

**CBIC Report to the APIC Membership**  
***New Orleans, Louisiana***  
***July 2010***

The information below summarizes some of the major CBIC activities since the last report to the APIC Membership. Please let me know if you have questions or would like more information regarding any of the information listed.

**New Management Services**

CBIC's management services agreement with The Executive Director, Inc (EDI), a Wisconsin corporation became effective April 1, 2010. We are very pleased to welcome Anne Krolikowski, as CBIC's new Executive Director, Susan Geiger, CBIC's Project Manager who is responsible for day-to-day operations, and Dave Baumann, Chief Operating Officer and Consulting Partner. Our new Management team has provided enthusiastic, creative, supportive service during these past busy three months.

**Board Positions to be Vacant in 2011**

We currently have 15 Board members with 4 Board members who will rotate off the Board at the end of the year. The CBIC Executive Committee met with members of the APIC Nominating and Awards Committee by conference call in March 2010. Discussion centered on the Board positions to be vacant at the beginning of 2011 and the need for specific verbiage in the APIC Candidate Handbook to reflect CBIC and APIC's role in appointing CBIC Board members. Outcome: CBIC has its own Candidate Handbook that describes CBIC, the Board composition and its responsibilities, frequency of Board meetings, Test Committee membership and frequency of meetings. CBIC has asked for the following: 1 IP MT, 1 IP with 4 years or less experience, and 1IP from any discipline to allow for a 14 member Board.

**CBIC/APIC Collaborative**

CBIC and APIC have joined together to work toward mutual goals related to certification. The goals of this collaborative are listed below.

1. Ensure APIC and CBIC communicate a united position on certification and re-certification
2. Develop messages to include but not be limited to:
  - a. Distinct roles of APIC and CBIC re: certification process
  - b. Value of certification
  - c. Description of item development process and monitoring of performance
  - d. Rationale for retesting as means to re-certify
3. Identify targeted audiences for messages and means to communicate

The members of the collaborative are: CBIC's Executive Committee, Cath Murphy, APIC President, Russ Olmsted, APIC President-elect, Michelle Farber, APIC Board member and APIC liaison to CBIC, Steve Streed, APIC Board member, Kathy Warye, APIC CEO, Marla Dalton, APIC Senior Vice President, Denise Graham, APIC Executive Vice President, Dave Baumann, Chief Operating Officer, EDI, Anne Krolikowski, CBIC Executive Director and Susan Geiger, CBIC

Project Manager. There have been two conference calls of the CBIC/APIC Collaborative. The collaborative will resume discussion after the APIC Annual Conference.

### **CBIC Presentation at APIC Annual Conference**

As a follow-up to the postings on the APICList CBIC will host a town hall forum during the Annual Conference: "CBIC Town Hall Session: An evidence-based approach to assessing competence of Infection Preventionists." Terrie Lee, CBIC President-elect and I will join Dr. Jim Henderson in a panel discussion. Dr. Henderson is the author of the National Organization for Competency Assurance's benchmarking study, *Practices and Requirements of Renewal Programs in Professional Licensure and Certification*. Russ Olmsted will moderate. The session will be Wednesday morning, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am to 10:15am. We envision the session to be an opportunity to:

- Explain the important reasons for re-testing vs. continuing education to achieve recertification,
- Explain the rigorous process of test development, performance analysis of test items, etc., and
- Allow ample time to answer questions.

### **Practice Analysis Results**

The CBIC article describing the practice analysis survey process, analysis of responses, and impact on certification examinations was approved for publication in AJIC. Russ Olmsted will develop a commentary on the CBIC practice analysis process and results and certification in general. The commentary will be published in the same issue as the CBIC practice analysis article. The revised content outline for the examinations is posted on the CBIC Web site. The revised content outline will impact the computer- based exam beginning July 2010 and the Self Achievement Recertification Exam (SARE) beginning January 2011.

### **CBIC Test Committee: Membership Change Effective January 2011**

The CBIC Test Committee serves as content experts for the CBIC certification exams. The Committee is responsible for directing and coordinating with CBIC's Testing Company, all activities related to the development of the proctored computer based certification examination and the SARE.

Historically, the CBIC Test Committee has been a Board Committee composed of six to eight Board members to include: CBIC's President-elect, CBIC's physician Director, a Director with microbiology expertise, at least one RN Director, and a Director practicing in Canada. Beginning January 2011, the membership of the CBIC Test Committee will change. The membership of the Committee will expand to include non-CBIC Board members. To be considered for the Test Committee, non-Board members must be Board Certified in infection prevention and control, CIC® and be willing to assume committee responsibilities for two years.

The Test Committee meets at least two times per year for two days for test development and item bank (test questions) performance analysis and development. Additional meetings may be scheduled as determined by the Committee Chair. The majority of Committee work is conducted outside of formal meetings to include: test review, review/revision of test items (questions), new item (question) development, review of candidate comments, and review/revision of the Candidate Handbook. We have invited interested individuals to come to the CBIC Booth in the Exhibit Hall and discuss their interest in serving on the Test Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Fran Feltovich, 2010 CBIC President*