

# Oregon Society for Respiratory Care

## Board of Directors Post Conference Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2009

Salem, Oregon

**Present:** Chuck McGhee, Nancy Lapka, Joe Dwan, Norm Kerr, Tim Hutchison, Will Lutsock, Jeff Beebe, Paula Butcher, Marilyn Barclay, Linda Tier, Cathy Melero, David Buckwalter, Mark Stouffer, Carol Hardisty, Ester Schmidt, Al Cady, Pete Miller, Norm Kerr, Debi Corah, Jeff Moors and Tony Garberg

### **Called to Order:**

Called to order at 12:45 P.M. on Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2009, by Past President Chuck McGhee, who then turned the meeting over to OSRC President Marilyn Barclay.

### **A quorum was established**

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

**Approval of Minutes:** No Minutes to Approve

### **Introductions**

Marlyn noted some of the change to the Board and introduced new members to the OSRC Board and welcomed them to group.

Marlyn asked that all items that are to be posted on the OSRC web page should be sent to President-Elect Paula Butcher

### **OSRC Conference Report**

Tim Hutchison reviewed 2009 OSRC Conference – Number of vendor booths sold and approximate income from the vendor booths. All the hard work, of those directly involved in putting the conference did an excellent job.

**Public Relations:** Debi Corah suggested placing the sale of OSRC shirts on our web page. Debi reviewed some public relations with the Mount Hood RT Program students. She also has met with OIT students sharing information about the OSRC scholarships program.

### **Vice President Report**

Jeff Moors led the discussion on the positive feedback concerning the wide variety of topics and has already started some of the ground work for next year's conference

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jeff Beebe does not have some of the final bills before he can finalize the expenses and revenue but we should come close to the break even point.

**Central Director:** Cathy Melero reported on the central hospitals

**Delegate's Report**

Linda Tier reported on AARC House of Delegates meeting on December 11 and 12, 2008 in Anaheim, California (See attached report)

**Licensing Liaison Report**

Marlyn reviewed changes concerning the Licensing Office. Marlyn noted that the Licensing Office does not believe that the changes will have any impact on RT licensing process.

**Western Environmental Law Center**

After discussion the OSRC Board decided to support Western Environmental Law Center position on field burning in Oregon

**PACT Report:**

Joe Dwan is continuing to champion the OSRC position through the AARC. Joe will be leaving for Capitol Hill in March to educate lawmakers on the Medicare Respiratory Therapy Initiative and other legislation

A request was made to develop reports for the following: PACT Report, Regional Directors Reports, Treasurers Report, President's Report, and a Delegates Report, for Breathsounds

**Swearing in of Board of Directors Note:**

The Formal Swearing in of the OSRC Board of Directors took place on Friday February 6, 2009, which included the following: President Marilyn Barclay, Vice President Jeffrey Moors, Treasurer Jeff Beebe and Secretary Will Lutsock

**OLD BUSINESS:****AARC Audit**

Chuck McGhee reported on the audit review which went well. A discussion followed on a new format in the reviewing of the audit during the OSRC Conference

**Election Process:**

Reviewed the Election Process on-line and its impact.

**Meeting Schedule:**

Next Meeting:

March 13<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart in Eugene at 10:00 AM

June 12<sup>th</sup> at Concorde Career Institute Portland

September 11<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston

November 13<sup>th</sup> at Providence Portland Medical Center

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Submitted by Will Lutsock RRT, OSRC Secretary

**AARC HOUSE OF DELEGATES**  
**December 11&12, 2008**  
**Anaheim, California**

**Membership Report-** As of late November, AARC membership stands at 38,000. The one year increase is 9.5 %, a significant improvement over past years.

**National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)** - The NBRC reports that the Specialty Examination for Respiratory Therapists Performing Sleep Disorder Testing, is currently available. The CRT exam is being revised for 2009 and the RRT exam is scheduled for revision in 2010.

**International Committee-** Administers the International Fellowship Program. Currently there are 46 applicants for International Fellows and 23 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. AARC Delegates delivered checks from their state affiliates for a total of \$4,200 to support this program.

**Best Practices Committee-**

**New York** delegates provided information on their public awareness activities. This includes manning a booth at the State Fair where over 3,000 PFT screens are provided. **Pennsylvania** delegates discussed their Policy and Procedure manual which is updated annually by both outgoing and incoming board members. It was suggested that the P&P manual not be included in the society bylaws in order to expedite changes without the need to secure a vote of the membership.

**Kansas** delegates provided information on their sputum bowl and how the use of a theme has increased enthusiasm and participation.

**Legislative Report-**

- 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 AACP and the ATS oppose these actions.

- Recent legislation capping rental payments for continuous oxygen equipment has been revised to state that equipment will not become the property of the patient after 36 months but will remain under the ownership of the DME company. There will however be no additional revenue provided to the DME after the 36 month limit. This will be of great benefit to our patients who would have been solely responsible for the operation and maintenance of their equipment.

### **Education Report-**

- The 20 new AARC webcasts now provide for unlimited seating.
- 8 new Professor's Rounds will be provided in 2009.
- The 2015 project explores the future of Respiratory Care and will be highlighted in the March 2009 issue of RC Times.
- The Uniform Reporting Manual is currently being revised.
- CFC's are banned as of January 1,2009
- 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 will be revised in 2009.
- CRCE transcripts provided by the AARC will now identify each course taken in order to be more effective in satisfying state licensure requirements.

### **HOD Resolution Report-**

2 resolutions were submitted for consideration during the December HOD meeting.

#### **#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**

#### **#80-08-25**

Resolution:

"Resolved that the AARC Chartered Affiliates Handbook (latest edition 1/08) be revised to delete: Officers duties Sections: Treasure, line VII; Secretary, line X, and from the General Information Form, line #6 to no longer require the submission of budget information to the AARC. That the AARC cease requiring such information from the chartered affiliates, effective immediately."

**Action: Withdrawn.**

Outcome of resolutions passed at the July 2008 HOD meeting and forwarded to AARC BOD for consideration:

**#16-08-01** Resolves that the AARC indicate on the current affiliate membership report whether an individual member has provided an e-mail address and whether they opt to share that address.

**Action by AARC BOD-** Defeated at this time pending further discussion with information services director.

**#44-08-02** Resolves that the AARC CRCE member transcript be modified to break out hours devoted to specific course content for use in reporting to state licensing boards.

**Action by AARC BOD-** Defeated at this time since this process is already being implemented by AARC administrative staff.

The Oregon Society for Respiratory Care Bylaws were submitted for review by the AARC Bylaws Committee in July of 2008. Notification of approval was received in December 2008.

**If you have any questions regarding the House of Delegates, suggestions for resolutions, or the outcome of any past resolutions, please don't hesitate to contact me. My e-mail address is [ljtier@yahoo.com](mailto:ljtier@yahoo.com)**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Linda Tier RRT  
AARC Oregon Delegate*