



Rocky Mountain Infection Control Association

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Dear RMICA Member:

As you are probably aware, RMICA has been one of the driving forces in infection prevention and control education within the intermountain west for over 35 years, specializing in education to smaller, rural health care facilities. We have celebrated many successes over those years and feel we have affected the safety of both patients and health care providers through our offerings.

Unfortunately, all good things eventually come to an end. Our all-volunteer board has found it increasingly difficult to provide the level of attention and time required to continue to drive RMICA forward. Over the last several years, we have been unable to recruit new Board members; new volunteers have become rare to non-existent. Therefore, rather than lowering our standards or eliminating several of the programs and services we offer, we have reluctantly chosen to disband RMICA, effective June 2011.

We do, however, intend to go out with a bang. We are currently planning a world-class Spring Update 2011 educational conference to be held May 4, 5, and 6th. We will offer this conference at a reduced fee to all attendees - there will be no "member" or early bird discounts. Anyone who is a current member of RMICA will continue to be one through June 2011. If you have already sent a 2011 membership, a refund will be sent to you shortly. The Update conference will be our final program; we will not be offering any other programs, including the new practitioner program in March.

Fortunately, there is a "new player" in Utah's infection prevention and control community - a Utah APIC chapter was recently formed in Salt Lake City. We see this development as an opportunity for the natural progression of RMICA's 35 years of addressing the needs of the infection prevention and control community being passed on to a bigger and more capable partner. Under APIC, we hope that the infection prevention and control services will continue to grow and thrive, in Utah as well as in the intermountain west.

As an international organization with a paid staff, promoting prevention of infection worldwide by advancing health care epidemiology, the advantages of APIC membership are many. Through the local intermountain APIC chapters, including the newly formed Utah chapter, regional education will still be available. In addition, APIC offers a vast array of other educational services - one of their most useful is the "APIC anywhere" online training. You do not have to leave your office to receive quality, up to the minute, educational offerings from international experts.

It has been a great ride. We appreciate your support over the years, and the support of those who came before you. This has been a difficult decision for the Board, and we hope that you will support us through our last months of service. We look forward to seeing all of you at our final Spring Update conference next May.

Sincerely,

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