

**Oregon Society for Respiratory Care  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2009  
Good Shepherd Hospital  
Hermiston, Oregon**

**Present:** Jeff Beebe, Peter Miller, Manya Kanavalov, Linda Tier, Dave Buckwalter, Tim Hutchison, Tony Garberg, Jeff Moors, Joe Dwan, Carol Hardisty, Marilyn Barclay, Norman Kerr

A quorum was established

Called to order at 10:10 am on Friday September 18, 2009, by President Marilyn Barclay.

**Approval of agenda:** Moved and seconded to pass the agenda. *MOTION PASSED*

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting were not available for approval.

**Introductions:** Each member in attendance identified themselves, their position or interest on the board. The contact list was passed around for updates.

**Conference/Vice President's Report**

**Jeff Moors**

The conference will be held February 3,4,5, 2010 at Valley River Inn in Eugene, the theme will be: **How Are You Promoting The Profession?**

Speakers are complete and confirmed. Garry Kaufman will be the keynote speaker

Catering: Marilyn will check with Janet to finalize plans.

Online Registration: Tim and Jeff will organize and implement.

Case Studies will be replaced with Poster Boards. OSRC will invite Hospitals who've published in the last year to submit a poster board

RT Schools will be invited by Jeff Moors to participate.

Jeff Moors will write an article for Breath Sounds detailing the change to Poster Board format

A call for moderators went out amongst the board members. BOD members will be back-up if other moderators can't be found.

**Chili Cook-off:**

Need more judges and more participants.

Marilyn will call random registrants to ask if they'll be judges.

A field will be added to registration asking for participants.

Guidelines need to be published, need more cheerleaders/board participation.

Regional directors are asked to get at least one team from their region.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Jeff Beebe**

Checking account has a balance of \$45,446. Many expenses upcoming with approach of the conference.

### **Directors Report:**

**Eastern:** Tony Garberg reported it's Round-Up time in Pendleton!! Heppner hospital is doing an outreach program for Holter with GSH.

**Northwest:** David Buckwalter reports Jim O'Brien is the new site manager at St. Vincent and OHSU has a new Medical director

**Northeast:** Al Cady, not present, no report.

**Central:** Everyone is gearing up for H1N1, Lebanon is implementing a vent protocol to accommodate potential staffing issues secondary to pandemic flu. Albany has a new Pulmonologist, Dr. Giacoppe.

**Southern:** Peter Miller. No responses to emails.

### **Delegate Report:**

Tim Hutchison moved to donate \$500 to the AARC Disaster Relief Fund. Passed unanimously and will be presented at the meeting in San Antonio in December. Linda Tier submitted the following report:

**AARC HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
July 20-21 2009  
Marco Island, Florida**

**Membership Report-** As of late May, AARC membership stands at 49,600. We hope to achieve a goal of 50,000 members by the end of 2009. It is estimated that there are 145,000 RCP in the U.S. Each state received a challenge to help reach this goal. Oregon currently has 374 members and needs to add 26 new members in order to meet the challenge.

**National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)-** The NBRC reports that the Specialty Examination for Respiratory Therapists Performing Sleep Disorder Testing, has been given to 70 applicants this year to date. The Adult Critical Care Exam will be launched sometime in 2011. New test specifications are being implemented for the CRT and RRT exams. The NBRC has tested 16,634 candidates this year compared to 12,489 this time last year. Pass rates for the CRT exam for first time candidates was 72.9% Pass rates for the RRT Written for first time candidates was 71.1% and 58.5% for the clinical simulation exam.

**International Committee-** Administers the International Fellowship Program. Currently there are 44 applicants for International Fellows and 14 applicants for city hosts. Applications were received from 24 countries. A total of 6 fellows will be accepted for 2009. Fellows spend two weeks in two different host cities visiting local hospitals and learning about respiratory care practices. They complete their experience with attendance at the AARC International Congress.

### **Best Practices Committee-**

**Colorado** delegates provided information on online election processes-voting on demand.

**New York** delegates discussed their annual retreat with BOD members to develop strategic plans

**Minnesota and Wisconsin** delegates presented suggestions for planning a two state meeting.

**Kansas** delegates provided information on development of packets and distribution to school counselors to improve public awareness.

#### **Legislative Report-**

- Oregon legislation related to RCPs requires a licensee under any health professional regulatory board to report prohibited conduct of another health professional who is licensed to the appropriate board. Another bill would prohibit licensure boards or the state agency from assessing to the licensee the costs or attorney fees accrued by the state for disciplinary proceedings.
- Tennessee recently passed a law requiring RCPs to undergo testing and an additional license in order to perform sleep studies. The AARC contends that these activities are already contained within the RCP scope of practice. A similar law is being considered in Georgia and AARC staff are working with leaders in the state society to defeat the bill. It is felt that this is a deliberate attempt by the AASM to pick off states one at a time in order to gain full control of sleep medicine and set their own standards of competency. Both the AACCP and the ATS oppose these actions.

•The pulmonary rehab Medicare is due to be implemented in January 2010. The AACVPR and AARC worked closely to provide CMS with testimony and recommendations on coverage. In spite of this, the proposed coverage contains major flaws. 1) There will only be one code for all components 2) CMS will only approve coverage for level II and III COPD patients, no other pulmonary diagnosis will be accepted. 3) only one session may be billed daily, sessions may be no less than 60 minutes with a 36 session maximum. 4) The proposed session reimbursement will be in the \$16 dollar range.

#### **Education Report-**

- AARC webcasts now provide for unlimited seating.
- The Uniform Reporting Manual is currently being revised.
- CMS has mistakenly listed only RRT services as eligible for reimbursement in the CORF setting. AARC staff is working with CMS in order to correct this rule.
- The Aerosol guide has now been translated into 4 languages and is under revision.
- CRCE transcripts provided by the AARC now identify each course taken in order to be more effective in satisfying state licensure requirements.

#### **JCAHO NOTE:**

It was reported that several sites recently surveyed received recommendations based on late administration of RT medications. The standard is either 30 minutes before and up to 30 minutes after the medication is scheduled. JCAHO is not accepting the AARC position statement on this issue.

#### **HOD Resolution Report-**

There were no resolutions submitted for consideration during the July HOD meeting.

#### **Update on past resolutions presented 12/08:**

##### **#94-08-24**

##### **Resolution:**

"Resolved that the AARC provide the option of direct deposit of state affiliate's quarterly revenue sharing checks into affiliate's checking account."

**Action: Passed. Referred to executive office for implementation.**

*Investigation of proposal: One time program set up fees, testing and implementation are estimated at \$3,500. Ongoing annual costs would total \$3,300 for quarterly data input, ongoing maintenance and bank transfer fees. These fees would necessitate a society per transfer fee of at least \$25 to cover costs. Current manual check distribution costs are approximately 40% of the proposed system. A survey of*

*state societies was completed with 52% participation. 46% were in favor of direct deposit and 54% were not. Without a high, 80%, participation rate, individual costs would be significantly higher.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Linda Tier RRT  
AARC Oregon Delegate*

**PACT Report:** Senate Finance Committee presented their plan today and it's not well understood at this point. Very little PACT activity at this time.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education:** Mark Stouffer: Need articles for CEU's.

**Membership-** Carol Hardisty: We have 20 new members at this time. Carol will email managers to encourage them to set a good example for their staff by joining the AARC. We will try to get students more involved to help with membership at the conference. Carol and Jeff Moors worked on the letter to Pulmonologists, it's done and will be sent soon.

**Management-** Manya Kanavalov: Manager's Directory is complete with corrections. Manya will identify hospital managers who are not AARC members and Marilyn will send a letter asking them to join.

**Nomination/Election-** Chuck McGhee:

Election results as follows: President-Elect: Cathy Melero; Central Director: Carol Hardisty; Treasurer: Peter Miller; Secretary: Norman Kerr; Southern Director: Ki Rabe.

**Audit-**Tim Hutchison: Changes need to take place in the Bylaws to allow us to utilize an outside vendor for auditing purposes. An outside auditor will be used to review the FY2009 accounts and the audit committee will scrutinize the results and submit an Audit Committee approval at the annual meeting.

**OHLA Liaison-**Marilyn Barclay: The OSRC Board listened to a transcript of a meeting between the Respiratory Therapist Licensing Board (RTLB) and the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners (BME) regarding scope of practice issues for transport therapists. Discussion ensued regarding representations of scope of practice made by Richard Larson, Chairperson of the RTLB. The OSRC will be working on a letter of response for presentation at the next OHLA meeting on November 6.

### **Old Business**

#### **Bonding for Board Members**

We are current on our policy. The President and Treasurer, as signatories for the bank account are bonded. Additionally, the Board has general liability coverage for board actions and the conference.

### **New Business:**

AAST: We received a letter from the American Association of Sleep Technologists (AAST) saying they look forward to working with us on any sleep related issues.

OAHHS: We still have a Memorandum of Understanding with the OAHHS which needs to be reviewed. When they finalize their Affiliate program we can decide if there's value for us.

Asthma Education- Lung Association of Oregon: Reimbursement issues are being discussed for Asthma Ed – Preliminary committee work is being done.

AARC Ventilator Survey- Joe Dwan: Oregon is at about 52% response rate. Ron DeYoung will be tasked with following up on this and the Regional Directors need to contact hospitals in their region who have not completed the survey.

We have two new student representatives: Christal Bristow and Robert Noel from LCC.

Next OSRC Board Meeting and Providence Portland, Cancer Center conference room A  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Submitted by Norman Kerr RRT, RDCS, Acting Secretary