

1. Welcome
 - a. Thank you to our speakers – APIC-DFW Poster Presenters
 - b. Thank you to our vendors:
 Blake McDonald *with* Precept I Rich Richards *with* Surfacide I Leroy Rudd *with* Theraworx
 - c. Visitors/new member introductions. **Visitors and new members were recognized.**
 - d. We're so glad you're here! (Sunshine Committee/door prize – *Pat Jackson/Libby Luterman*) **Starbucks gift card given**
2. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2015 meeting. **Minutes were approved.**
3. Old Business
 - a. Tweeting at the APIC 2015, 42nd APIC National Conference in Nashville, TN. **Cathy did a presentation on our tweets from the National Conference. APIC DFW was named as one of the top 10 influencers on Twitter for the conference.**
 - b. 2015 APIC Chapter Excellence Award for Synergistic Alliances **Cathy presented the plaque that was given to our chapter for the Chapter Excellence award at the National Conference**
 - c. **2015 APIC Chapter Leader Award – Diann Grissom received this award for our chapter which was also presented at the national conference.**
4. New Business
 - a. Update to CIC recertification procedure **Beginning in 2016, the SARE will be used for re-certification.**
 - b. Competency Advancement Assistance (CAA) Program – applications due by Aug 31, 2015 **Cathy urged the members to submit applications for the CAA program.**
 - c. APIC-DFW Conference coming soon – October 23, 2015 at the Atrium Hotel & Suites in Irving **Brenda Helms stated that some speakers from last year's conference that was cancelled could not make it this year so she is replacing those speakers. Theme will be "A Day in the Life of an IP"**
5. Journal Club article (*Pat Jackson*) – Isolation Precautions for Visitors **Pat Jackson did a presentation on the article for the journal club. She discussed the key points of the article for the members. Mary Fulton will do the journal club article for next month's meeting.**
6. Treasurer's report (*Diann Grissom*) - As of July 31, 2015:

Opening Balance, checking	\$35,859.73
Income	\$992.53
Expenses	\$3,945.74
Closing Balance, checking	\$32,906.52
CD	\$8,453.22
Total	\$41,359.74

7. Officer reports/announcements:

Board Chair	<p><i>Anju Varghese</i> <u>Anju stated that the board met today and discussed items for 2016 such as the Board positions that will be open. Those positions are Pres. Elect, Board Member #2, 3 positions for Nominating committee, and Membership director. Please complete a willingness to serve form to the members of the nominating committee. We also need committee</u></p>	Membership	<i>Nancy Cushion</i>
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<p><u>chairs and co-chairs for 2016 so if the current chairs and co-chairs are not planning on continuing in 2016 please help the Board in finding a replacement for your position. Nominations for the STAR awards will be coming out in an email soon so watch for that email to nominate a colleague. The deadline for the MEGA survey from APIC has been extended to August 14th.</u></p>			
President	<i>Cathy Grayson</i>	Board Member #1	<i>Cheryl Sharp</i>
Pres Elect	<i>Beth Wallace</i>	Board Member #2	<i>Nicki Andrews</i>
Secretary	<i>Sharon Williamson</i>	Board Member #3	<i>April Sutton</i>

8. Committee/SIG announcements:

AIDS Resources	<i>Karen Lomas</i> <u>\$62.59 was collected</u>	Nominating:	<i>Calvin White</i> <u>Calvin (in his superhero mask) encouraged the members to submit a WTS form for upcoming open positions on the Board.</u>
Awards	<i>Melicia Brown, Nicole Garner</i>	Novice IP SIG	<i>Brenda Helms</i> <u>Brenda encouraged the members to submit applications for the National IP Heroes that will be out soon.</u>
Conference	<i>Brenda Helms, Ben Walker</i> <u>See above report under new business</u>	Professional Advance	<i>Mary Fulton, Thi Dang</i> <u>Mary stated the SIG had 11 attendees today. 5 IPs have been certified in 2015 so if you have re-certified or are newly certified please let Mary or Thi know.</u>
Education/Program	<i>Janet Glowicz, Anne Mattern</i> <u>Speakers have been scheduled through Feb 2016</u>	Public Relations	<i>Donald Chitanda</i>
ESRD LAN	<i>Janet Glowicz</i>	Social	<i>Jennifer Masengill, Dena Taherzadeh</i> <u>Waiting on the venue but the date will be Dec. 4th. More to come</u>
Government Affairs	<i>Stephanie Kreiling, Jerry Kelley</i>	Sunshine	<i>Pat Jackson, Libby Luterman</i> <u>See above report</u>
Historian	<i>Donald Chitanda</i>	TSICP	<i>Doramarie Arocha</i> <u>Essentials will be Oct 28-29 in Amarillo. CIC review will be Oct 26-27 in Amarillo</u>
Membership	<i>Nancy Cushion</i>	Surveillance SIG	<i>Kim Newman, Jennifer Adams</i> <u>Met today before the business meeting</u>
National Liaison	<i>Patti Grant</i>	Website	<i>Terri Goodman</i>

9. Public Health Update (*Diana Cervantes, Epidemiologist with TxDSHS*)

- a. Cyclospora 2015 Outbreak update- **Diana stated there have been 391 cases in the US, 231 of those in Texas, 52 of those in Texas are in region 2/3. Most of the Texas cases are in Austin. Make sure you ask for additional testing for cyclospora- those are not routinely performed**
- b. Culture independent methods and diagnostic laboratories **There is a movement by labs away from cultures to other methods such as PCR. The problem with this is that further genetic analysis is not possible without an isolate. DSHS is working with some of the large labs to make sure cultures are still performed in certain situations.**
- c. Shipping of Select Agents **Fed Ex states they will stop shipping select agents (such as ebola, anthrax, etc) but the State has a contract with a company that will ship those agents. Please**

contact the state if you have questions. A suspect patient's specimen can still be shipped via normal routes as a clinical specimen. Only when a special agent has been identified does the specimen fall into the new restrictions.

- d. DSHS CIC Sponsorship update **DSHS is planning on having a training for certification review in early 2016. They have funds to reimburse/sponsor 10 IPs and 10 Epis if the certification test is passed by August 2016. Diana will send the application to Cathy for distribution to the members.**

10. Open Forum- **The group recognized Jerry Kelley's birthday by singing Happy Birthday**

11. Next meeting: 9/3/14, at THRU. Foodborne Outbreaks among vulnerable Populations.
No meeting in October due to local chapter conference.

12. Adjournment