



Frequently Asked Questions: APIC Chapter Education

Q: Does this change affect our chapter's annual or multi-day conference?

A: No. Chapter conference attendance continues to be awarded on the existing per-day basis — 5 IPU for a single-day conference, 10 IPU for a multi-day conference — regardless of session-level sponsorship. The Industry Partner requirements described in this FAQ apply to individual educational sessions submitted or claimed on their own (e.g., a standalone webinar or one-hour presentation), not to attendance at your chapter's conference as a whole.

Q: Do we need to check the accreditation status of every individual speaker at our conference because of this change?

A: No. This update does not add a new accreditation requirement to your conference's per-day IPU award. It's relevant to a different situation: when a specific session (typically outside the conference structure, such as a stand-alone chapter webinar) is sponsored, funded, or content-directed by an industry partner, and someone wants that specific session, on its own, to count toward personal IPU.

Q: What is an “Industry Partner”?

A: An Industry Partner is defined in detail in the [following document](#).

Q: If an Industry Partner provides a one-hour webinar or educational session for our chapter, does that count toward IPU?

A: Not automatically. A one-hour webinar or session provided by an Industry Partner — in person or virtually — cannot be awarded IPU unless the Industry Partner (or an independent CE provider of record for that session) holds current accreditation or formal authorization to award CEU, CNE, CME, or another CBIC-recognized equivalent. Without that accreditation in place, the session simply does not qualify for IPU, regardless of topic, speaker credentials, or scientific quality.

Q: What are the full requirements for an industry-sponsored or industry-related session to be IPU-eligible?

- **No content control:** The industry sponsor cannot select the speaker or determine, influence, develop, review, or modify the educational content.

- **No industry-employed speaker:** The speaker cannot be an employee of the sponsoring Industry Partner presenting on that organization's behalf or on a topic tied to its products/services.
- **Accreditation in place:** The Industry Partner or the independent CE provider of record must hold current accreditation or formal authorization to award CEU, CNE, CME, or another CBIC-recognized equivalent.

Q: Does industry funding automatically disqualify a session from earning IPU's?

A: No. Funding alone is not disqualifying. Industry sponsorship is permitted as long as the chapter (or an accredited provider) retains full control of speaker selection and content, and the accreditation requirement above is met. The concern is about who controls the content and whether an accreditation standard applies — not about the funding source itself.

Q: Can an infection preventionist who works for a manufacturer still speak at our chapter events?

A: Yes — industry-employed IPC professionals can continue to present at chapter meetings, in-services, product training, and exhibit programming. Those sessions are simply not IPU-eligible when the speaker is presenting in a representative capacity for their employer or on a topic tied to that employer's products or services. This is a limit on who controls IPU-eligible content, not a restriction on who may present at chapter events generally.

Q: If an industry-employed speaker presents but their employer is not sponsoring, funding, or directing that specific session, does the session still qualify for IPU's?

A speaker's employment by an Industry Partner does not, by itself, trigger these requirements where the speaker is presenting independently developed content unrelated to that organization's products or services and is not presenting in a representative capacity for that organization.