraising Coordinator: vacant

Webmaster: Dione Kolodka, IPC-Community

Past President: vacant

Number of Members:

Jan 2020 - 68 members

Geographic Area Served:

South and South/Central Alberta. Our borders extend from Red Deer (north) to the AB/USA border (south); then from the BC/AB (west) to the AB/SK (East) borders.

Membership:

IPAC-Southern Alberta (IPAC-SA) membership consists of the following demographics:

- Infection Prevention and Control professionals from acute care hospital sites, assisted/supportive living sites, urban and rural community sites and pre-hospital care.
- Representatives from industry, environmental services, medical device reprocessing, educational institutions, private consultants, dental offices and individuals with an interest in Infection Control

Meetings

A summary of frequency of Chapter meetings, format, guest speakers throughout the year

There were 9 meetings held during 2019. Two in-person meetings and 7 Skype meetings. All meetings included 2 components: An education session & board meeting as per standard agenda *Included round table for sharing strategies, concerns & networking.

Education and Guest speakers: Jan to Dec

Jan- Dr. Gwyneth Meyers – “Writing Abstracts – Tips and Tricks”

Feb- Linda Ward – “Good Hand Hygiene Can Stop Us Getting Bugged at Work”

Mar – David Lima – Secure Aire Products (presentation by an industry representative)

April- Abstracts for IPAC-Canada Conference – What is There to Pitch About

May – Dr. Olgilvie – IP&C in Anatomical Pathology in Frozen Specimens”

June – 2 education presentations:

Dr. Kevin Fonseca, Virologist, Alberta Provincial Labs – Tick Talk: New and Old Tick Transmitted Diseases

Jim Gauthier – OR Turnover: Improving Speed Without Compromising Quality
Sept – IPAC Conferences Attendees presented their Posters, Oral Presentations
Oct – Dr. Bonnie Meatherall, ID physician – Climate Sensitivity and Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases
Dec – Marlies van Dijk – Being Real: How to Engage People You Work With and For!

Highlights: Jan-Dec, 2019

- Joseph Kaunda successfully achieved his CIC certification
- Janice Pitchko successfully renewed her CIC Certification
- Craig Pearce won the Gojo scholarship to attend 2019 IPAC National Conference
- Craig Pearce (John Conly) presented oral presentation “Removing Contact Precautions for VRE Patients in an Endemically Colonized Renal Medicine/Transplant Patient Population”
- Karen Cargill presented a poster at the 2019 IPAC Canada Conference in Quebec City “Keeping It Fresh: Updating the Alberta Health Services Continuing Care Resources”
- Tamalee Andersen presented an oral presentation “Creation of a Tailored Hand Hygiene Program in Community Audiology”
- Mary LeBlanc (our distant member) travelled to Quebec City to attend the 2019 IPAC-Canada National Conference.
- Jennifer Happe – Secretary/Membership Director IPAC-Canada
- Dione Kolodka – Representative for the Chapter Council - West
- Gwyneth Meyers - member on IPAC Education Core Committee
- Kathy Bush Chairing the CNISP Data Quality Working Group
- Jennifer Ellison member on CNISP Data Quality Working Group and led a project on BSI data quality for that federal surveillance program
- Gwyneth Meyers received the 2018 CJIC Editorial award at the 2019 Conference for 3 of 4 papers published in CJIC
- Gwyneth Meyers’ 4th paper “Designing an Innovative Professional Development Experience to Build Infection Control Professionals’ Educational Experience”
- Kathy Bush and Jennifer Ellison authors on “A Comparison of Extended-Spectrum Beta-lactamase (ESBL) – Producing *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* bloodstream infections in Alberta Using a Provincial Surveillance System” *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology*, 40(3), 388
- Jenine Leal, Kathy Bush, Betty-Ann Henderson and Jennifer Ellison authors on “Hospital-acquired *Clostridioides difficile* infections in Alberta: The Validity of Laboratory-Identified Event Surveillance Versus Clinical Infection Surveillance” *American Journal of Infection Control*. (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajic.2019.09.029>)
- Kathy Bush author on “Prevalence of Antibiotic-resistant organisms in Canadian Hospitals. Comparison of Point-prevalence Survey Results from 2010, 2012 and 2016” *Infection Prevention and Control Canada*, 40(1), 53-59

- Jenine Leal, John Conly authors on “Attributable Costs and Length of Stay of Hospital-acquired *Clostridioides difficile*: A Population-based Matched Cohort Study in Alberta, Canada. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiology*, October 2019, Volume 40, Issue 10
- Kathy Bush and Jennifer Happe authors on “Trends in Healthcare-Associated Infections in Acute Care Hospitals in Canada: An Analysis of Repeated Point Prevalence Surveys”, *CMAJ* Sept 2019 (doi:10.1503/cmaj.190361)

SASKATCHEWAN PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL (IPAC SASKPIC)

2019 Executive

President: Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC

President-Elect: Vacant

Secretary: Melayna Fusick RN, BSN, BCOMM

Treasurer/Membership Coordinator: Alyssa Baade, BSc MLT CIC

Education and Programs Coordinator: Cheyanne Roth, RD BSc (Nutr)

Webmaster: Gwen Cerkowski RN BSN CIC

Past President: Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC

2020 Executive

President: Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC

President-Elect: Vacant

Secretary: Melayna Fusick RN, BSN, BCOMM

Treasurer/Membership Coordinator: Alyssa Baade, BSc MLT CIC

Education and Programs Coordinator: Robin Howden, BSc, BEH, CPHI(C), CIC

Webmaster: Gwen Cerkowski RN BSN CIC

Past President: Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC

Number of Members: 71 members - 30 with CIC designation

Geographic Area Served: The Province of Saskatchewan

Membership: Our membership includes people from every area of healthcare and service.

Meetings

Two general meetings were held on March 6, 2019 and September 20, 2019 (AGM in Saskatoon).

The chapter held twelve executive meetings by teleconference to discuss:

- IPAC SASKPIC spring and fall conferences - AGM held in Saskatoon (September)
- IPAC SASKPIC Budget
- IPAC SASKPIC Membership and Executive Recruitment
- Scholarship awards for SASKPIC members to attend IPAC-Canada conference in Charlottetown
- Donations and Charities
- Strategic Plan, TOR reviews/revisions for 2020
- Orientation for executive roles

Highlights

2019 Fall Conference September 20th – IPAC Knowledge: our 1st line of Defense: (Presentation slides now posted on Chapter Website)

- **Highlights from IPAC National Conference from our Scholarship winners-** Amber Burton, Ewelina Dziak, Amanda Peterson and Marilyn Weinmaster
- **Adult Vaccinations - Do you know what you need? -Loretta van Haarlem**
- **Epi Saves the Day! Keep Calm and Call the Epidemiologist Dr Meredith Faires**
- **Panel Discussion: Frontline IPAC Challenges in HealthCare Construction and Renovation** Rene Joyce, Tyler Wilson, Jodi Rutley and Mark Kelloway

2019 Spring Session: March 6, 2019 - Understanding the Mechanisms of Resistance in AROs and why it is important -Dr K. Malejczyk: <https://saskpic.ipac-canada.org/photos/custom/SASKPIC%20ARO%20mechanism%20presentation%20FINAL.pdf>

Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC, SASKPIC President



Manitoba Chapter Annual Report

2019 Executive

President: Shelly Rempel RN, BN, CIC
President-elect: Myrna Dyck, RN, BN, BSc, MSc
Past President: Vacant
Secretary: Barbara Olson
Treasurer: Lori Fleetwood RN, BN
Education Chair: Davenna Conrod, RN, BN, GNC(C)

2020 Executive

President: Myrna Dyck RN, BN, BSc, MSc
President-elect: Vacant
Past President: Shelly Rempel RN, BN, CIC
Secretary: Barbara Olson
Treasurer: Corinna Tinant RN, BN
Education Chair: Davenna Conrod, RN, BN, GNC(C)

Number of Members: 52

Geographic Area Served: Manitoba

Membership

Membership includes representatives from acute care, long term care, community health, public health, mental health, dentistry, laboratory technicians and healthcare industry

Meetings

The chapter meets five times a year, missing the summer months (approximately every second month). Chapter meetings are held in person along with webinar/teleconference abilities. Meetings usually start with an education session of approximately 1 hour. Included in the meeting are also round table, business discussions and sometimes journal club reviews.

Highlights

In June 2019, the chapter completed a positive annual education conference attended by healthcare workers from across Manitoba, with representation from nursing, IP&C, housekeeping and others. In November 2019, the chapter hosted a successful member education day and annual general meeting (AGM). In late May, five members of our chapter attended the annual IPAC Canada conference in Quebec City.

Membership recruitment continued to be a main goal for 2019. Our chapter continued to offer new/returning members who became chapter members from January to June 2019, a second year of IPAC membership free (paid directly to IPAC Canada). We were pleased to award this 8 new members and 1 returning member. At our AGM, our chapter placed this membership recruitment strategy (even though very successful) on hold, to allow the chapter to afford to send numerous Manitoban delegates to the 2020 IPAC Canada conference.

A survey sent out in 2018 advised chapter executive with scheduling meetings and may have increased interest in the chapter. The executive plans to review the chapter's strategic goals/objectives to determine which are achievable with our smaller membership and ongoing workload increases at our places of work.

The chapter has actively started to plan for the 2020 national conference for both the meet and greet and the IFIC run. We also have a volunteer liaison who will be working with IPAC Canada to assist with filling volunteer positions.



Respectfully submitted,
Myrna Dyck

IPAC NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO (IPAC NWO)

Current Year's Executive

President: Amanda Brizard, RN, CIC

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Janet Paulson, BScN, RN, IIWCC

Treasurer: Katherine Bell, MSc

Next Year's Executive

President: Amanda Brizard, RN, CIC

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Janet Paulson, BScN, RN, IIWCC

Treasurer: Katherine Bell, MSc

Number of Members: 25

Geographic Area Served:

Northwestern Ontario (IPAC NWO) covers a large geographic area with most of the members residing in areas approximately 4- 8 hours' driving distance or further. In comparison, we cover an area the size of France. Members are able to attend the meetings generally by teleconference.

Membership

The chapter has a diverse group of health care providers from long-term care, public health, rehabilitation to acute care settings. All have chief responsibility in providing and ensuring infection prevention and control is practiced within their institutions. Several of these individuals hold various roles within their organizations.

Meetings

In the past the chapter has met twice a year. These meetings consisted of an education period followed by relevant business to the chapter. Members located remotely are provided with access to teleconference in order to participate in these meetings. This year there were two education webinar sessions held, in which one was in collaboration with the Northeastern Ontario Chapter. These were held in a teleconference format and members were provided with an opportunity to hear from two speakers that have been secured by the president on relevant educational topics within Infection Control. Due to unforeseen circumstances this year, the president was off the latter part of the year and chapter meetings were put on hold.



IPAC HUPIC Annual Report 2019

Current Year's Executive

President: Adel Coulter
President-elect: Vacant
Secretary: Darlene Rojek
Treasurer: Christina Milani

Next Year's Executive

President: Adel Coulter
President-elect: Vacant
Secretary: Darlene Rojek
Treasurer: Vacant

Number of Members: 20

Geographic Area Served: Grey Bruce Huron Counties, Ontario

Membership

Primarily Hospital and Public Health, as well as a small representation from LTC and Corporate

Meetings

Quarterly meetings.

Conjoined efforts with the Grey Bruce Health Unit and PHO IPAC West to provide LTC community of practice and influenza update. PHO physician guest speaker, Barley Chironda guest speaker.

Highlights

- Great attendance at our fall education event for LTCH

IPAC PANA ANNUAL REPORT

Current Year's Executive

President: Meghan Davies RN, BScN, CIC

President-elect:

Secretary: Anne Augustin MLT, CIC

Treasurer: Anne Augustin MLT, CIC

Education Committee: Meghan Davies RN, BScN, CIC; Debbie Valickis RN, BScN, CIC; Anne Augustin MLT, CIC; Cailin Banks RN, BScN, CIC

Next Year's Executive

President: Meghan Davies RN, BScN, CIC

President-elect: Anne Augustin MLT, CIC

Secretary: Anne Augustin MLT, CIC

Treasurer: Anne Augustin MLT, CIC

Education Committee: Meghan Davies RN, BScN, CIC, Anne Augustin MLT, CIC

Number of Members: As of November 2019, IPAC PANA had 38 members.

Geographic Area Served: IPAC PANA serves the Regional of Peel and surrounding areas (e.g., as far west as Cambridge, north to Orangeville, and east to Toronto)

Membership

IPAC PANA membership comes from a wide variety of health care providers. Our membership includes IPAC professionals who work in the five acute care facilities in the area; long term care facilities; first responders; local public health units; dental setting, and provincial public health.

Meetings

In general IPAC PANA meets five times per year. This year was particularly challenging for our executive, therefore, the meetings scheduled for the latter half of the year had to be cancelled. In total we had three meetings. Many thanks to all our speakers for providing great and very informative presentations.

Date	Speaker	Topic
February 18, 2019	Kasey Gambeta, PHO IPAC specialist	Carbapenemase-producing enterobacteriaceae (CPE)
April 18, 2019	Ehsan Haghshenas, WOHS Pharmacist	Antibiotic Stewardship
June 20, 2019	Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health (WDGPH)	Interactive session on reprocessing in the community

Highlights

IPAC PANA Summer Social – this was held on June 20th. Thirty nine attendees were provided a lovely lunch and an excellent presentation by WDGPH on reprocessing in the community. This was a four hour interactive session complete with examples of various equipment that may be reprocessed in the community, examples of chemical and biological indicators, manuals, and logs for documentation. Was incredibly well received by all the attendees. This activity relates to Strategic Direction 1 of inspiring brand awareness as many of the attendees were not members of IPAC PANA/Canada, this education session was their introduction to our organization and what it has to offer.

Reprocessing Interest Group (RIG) – Anne Augustin was a member of the working group developing and sending forward to the IPAC Canada board, “Practice Recommendations for Infection Prevention and Control related to Foot Care in Healthcare.” This activity relates to both Strategic Direction 1: Inspire Brand Awareness and Direction 3: Advance Advocacy and Partnership. Throughout the development of this document the working group engages with members of other organizations (Canadian Association of Foot Care Nurses [CAFCN] and Canadian Standards Association [CSA]).

Standards and Guidelines – Anne Augustin worked with members of the Neonatal and Pediatric Interest Group in the review and revision of the “POSITION STATEMENT Handling of Expressed Human Milk in Health Care Facilities.” This document is to go forward to the IPAC Canada board in the near future.

IPAC GTA Annual Report for 2019

2019 Executive

President: Kamyab Ghatan, MD, CIC
President-elect: Melissa Avanness BSc, CIC
Past-president: Rohit Garg MBBS, MPH, CIC
Secretary: Amber Linkenheld-Struk BA, MLT, CIC
Treasurer: Kornelija Delibasic MSc, BAsC CPHI (C), CIC
Marketing Chair: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Networking Co-Chair:
Webmaster: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Co-Webmaster: Stefanie Siau Bsc
Education Committee Chair: Alex Kusiewicz MSc-ID, CPHI(C), CIC

2020 Executive

President: Melissa Avanness BSc, CIC
President-elect: Alice Silva, BSc, MPH, CIC
Past-president: Kamyab Ghatan, MD, CIC
Secretary: Amber Linkenheld-Struk BA, MLT, CIC
Treasurer: Sarah Zanchettin, MHA, CIC
Marketing Chair: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Networking Co-Chair: Kishori Naik BSc, CIC
Co-Webmaster: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Co-Webmaster: Stefanie Siau Bsc
Education Committee Chair: Alex Kusiewicz MSc-ID, CPHI(C), CIC

Number of Members: 314 in Dec 2019 (increase of 21 members since 2018). We continue to welcome new members in our chapter over last few years while retaining existing members.

Geographic Area Served

Our membership primarily serves the Great Toronto Area in Ontario- Our area is primarily bounded by Mississauga (West), Barrie (North), Oshawa (East), although we do have some members from further away and some members who are also members of other IPAC-Canada chapters.

Membership

Our membership comes from a diverse background with both varied professional designations as well as work and practice settings with representation from across the continuum of the healthcare system (acute care, long-term care, complex continuing care, mental health, provincial government, public health, private industry, correctional services and community organizations).

Meetings

All meetings had networking opportunity and non-members were encouraged to attend one meeting in order to experience the value of shared learning and networking that IPAC GTA offers. Each meeting starts with acknowledging new members and recognizing members who volunteer their time in various committees and projects.

January 9, 2019: Strategic Planning meeting to review 2018 and plan for 2019 activities and goals with focus on alignment with IPAC-Canada's strategic plan.

Mar 19, 2019: Key topics included Public Health Ontario updates, Toronto Public Health updates, Organizational Risk Assessment, Candida auris outbreak in intensive care unit as well as Interim PHO guidance document on Candida auris management

May 3, 2019: Key topics included Panel Discussion: “Where Did You Come from Where Did You Go: Paths in to Infection Control careers and where IP&C jobs can lead”, The Intelligent, Self-Disinfecting Hospital, discussion of Journal: “Hand hygiene before donning nonsterile gloves: Healthcare workers’ beliefs and practices”

June 22, 2019- We had summer barbeque that each year members look forward to. Members shared experiences from IPAC Canada conference and other IPAC conferences/interest group updates. This provided plenty of opportunity to network where members share their professional development experience and IPAC challenges at work.

Aug 9, 2019- Key topics included Combatting AMR by Strengthening Infection Prevention & Antimicrobial Stewardship, presentations on Syndromic Screening in Ambulatory Clinics, CPO screening in ERCP program, Stethoscope project, Isolating Hep B patients in a Hemodialysis setting – is it necessary? and UHN’s experience with VRE

Oct 4, 2018- *Annual Education Day*: 200 members, 14 Vendors, 9 Speakers participated and it was very well received as reflected in survey. Topics were:

- How Story Telling Can Reduce Healthcare Infections
- Vaccine Hesitancy in Healthcare Workers
- One Health
- Management of Prions in Hospital
- Aspergillosis Risk Groups and Design in Healthcare
- Rapid Fire:
 - A case of C. auris in a Toronto hospital
 - Managing CPE in LTC
 - Help! I’ve been Exposed –Varicella zoster virus
- Choose to be a Resistance Fighter!

Fee: Members \$60, Non-members \$75

Nov 2018- *Winter Holiday Meeting*- Boris Cherniak is a mental health advocate who inspires event attendees. A top motivational hypnotist, comedian, inspirational speaker and author of “You Can Do Anything”. Recipients of IPAC Week funding presented on their IPAC activities and inspired audience. Newly nominated executives announced and elected for 2020.

IPAC GTA CHAT sessions continue to be well attended. IPAC Chat sessions continue to provide networking opportunities and discuss IPAC challenges

IPAC Chat Sessions were held on following dates (1 hour facilitated teleconference/online networking sessions):

Feb 6- Hot topics in Infection Control

March 6- Questions and answers in Infection Control

July 17- SSIs and Outbreak costs

Highlights

-In third consecutive year IPAC-GTA received CIC Chapter Achievement award. All the award money (\$750) was passed on to the members who have passed their first CIC exam! Inspired from this success IPAC GTA repeated a study group in 2019. 30 members benefited from attending these and 10 successfully wrote CIC within 3 weeks of conclusion of this group. Neighboring chapter’s members also participated in this study.

-Participation in our meetings varied from 60-90 members and 5-8 non-members which is an increase of 20% from last year. Participation at Annual Education Day has grown significantly within last two years.

-Being the largest chapter in IPAC Canada, there was a significant presence of IPAC GTA members at the national IPAC Canada Annual conference in Québec City mostly presenting their work but some for professional development.

- Five members including Chapter President were provided with Conference funding.

- Seven members were provided funds to support IPAC week activities at their healthcare facilities.

-IPAC GTA continues to collaborate with other chapters across the country opening up its meetings and resources to other chapters across the country.

- Due to growing needs for meetings and educational sessions, IPAC GTA have subscribed to GoTo webinar platform that allows us to broaden our outreach to not only distant members but also members of other chapters.



IPAC SWO 2019 chapter activities

IPAC SWO has had a very busy and successful 2019.

In person Chapter Meetings and Education days

April 12, 2019: “Environmental Cleaning” with a focus on the relationship between Environmental cleaning and infection control. Special Town Hall on the CSA Document: Cleaning and Disinfection in Health care Settings” led by Barry Hunt, EHIG Co-Chair

Sept 27, 2019: “Vaccine Hesitancy and Vaccine Preventable Diseases” with a focus on vaccine hesitancy, as well as vaccine effectiveness and availability with an emphasis on influencing health care worker immunization uptake.

Nov 1, 2019: “CPE: The Lived Experience”. This education day brought people from different health care sectors, including acute, LTC and Public Health, to share about their experience with CPE cases,

“I really enjoyed getting to experience the team dynamics of the IPAC-SWO. The positive energy in the room was infectious. I have never experienced a group of people who were so enthusiastic about the field.”
Quote from a presenter from LTC.

investigations and outbreaks.

Webinar Chapter Meetings and Education days

Feb 22, 2019: “Occupational Contact Dermatitis” with Dr. Maureen Cividino, Public Health Ontario about the now released guidance document from PIDAC.

June 21, 2019: “Branding and empowering ourselves in our role as infection control professionals” with former IPAC GTA President, Barley Chironda

IPAC 101 for Community Health Settings workshops

- Target audience: staff responsible for IC and/or occupational health and safety in a clinic or office setting
- Aim is to increase knowledge and awareness in IPAC and best practices within the clinical office setting.
- Topics covered are Occupational Health and Safety, Policies and Procedures, Environmental Cleaning, Reprocessing and available resources.



IPAC SWO 2019 chapter activities

Three IPAC 101 workshops were held in 2019 (Mar 26, Jun 18, Oct 1) with 128 participants attending. Very successful events!

CIC Prep series (6 sessions) were held in Jan-Feb-March 2019 and facilitated by HUPIC and SWO members for persons interested and/or preparing to write the certification exam.

- Terms of Reference was reviewed and approved by members and then submitted to IPAC National Board.
- Chapter policies were updated and/or created such as member funding, meeting agendas and job descriptions.

IPAC Ottawa Region Annual Report

IPAC Ottawa Region Executive 2019

President: Jo-Anne Janigan

President-Elect: Ryan MacDougall

Treasurer: Claude Bussiere

Secretary: Shelley Hudson

IPAC Ottawa Region Executive 2020

President: Donna Perron

Past President: Jo-Anne Janigan

Treasurer: Karen Veal

Secretary: Jane Yantha

IPAC Ottawa Region encompasses a large geographical area that includes Ottawa, Renfrew, Arnprior, Cornwall and Hawkesbury.

After our amalgamation with IPAC Renfrew in January of 2019 our membership grew to 112 members.

Our membership has representation from a wide variety of healthcare fields including LTC, Midwives, Pre-hospital care, acute care, Public health units, Public Health Ontario, mental health and Health Canada.

We were pleased that we were able to have all 5 of our meetings in Renfrew via Adobe that had at least one member from our Executive attend. In December we hosted a meeting with Ottawa, Renfrew and Cornwall via Adobe with each site having an Executive member attend. We were very encouraged as several members attend a meeting for the first time.

Each of our 5 meetings had a 1-hour education session. The topics included Construction, CPE Outbreak, Summary of lessons learned by IPAC Canada conference attendees, Knowledge translation, ABS – physician ordering patterns.

October we held an evening conference the topic was "Emerging ARO's". We invited 3 physicians to talk about CPE, VRE and Candida auris. We had over 100 members attend. We received excellent feedback from the attendees.

When Renfrew amalgamated we held the chapter funds for one year so the Renfrew members could use the funds for educational courses. Three Renfrew members attended IPAC Canada conference and 1 member had part of her school tuition paid.

IPAC OR sent 4 members to IPAC Canada conference and paid for one education course.

We also paid the registration for 4 CIC registrations. This year we had 2 members receive their CIC pin that we purchased for our members. We held a pinning ceremony at our December meeting. We also had two members complete their SARE.



Central East Ontario Chapter Annual Report

2019 Executive

President: Margaret Cameron, MLT, BHA, CQM/OE, CIC
President-elect: Vacant
Secretary: Laura Golloher
Treasurer: Sharon Connell, RN, CIC

2020 Executive

President: Margaret Cameron, MLT, BHA, CQM/OE, CIC
President-elect: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Sharon Connell, RN, CIC

Number of Members: 32 members (December 2019). We continue to struggle to fill our executive vacancies but are hopeful that the new CBIC recertification option by continuing education will help facilitate more interest from members in filling these roles.

Geographic Area Served: Our boundaries include Northumberland and Pine Ridge Districts, east to Peterborough, west to Durham Region and north as far as the Haliburton Highlands and all areas within.

Meetings

IPAC CEO met once per quarter, three meetings comprised of two components IPAC chapter business and an education session, and one meeting was a networking pub night and education format. A new standing item on the agenda was introduced this year where a specific topic (e.g. IPAC orientation for new employees) is selected and all members can share what they are doing at their sites with each other.

- March via Ontario Telehealth Network. Education session Motivating Adult Learners
- June via Ontario Telehealth Network. Education session: shared learnings from conferences (Madeleine Ashcroft, Margaret Cameron, Sharon McConnell, Leanne Harding, and Andrea Prentice presented IFIC IPAC Canada Conjoint Conference highlights, and M. Cameron read a summary of APIC highlights provided by Sarah McBride)
- September via Ontario Telehealth Network. Education session: HandyMetrics education on how to use the new audit tool app associated with the IPAC Canada Audit Toolkit
- October Pub-night in-person meeting in Peterborough. Dr. Dan Ricciuto and Margaret Cameron provided a fun and informative education entitled Celebrity IPAC Myth Busters

Chapter Highlights

- The Central East Ontario Chapter was given the opportunity to participate in planning for the Toronto Conference. Betty-Jean MacDonald is our National Scientific Program Committee Representative for the 2021 conference.
- Two half-day education sessions were provided this year:
 - CPE/CPO and *Candida auris* Workshop provided by IPAC Central East Ontario Chapter and Public Health Ontario
 - Ask the Experts session provided by Pathologists, Radiologists and Infectious Disease Physician in which members were able to submit questions or situations that they struggle with prior to the session.
- The chapter provided financial support to four CEO Chapter members to attend the Conjoint IFIC IPAC Canada Conference in Quebec City
- One member, Teri Murduff, was successful with her CIC recertification

IPAC North Eastern Ontario Chapter Annual Report

Executive 2019

President: Lise Runciman
President-elect: Jeffrey Eruwetaghware
Education Chair: Kim Presta
Membership Director: Jeffrey Eruwetaghware
Secretary: Stephanie Guindon
Treasurer: Lori Kraft
Webmaster: Dawna O'Toole

Executive 2020

President: Lise Runciman
President-elect: Jeffrey Eruvwetaghware
Secretary: Nicole Haslam
Education CO -Chairs: Kim Presta, Stephanie Guindon and Laurie Dawn Boyer
Membership Director: Jeffrey Eruwetaghware
Secretary: Stephanie Guindon
Treasurer: Lori Kraft
Webmaster: Dawna O'Toole

Number of Members: 54 members

Geographic Area Served

Northeastern Ontario is Ontario's second largest region in terms of land area. It spans 44% of the province's total geography, yet comprises only 4% of its population. The region is home to 4 cities where population exceeds 40,000: Greater Sudbury, Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay. However, more than half of Northeastern Ontario residents live in smaller centers.

Membership

IPAC NEO members represent a variety of practice settings: acute and long term care, community and public health, first response, government and industry. The executive met monthly in order to discuss planning of meeting and chapter business. The chapter continues to struggle with declining membership.

Meetings

The Executive had planned for monthly meetings and was successful at having 8 meetings over the year. One main objective was to provide the membership with two education sessions and a conference in 2019.

We hosted two membership meetings with educational sessions via webinar/teleconference. The guest speakers presented in person at the host site at Health Sciences North in Sudbury Ontario,

The April 4th education session was presented by Lianne Dabous Public Health Sudbury and District nurse on the topic of **Immunization**. Attendance was 14 members and 1 guest.

The November 27th education session was presented by Jim Gauthier on the topic of **Bending IP Rules Without Breaking our Principles**. Attendance was 19 members and 1 guest.

In addition, IPAC NEO had a Fall Educational Conference in Timmins Ontario Sept 18th and 19th. The theme was **Northern Gold, Sharing our Resources**.

This two day conference was formatted by having an evening dinner with speaker on Sept 18th and a full day conference on the 19th. The conference had 5 speakers, 1 poster presentation, 12 vendors and 58 registered participants. Topics presented included Blood Borne Pathogens, TB, Public Health Ontario Laboratory Update, Enterovirus Disease 68, Candida *auris*, The Impact of Influenza on the Older Adults and Vaccine Hesitancy. The next conference will be held in North Bay 2021.

Finally, we updated our Terms of Reference which has been approved by the Board and worked on our internal policies in 2019.



IPAC Eastern Ontario

2019 Executive

President: David Ryding, BHSc, BAsC, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC

President-elect: Nadia Weese, RN, BScN, CIC

Secretary: Laurie Conway, RN, PhD, CIC

Treasurer: Nadia Weese, RN, BScN, CIC

Membership Director: Dawn Clare, RN, BScN

Education: David Ryding, BHSc, BAsC, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC

Novice ICP: Krista Cassidy, MLT

2020 Executive

President: Nadia Weese, RN, BScN, CIC

Past-President: David Ryding, BHSc, BAsC, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC

Secretary: Laurie Conway, RN, PhD, CIC

Treasurer: TBD

Membership Director: Dawn Clare, RN, BScN

Education: David Ryding, BHSc, BAsC, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC

Novice ICP: TBD

Number of Members: 58

Geographic Area Served: Southeastern Ontario, bordered by Brighton in the west, Prescott in the east, Smiths Falls and Bancroft in the north, the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario on the south and including Cameroon, West Africa.

Membership

Members include physicians, nurses, medical laboratory technologists, public health inspectors and industry members from various sectors (e.g., acute care, long-term care, mental health, community care, home care, and prehospital care).

Meetings

The Chapter has held three General meetings (February, April, and September) and six Executive meetings so far this year. This was the first year that all General meetings were held in-person in Kingston and via webinar; historically our Chapter held meetings in-person and via videoconference (OTN). The majority of members attended meeting this year via webinar, which changed the dynamics and moderation needs of meetings. Attendance at the General meetings ranged from 14 to 25 people. Education topics included: *Antimicrobial Stewardship in LTC* (Bradley Langford, Julie Wu); *How We Implement Change More Effectively* (Julia Moore), and; *The Scarborough Health Network CPO outbreak experience* (Karen Campbell).

Highlights

- Interim Chapter President appointed to fill one-year vacancy.
- The Chapter Executive proposed a change to the General Meeting agendas in order to be responsive to member feedback and to increase attendance/engagement at meetings. Chapter meetings now begin with Education, Q&A, and Roundtable discussions then move into the business items. This was well received by members when implemented.
- The Chapter Executive proposed to amalgamate some non-voting Executive positions to balance the roles and responsibilities as well as decrease the size of the Executive due to ongoing recruitment challenges. The Chapter Membership approved the proposed amalgamations.
- The Cameroon Twinning Project was sunsetted.
- Jacob Nkwan Gobte was an APIC 2019 'Heroes in Infection Prevention Award' recipient in the Advocacy and Influence Category.
- The Chapter paid for Jacob Nkwan Gobte's IPAC Canada and APIC memberships.
- The Chapter donated \$100 each to the Chapter President's Fund and to IFIC.
- Eight chapter members attended the 2019 National Conference in Quebec.
- The Chapter is aware of one member who successfully challenged the SARE.

Current Year's Executive (2019):

President: Frédérica Gaspard
Past president: Guylaine Morin
President –elect: Vacant
Treasurer/membership: Susan Rachel
Education: Adila Zahir
Webmaster: Chudney Pierre-Louis / Sabine Cainer
Standards and guidelines: France Nadon

2020 Executive (As of December 1st, 2019):

President: Vacant
Past president: Frédérica Gaspard
President-elect: Vacant
Treasurer /membership: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant
Education:, Vacant
Webmaster: Vacant
Standards and guidelines: Vacant

Number of Members: 48

Geographic Area Served: The chapter represent the Province of Québec but most of the members are in the Montreal region, Montérégie and Laval.

Memberships: Most of the members come from Infection Prevention and Control domain, nurses, biologists or physicians and work in hospitals, rehabilitation, Long term care facilities or private sectors. Most of the institutions have been merged into integrated centers, CIUSSS (Centre intégré universitaire de santé et services sociaux) and CISSS (Centre intégré de santé et services sociaux). Most of the members work in English-speaking institutions.

Meetings: The executive tried on various occasions to meet or to have a teleconference (two teleconferences) but communication between the executive remained mainly by e-mail. The executive tried to reorganize itself to be more functional. Most of the members had difficulties combining a demanding job and volunteer's work.

Highlights:

The chapter organised a full conference day called “Surfing towards prevention of infection” in March 2019. Subjects included new standards and decontamination processes, Infection prevention and control challenges in emergency medical services, Antibiotic resistance, Identification and management of wounds in the community, IPAC routine practices, and Tools to influence your working environment. The chapter also had to prepare for the conjoint conference IFIC-IPAC in June in Quebec City. Among the tasks were the organization of the IFIC Run, the Meet and Greet, the scheduling of volunteers for monitoring and moderating sessions, and chapter fundraising. A special thanks to retired members who offered to help during this challenging time. The challenges remain the language barrier, membership fees not supported anymore by most of the institutions, and the accredited webinars already offered online by our local public health and other public agencies.



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**IPAC NS Chapter Report
October 2019**

2019 Executive

President: Sheila Lee RN CIC

President-elect: Kathy Ellis BScN, RN, C

Secretary: Loribeth Scopie MLT, CIC

Treasurer: Danielle Henri RN, GNC (C)

2020 Executive

President: Sheila Lee RN CIC

President-elect: Kathy Ellis BScN, RN, CIC

Secretary: Loribeth Scopie MLT, CIC

Treasurer: Danielle Henri RN, GNC (C)

Number of Members: 66 members

Geographic Area Served:

Province of Nova Scotia

Meetings

Four general meetings were held in person at Cobequid Health Center in Halifax and via skype

- (Feb, April, June & Sept).

An educational component followed each meeting:

- **Writing Abstract...Tips & Tricks:** Dr. Gwyneth Meyers
- **Construction & Renovation from an ICP Lens... understanding your role as an ICP.** Daphne Murray
- **Highlights from National Conference**
- **PIDAC Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning: Overview of Third Edition.** Catherine Richard
 - **"Bring a Friend"** IPAC NS members invited a member from their environmental service team to join the meeting and educational component of the meeting.

Initiative to increase attendance for the 2020 meetings:

- Each meeting a member attends either in person or via skype will get a ballot for a draw at the end of each meeting (\$20 gift card).
- Names will go back into the draw and during the last meeting for 2020 there will be a draw for a larger cash prize (if a member attends all five meetings then their name will be entered five times).

Highlights

Executive met in April, #1 priority is to retain and recruit members with a goal to increase membership by 20% in the next two years (from 62 currently to 75).

Actions to date:

1. The executive have made personal phone calls to all the LTC facilities across NS promoting IPAC Canada/NS and the benefits.
2. Because of the geography of the Province it is challenging for many members to attend meetings that are held in Halifax as many have travel restrictions in place by employers.
 - a. The ICP's at regional facilities across the province offered to host Skype locations. This would allow for in-person networking within the individual regions/communities for LTC/Community members to join the local acute care ICP's while respecting travel restrictions.
3. A new audio & visual Polycom system was purchased to help facilitate the skype meetings. This allows members to use personal or work phones as well as laptops to attend meetings with the skype for business app.

The other strategic goal is to get the IPACNS name out there through branding.

1. Member appreciation: All IPAC NS members received an IPAC NS branded tote bag, water bottle and leather note pad with pen at the fall conference. These items will also be given to all new members for this registration year and will be reassessed each year based on finances.

May: Full funding was provided to seven members to attend the IPAC Canada Conjoint conference with IFIC

October: Annual education symposium was held with 80 attendees and 19 vendors in Dartmouth.

- o Free attendance for members with the hopes that attendees would choose to become a first time IPAC Canada member as new membership and registration were close in price.

Currently

IPAC NS is in the process of working on a Chapter Achievement Project!

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheila Lee
President IPACNS



IPAC Newfoundland/Labrador Annual Report 2019

Current Year's Executive

President: Paula Stagg, RN BN MN CIC

President-elect: Betty Anne Elford, RN

Secretary: Erin Tizzard, RN, BN, MER

Treasurer: Krista Walsh, RN BN

Next Year's Executive

President: Betty Anne Elford

President-elect: unknown

Secretary: unknown

Treasurer: unknown

Number of Members: 43

Geographic Area Served: Province of NL

Membership

Membership consists of Infection Prevention and Control Practitioners from the four NL Regional Health Care Authorities (RHAs). As well we have members from RHA management, Memorial University, Department of Health and independent Practitioners.

There is ongoing work to engage post-secondary institutions such as the College of the North Atlantic which teaches the Licensed practical nurse program and the paramedicine program in IPAC NL.

Meetings

Our monthly meetings have continued throughout this year with our 20-minute education session at the beginning of each session. New facility construction is growing fast and furious in three of the four RHAs. IPAC NL is working to support each RHA in this new adventure and are sharing experiences and lessons learned with each other regularly.

IPAC-NL held its 7th Provincial Education Day "Infection Prevention and Control in Every Season" on Oct 23rd via the Adobe Connect platform. This webinar was by far our best to date.

Our electronic learning has been evolving and this year during our AGM we utilized the voxvote platform to allow anonymous voting for the members in real time. Using this platform, we were able to amend our TOR permitting us to add an Education director for 2020 and allow retired members to participate on special committees such as the upcoming 2023 conference.

We look forward to our future and new opportunities to promote and support our members in their journey of patient safety in infection prevention and control.

Highlights

- IPAC- NL is celebrating its 30th year as a chapter of IPAC Canada.
- Five members have recertified which was 50% of those eligible for certification/recertification

- Introduced a new executive position “education director”
- 10 members attended the IPAC Canada conference
- Four Diversey Scholarship awards won by members in 2019
- Merlee Steele Rodway was awarded the 3M Champion of Infection Prevention and Control award.
- Poster presentation at the Atlantic learning exchange for Eastern Health’s Cleanliness strategy
- Presentation at the Atlantic learning exchange for Western Health’s their patient engagement program for hand hygiene auditing in the outpatient blood collection lab.