

# **APIC Election 2018**

## **Meet the Candidates for Office**



## **Karen Hoffmann, RN, MS, CIC, FSHEA, FAPIC**

Karen Hoffmann is currently the Infection Preventionist Consultant for the Survey and Certification Group at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Since 1988, she has been a Clinical Instructor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. Karen has specialized in infection prevention and control for over 30 years, beginning at Detroit Medical Center, then at the University of Virginia Hospitals, and prior to joining CMS, for 23 years as the Associate Director for the North Carolina Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (SPICE). Karen currently serves on the APIC Board of Directors and is a member of the Compensation Committee.



## **Linda McKinley, RN, BSN, MPH, CIC, FAPIC**

Linda Mckinley is currently the lead infection preventionist at the VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Linda has practiced nursing for 32 years including service in the Army Nurse Corps. She has practiced infection control for 25 years and has been certified since 1995. Linda has served on APIC Board of Directors since 2014 and is currently serving as APIC Secretary. She is also chair of the APIC Policy & Bylaws Committee and serves on the editorial board for *American Journal of Infection Control*.



## **Kim Boynton Delahanty, RN, BSN, PHN, MBA/HCM, CIC, FAPIC**

Kim Delahanty has been an infection preventionist in academic and private hospital systems for over 18 years and is currently the Administrative Director of Infection Prevention and Clinical Epidemiology at University of California San Diego (UCSD) Health System.

She has been a leader in infection prevention in California. She was as co-chair of a California Department of Public Health, healthcare associated working group and advisory committee, and helped draft a white paper describing best practices in infection prevention for infection prevention programs in California. Kim as HAI chair of the committee acted as a strong advocate for patients and a clear loud voice for the infection preventionist. In 2012 she was awarded APIC's Hero in Infection Prevention Award. Kim is currently a member of the APIC Board of Directors and serves on the APIC Finance Committee.



## **Ann Marie Pettis, RN, BSN, CIC, FAPIC**

Ann Marie Pettis has more than 30 years of experience as an infection preventionist. Currently she is Director of Infection Prevention for University of Rochester Medicine in Rochester, NY. She is the IP consultant for three ambulatory surgery centers and has experience consulting in both long term and acute care. Most of her career has been in university and community acute care settings.

Ann Marie has served as both co-chair and chair of the Western New York Infection Control Organization and as a member of the New York State Advisory Committee. She is currently a member of the APIC Board of Directors and serves on the APIC Executive Committee.



## **Mary Ellen Bennett, RN, MPH, CIC**

Mary Ellen Bennett is currently employed by the Minnesota Department of Health in the Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) Program. ICAR is a CDC funded program to help health care facilities assess and improve their infection prevention and emergency preparedness programs. Previously, Ms. Bennett was Director of Infection Prevention and Occupational Health at Hennepin County Medical Center, a Level 1 Trauma Center and public teaching hospital in Minneapolis, MN. As an APIC-MN member, Ms. Bennett has served as President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor for the Chapter. She has chaired the APIC-MN's Governmental Affairs and Emerging Infections Committees. Ms. Bennett served on the National APIC Public Policy Team and was Chair of the Team in 2005 at the onset of public reporting. Ms. Bennett has presented at many conferences and is a guest lecturer at the University of MN. She is a preceptor for MPH and nursing students. Ms. Bennett is the recipient of the 2010 Chapter Leadership Award having been nominated by her Chapter.



## **Dorine Berriel-Cass, MA, BSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC**

Dorine Berriel-Cass has worked in Infection Control for over 26 years and is currently the Director of Infection Prevention for Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, MI. She oversees the infection prevention program for a 1040 bed Medical Center and 8 regional hospitals. Her primary infection control experience has been in the acute care setting. Prior to coming to Grand Rapids in 2011, she worked at a large medical center in Detroit.

Dorine has been a member of Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) since 1992 and has served locally through APIC-Great Lakes as Secretary, Nominations Chair, Program Committee, Bio-preparedness Chair and Chapter President.

Dorine has served as committee member of the APIC Professional Development Committee from 2014-2016 and has served as faculty for the National APIC advanced epidemiology course in 2008 and 2009. Dorine is the recipient of the 2002 APIC Chapter Leader Award and the 2007 APIC Heroes Award.

# Candidates for the Board of Directors At-Large Directors

*Three to be elected*



## **Linda Dickey, RN, MPH, CIC, FAPIC**

Linda Dickey is currently the Sr. Director for Quality, Patient Safety and Infection Prevention at UC Irvine Health in Orange County, California and will be this year 's recipient of the 2017 APIC President 's Distinguished Service Award. Dickey 's background includes direct nursing experience in adult critical care and over 20 years of experience in Epidemiology & Infection Prevention, with most recent experience in Quality and Patient Safety. She has worked as an Infection Preventionist in both Florida and California, serving as President-elect for the Florida Professionals in Infection Control, Treasurer for the California APIC Coordinating Council and President for her local Orange County APIC chapter. Linda also currently represents APIC on the board of FGI Guidelines and with ASHRAE 188.



## **Lela Luper, RN, BS, CIC, FAPIC**

Lela Luper is currently Manager of Infection Prevention and Control at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health in Ada, OK. For seventeen years, Lela has been an infection preventionist in the rural hospital and ambulatory care setting providing her with the skills, critical thinking, and leadership abilities to promote infection prevention initiatives and patient safety. As an APIC-Oklahoma Chapter member, Lela has served as the treasurer in 2016. She is a member of the Oklahoma Healthcare Associated Infection Prevention workgroup. Lela has served on Member Services Committee, Branding taskforce, Annual Conference Committee, and currently serves as the Chair of the Education Committee. Lela contributed to the development of the Roadmap for the Novice Infection Preventionist. She currently serves on the EPI Revision team and as faculty for the Education for the Prevention of Infection (EPI 102) course. Ms. Luper has spoken and presented at local and national APIC events as well as other local events related to the field of infection prevention and control.



## **Carol McLay, DrPH, MPH, RN, CIC, FAPIC**

Carol M. McLay is the CEO of Infection Control International and is a consultant in the fields of healthcare epidemiology, infection prevention and control, and public health. Dr. McLay is an instructor at Spalding University where she shares her passion and expertise about epidemiology. She enjoys frequent overseas travel to advance knowledge and understanding of key concepts and principles in infection prevention and control practice with international healthcare professionals. In the fall of 2014, she spent 6 weeks in Sierra Leone working with the WHO Ebola Response Team as an Infection Prevention and Control Specialist. Carol serves as the Lead Nurse Planner with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), where she has responsibility for the management of their continuing educational programs. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC). She currently serves as a member of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America's (SHEA) External Affairs Committee. She is the author of *The Infection Prevention Competency Review Guide, 4<sup>th</sup> edition*, and APIC's *Certification Study Guide, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> edition*.



## **Rochelle "Shelly" Morris, RN, BSN, MBA, CIC**

Rochelle Morris (Shelly) is currently the Regional Manager of Infection Control Programs for Sutter Health North Valley Area in northern California. Ms. Morris' experience as an infection preventionist includes overseeing the infection prevention and control programs in six areas hospitals for Sutter Health, including small community hospitals, a 523 bed tertiary medical center, a behavioral health facility and outpatient physician offices. Her past experience includes oversight of a skilled nursing facility and advising on home health programs. As a Sierra APIC chapter member, Ms. Morris served as secretary, legislative liaison, and president. From 2006 to 2009, she also served as president elect and president the California APIC Coordinating Council (CACC). She was a member of the CACC Public Policy Committee where she testified frequently before several legislative committees representing CACC and national APIC on several healthcare acquired infections prevention bills. Shelly, as she is known to friends and colleagues, recently served on the APIC Nominating and Awards Committee from 2014 through 2016.

*Runs unopposed*

## **Beth Duffy, MBA**

Beth Duffy is Chief Operating Officer of Einstein Medical Center Montgomery, where she has guided the development of the center, overseeing the completion of an estimated 100,000 individual tasks involved in the \$350 million project. She previously served as Vice President and Director of Activation Planning, where she collaborated with Montgomery Health System leaders, physicians and employees to create a patient-focused hospital consistent with Einstein's mission and vision. Duffy began her 28-year career with Einstein as a unit manager and advanced through various positions of increasing leadership and responsibility, including Associate General Director and Assistant Vice President. In 2001, she was named Vice President of Healthcare Services, with executive oversight for 15 clinical, ancillary and nursing departments consisting of more than 1,500 employees with operating expenses of over \$183 million. During her career, Duffy became an expert in regulatory matters, successfully leading Einstein through many accreditation and licensure surveys. Among her accomplishments were the implementation of a pharmaceutical program that saved the hospital \$1 million a year, and coordination of an initiative that reduced inpatient length of stay from 6 to 5.2 days.





## **Andrea “Lynn” Cromer, RN, MT, MPH, CIC**

Andrea Lynn Cromer (Lynn) is currently the Nursing Program Manager at Duke Infection Control Outreach Network where she provides consultation and support to infection prevention programs in various healthcare settings. Support includes case consultation, general education and workflow support. Prior to joining DICON, she served as corporate director, infection control for the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System where she was responsible for all infection control processes for the healthcare system.

Ms. Cromer has actively served her local APIC Palmetto chapter in various roles, including, president, chair of the education committee and the subcommittee on Mandatory Infection Rate Reporting, chair of the nominations committee and chair of the bylaws committee. She received the APIC Palmetto Practitioner of the Year Award in 2003 and the APIC Regional Leadership Award for Service 2002-2003. At the national level, Lynn has served on the APIC communication committee as chair. She has also served as a reviewer for APIC Text, and AJIC. Lynn has presented at seminars and workshops at the local and national levels. She has published in AJIC.



## **Kimberly Newman, RN, BSN, CIC**

Kim Newman is currently the Manager of Infection Prevention & Control at Baylor University Medical Center Dallas. Kim received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana University. Her experience includes bedside nursing in Pediatrics, Education and Infection Prevention.

Kim has been an active member in her local APIC Chapter starting in Indiana in 1996 and has held many positions including Education Chair, Strategic Committee Chair, Surveillance Chair, Board member as well as President of her current local Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter. Her passion for infection prevention is evidenced by her dedication to prevention of adverse outcomes for patients. She has participated in multiple outbreak investigations, one which ended with the recall of an FDA licensed product. She feels education is the key to gaining compliance among healthcare workers and patients in prevention of healthcare associated infections.





## **Catherine Wilson, BSMT, CSPDT, CIC, FAPIC**

Catherine Wilson, BSMT, CSPDT, CIC, FAPIC has been an Infection Preventionist for more than 30 years. She began her infection prevention career working at a 1200 bed state facility for the developmentally disabled. Along with her IP activities, she was the Laboratory and Radiology Manager. After retirement, Catherine formed her own consulting company, Infection Prevention Consulting Solutions, LLC and provides services to ambulatory surgery centers, dialysis facilities, rehabilitation centers and many other medical settings. In addition, she also works for the 3 Virtua Health System hospitals as an Infection Prevention Practitioner.

Catherine has served her local chapter, APIC- Southern New Jersey #11 in many positions including President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Bylaws and Nominating. Currently she is the Website and Communications Director. In addition to chapter activities, she is a member of the APIC Member Services Committee. Catherine is also a Facilitator in the Northeastern Infection Control Educators (NICE) basic infection prevention course which has received the Heroes of Infection Prevention award in 2010 and a Difference Maker in 2013.

**Elections Opened on October 17, 2017**

**Elections Close November 7, 2017  
at 11:59pm (ET)**

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**Questions regarding the elections should be sent to Barbara Long @ [blong@apic.org](mailto:blong@apic.org).**

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