



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care

Friday, February 20th, 2026

10:00-14:00

Salem Health and Teams Meeting Agenda

Executive Board: Chris Galer, Renee Angstrom, Tony Garberg, Cathy Melero, Rachael Sims

Delegates/Directors: Jackie Williams, Cathy Melero, Heather Hutchison, Carrie Coffman, Nancy Nathenson, Stacy O’Keeffe

Chair Attendees: Manya Kanavalov, Lauren Nielson, Phillip Contreras, Mickie Hartley, April Venes

Medical Director:

Attendees: Amelia Bennet, Andrea McCracken, Luis Lopez

Time	Topic	Presenter
10:00-10:10	Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call	Chris & Rachael
10:10-10:20	Approval of Old Minutes	Resend Nov Minutes to members. Cathy motioned to approve with amendments on-line. Tony 2 nd the motion.

New Business

10:20-10:20	Board Position Open Chris & Renee	➤ Review voting results - Secretary- Rachael Sims - Central- Heather Hutchinson - Central Co-Chair- Open - Northwest- Open ➤ Recruitment: Promote open positions at the conference. Nancy and Chris are reaching out to others to attend meetings with no obligations and a chance to see how OSRC can be an opportunity to make a difference.
10:20-10:30	Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Future Healthcare Professionals April	❖ Volunteers are needed for the Oregon HOSA State Leadership Conference to serve as judges and provide valuable industry feedback.



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11:00-12:00	Conference 2026 Update: ➤ Tony – Hotel Deals ➤ Manya - catering ➤ Tony & Jackie – Vender Hall ➤ Chris – Event Brite ➤ Mickie & Jackie – flyers, social media ➤ Carrie, Lauren & April – Speakers ➤ Cathy – Venmo ➤ Tony & Rachael – CEUS with AARC ➤ Lauren & Nancy – Silent Auction	❖ Oregon HOSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) chartered by the Oregon Department of Education. • Conference Dates: March 16–17, 2026 (shifts available) • Location: Hyatt Regency Portland – Portland, OR • Sign up or share: www.oregonhosa.org/judge/sign-up ❖ Your support, whether through volunteering or spreading the word, makes a lasting impact! Sound Off! ✓ Hotels-Holiday Inn/Kathryn Riverfront Inn done ✓ Catering-Meals planned/coffee/tea bar all day ✓ Venders-17 registered so far ✓ Event Brite-78 registered, several board members need to register ✓ Media-Posted, emails sent to managers, booklet will be printed soon. ✓ Speakers-Done ✓ Venmo-Organized by Cathy ✓ CEU approval-Submitted Feb 22nd, approved on March 15th. Vendor passport denied by AARC. In place of the CEU, completed passports will receive raffle tickets for prizes. ✓ Silent Auction- Many gifts have been organized by April, Mickie, Lauren & Nancy. Tony
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	➤ Lauren & April- Student breakout ➤ Renee – Oregon RT mailing list, Chris can upload to Event Brite and send out. ➤ Rachael-vests	suggested board members put together baskets for the auction. ✓ Student Breakout- Joe Lewis will lead ✓ Mailing List- Done ✓ Vests for members- group voted for the press on state sticker with OSRC above. Cost is \$3 per vest. All members agreed to pay for their own vests. Payment will pay Cathy at the conference through Venmo.
11:30-12:00	Conference Location and Dates for 2027 • Eugene/Grants Pass • Seaside again? • Salem • Portland • Central (Spirit Casino) • Wilsonville • Bend	➤ Date: April 2027 ➤ Location: Seaside Civic Center ➤ Date: April 2028 ➤ Bend St Charles Hospital?
12:15-12:45	Lunch	
12:45-13:45	Executive Board Reports • President- Chris • Vice President- Tony • Treasurer- Cathy • Secretary- Rachael Director & Chair Reports • PACT - Tony and Many Delegates • Jackie • Cathy Director Reports • Central: Heather • Southern: Carrie	See Board Reports Below



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	• Northeast: Nancy • Northwest: • Eastern: Stacy Chair Reports • PACT: Tony & Manya • Education: Lauren • Military: Phillip • Public Committee Awareness ➤ Mickie • Membership & Co-Chair: ➤ Dennis & April HOSA Report: April	
13:45-14:00	Hotel Rooms for Color Guard	Phillip asked if OSRC could cover the hotel cost for five Color Guard military attendees for one night. Manya motioned to cover the hotel cost for the five Color Guard attendees. Renee second, all in favor Motion accepted
1400	Adjourned	

Next meeting March 24th: Seaside Civic Center at noon to organize and plan. Then from 5 to 7pm, we will gather for Trivia and appetizers.

Purposed Future Board Meeting Dates:

September one day meeting: 11th, 18th, 25th

November: 6th, 13th, 20th

February: 5th, 12th, 19th

April Conference: 14th-15th, 21st-22nd



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Treasurer

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Cathy Melero

Date: February 20, 2025

☐ Recommendations ☒ Informational ☐ Educational

Report: Bank Balance: 2/6/2026: \$36,294.03

Expenses: Total \$4422.13

\$ 595.95	Washington DC	PACT
\$ 300.00	Voting	President
\$ 12.50	Microsoft 365	Miscellaneous
\$ 96.00	AARC Congress	Delegate
\$ 107.10	Per Diem	Delegates/Student
\$ 19.00	Per Diem	Delegate
\$ 298.70	Website	Website
\$ 205.63	AARC Congress	President
\$ 1,704.47	AARC Congress	Delegate
\$ 648.00	Annual Website	Website
\$ 12.50	Microsoft 365	Miscellaneous
\$ 50.00	Business License	Treasurer
\$ 359.78	Liability Insurance	Treasurer
\$ 12.50	Microsoft 365	Miscellaneous

Income: Total \$1876.00

\$ 1,076.00	Revue Sharing
\$ 800.00	Vendor

Recommendations : Be aware of spending. More insurance expenses are coming out of this balance. We need to pay for food before we get the revenue coming in from the conference.

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Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Rachael Sims

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Secretary

Date: February 20th, 2026

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Report: The AARC CRCE application has been submitted. Thank you, Nancy for the guidance and Carrie for the Speaker information.

Vests for the conference arrived. We will take a vote on what should be embroidered on the vests. A total of 27 vests were ordered in various sizes, costing \$987.24 with shipping \$99.12. We can return extra vests or keep some for future members.

Option #1: OSRC (white lettering)

Option #2: OSRC (white lettering), with the colorful state logo

Option #3: OSRC (white lettering), with the colorful state logo and stethoscope



Recommendations:

OSRC Action:



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Delegate

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Jackie Williams and Cathy Melero

Date: 2/20/2025

☐ Recommendations ☒ Informational ☐ Educational

Report: Delegate's Report in Phoenix December 4 and 5, 2025

- Jackie introduced Keira to the session. Keira went to the student breakouts, got to join the executive board meeting, and set up during our session.
- The Speaker formalized HOSA committee as a permanent committee.
- Resolutions: Storage of documents housed by the AARC – passed moved to the executive committee. Questions about the existing software and security. It is up to the executive committee to decide how to execute resolution. Affiliates want a repository for documents for succession. There were questions on cost to AARC as well as whether there would be a cost to the affiliates.
- Resolution: Puerto Rico to host Summer Forum – Passed. Questions about costs and venues but seemed no worse than traveling to Florida. PICU had their meeting in Puerto Rico with a good experience. It would be 2029 before the meeting could be held there.
- Resolution: Selfie filters for HOSA promotion of RT – Passed. Little discussion (or at least not worth noting).
- Resolution: Revenue sharing to be donated to the Disaster Relief fund – Passed. Opting out concerns. It was not an automatic opting in. Questions about whether the affiliates could donate flat fee and how often it would be updated. It was also brought up that donating through revenue sharing would be less than when states donate once a year.
- AARC Bylaws finally passed.
- There was a lot of talk about compact licensure and how to go about it. Evidently, our licensure is “unique” making it more of a challenge to propose and pass compact licensure. Good resources were discussed including getting support from the military.

Recommendations :

OSRC Action :



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Region: Northeastern

Board Member/Region Director: Nancy Nathenson, RRT

Date: 2-20-2026

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Nancy provided leaders with an update on the 2026 Conference with general speaker topics and activities.

Adventist Health Columbia Gorge- Maria Carabantes

Jobs: 1 FT day opening since May 2025 Will need 2 per diem from upcoming retiring's. 3 RTs required to be fully staffed or outpatient testing must be cancelled

Updates: Still transitioning into the Adventist Health System and new Epic documentation which will enable them in the near future to integrate PFT's and the new C-1 ventilator.

Application submitted for Critical Access Status and are optimistic for success. When highways shut down in the area in winter patients are unable to reach Providence Hood River

Illness trends: Uptick End of December but less than expected so far this year. Occasional flu and CoVid, rarely RSV.

V-60: Adventist hospitals have the choice of the Hamilton C-1 or the **Nihon Khoden** Adventist Columbia Gorge is choosing the C-1 Hopefully it will be available in the next year

Portland Adventist Medical Center- Spock Inpeng

Jobs: 3 positions filled recently. Now, fully staffed.

Updates: Currently looking at purchasing a few BiWaze Clear from ABM Respiratory Care as a replacements for Meta Neb.

Successes: Facility wide decrease in pressure injuries after interventions

Challenges: VIBRA Specialty Hospital Closure

Illness: More Resp Flu. Neb volumes up to 90 vs the norm of 50 or less daily.



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V-60: Continuing to use the V-60 and supplement our stock with rentals from Agiliti.

Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital- Bob Apsey

Jobs: Part time noc posted

Challenges: VIBRA Specialty Hospital closure

Illness Trends: Some flu not the levels typically expected

V-60: Nehon Khoden as replacement

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center –Deb Regan

Jobs: 1 FT night and 2 PT positions. Night shift clinical specialist position

Updates: Trach program changes for pediatrics and adults due to increased volumes

Challenges: VIBRA closure.

Illness Trends: Some flu, increased trauma events

V-60: Nihon Khoden as replacement

Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital-Admir Beganovic/Michael Toland

Jobs: Fully staffed Pediatric Days 5-6 nights openings

Utilizing travelers from an agency called AYA. You can post openings on a website and travelers can sign up for shifts. If they are not needed you can easily cancel them. It has been working well for them

Updates: The Respiratory Department has moved to a new location with high ceilings, multiple meeting rooms and office spaces. An added benefit is the area, formerly a procedure room, has piped in oxygen for ventilator calibrations

Looking at resurrecting their trach team. Nurses do trach cares at OHSU. One area of interest is in billing strategy. **Nan put him in contact with Jackie Williams.*

Replacing the Trilogy for pediatrics. Initially trialed the ASTRAL but were disappointed with customer service and 3rd party ordering process.

Decided on Ventec Life Systems VC Pro Home VOCSN ventilator. Beginning education and training now



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Illness Trends: Not many adults. Spike on peds with RSV but short courses. Running 4 RT's on the unit vs the typical 2

V-60: Not replacing at this time.

Admir offered a potential speaker, a pulmonologist who is very supportive of the respiratory profession. **Nan put him in contact with Tony Garberg*

Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center-Will Bryan, Nikki Wade,

Kaiser Sunnyside and Kaiser Westside Medical Center-Matt Dryden

Legacy Mt. Hood-Sharon Shaw

Recommendations:

Action:



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Military Liaison

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Phillip Contreras

Date: 2/12/2026

☐ Recommendations ☒ Informational ☐ Educational

Report:

Color Guard & National Anthem Coordination:

- I initiated a request on January 8, 2026, for a Color Guard to support the opening ceremony of the OSRC conference in Seaside, Oregon, on March 25, 2026.
- Coordinated with Ursulla Bischoff (Chief of Civic Engagement, Oregon Military Department) regarding the request.
- As of February 11, 2026, the Color Guard request has been forwarded to TAG's select honor guard, and the National Anthem request to Benjamin Pasi.
- Follow-up coordination is scheduled for next week.

Recommendations: Offering color guard Room and Board for the night before the opening ceremony.

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Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Oregon

Board Member/Chair: HOSA Representative April Venes, BSRC, RRT

Date: 11/07/2025 3rd Quarterly Report

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Report:

1. I Attended 1st AARC HOSA Meeting on 10/09/2025 (For Representatives and Affiliates/Delegates.)

2. Made Contact & Resource List-

a. Heather Willden, Diane Oldfather, and Dustin Goodman.

3. Help Create OSRC Description of Duties for HOSA Representative position.

4. Consider Partnering with Education Chair to Recruit Students? Committee for HOSA?

2. Write letter of Introduction to the HOSA State Advisor of Oregon

Victoria Defillipi²

3. AARC Suggested Appointing HOSA Chair & Recruitment Committee³

4. OSRC Senior Delegate Jackie. to give report(s) at AARC Delegates Meeting. I will forward it to her.

5. AARC has a \$200 HOSA Grants available for table kit, conference attendance, etc.

Respectfully Submitted by, April Venes, BSRC, RRT

Recommendations: Rachael to send invitation to a HOSA student volunteer to attend each BOD meeting via Teams?

OSRC Action:

1 & 3 Guidelines and Templates by AARC

2 Letter Templates by AARC- Diane Oldfather, MHED, RRT, FAARC



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Central & Southern

Board Member/Chair: Membership Co-Chair April Venes

Date: February 20, 2026 Quarterly Report

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1. Annual Membership Drive @ OSRC State Conference.
 - a. Offer Incentives: Collect and give prizes for “Landmark” New Members (for example, the 400th member, the 425th, etc.). These new members win prizes like 4 tickets to an OSU Basketball game, or Dinner for 2, or gift certificates for CEU’s Mini Courses/Webcasts.
 - b. Explain & Promote Membership Benefits-@ OSRC State Conference.
 - a. **AARC Benefits-** Get direct access to fellow members, free CRCE, stellar course offerings, and leadership opportunities as volunteers for the AARC.
 - b. **OSRC Benefits-** Annual OSRC State Conference for CEU’s for renewing Oregon license, networking with RT’s and Hospital RT Managers from all over the State of Oregon, a wealth of information on coding, licensing questions and Volunteer positions available Statewide and Nationally.
2. Silent Auction 2026 Conference- **Brookings Coastal Basket-
2-noc stay at Mermaid’s Muse Bed and Breakfast** valued @
Total of \$750.00 including Mermaid Soaps Mermaid Soaps
 - a. Saltwater Taffy-\$8.00
 - b. Compass Rose Café--\$ 50.00 gift certificate
 - c. Guided Hiking, foraging with experts and Sightseeing valued @ **\$350.00**
Total package valued \$1158.00
3. Other Conference Donations
 - a. OSU Basketball tickets for 4, valued @ \$72.00, donated by Oregon State University. (Plus Merch)
 - b. [Awaiting Fishing Charter Trip- Captain Andy @ Wild Rivers Fishing Charters & Brookings Fishing- Deep Seal]
 - c. [Awaiting U of O Donation (Merch-Be Oregon valued @ \$19.99)]

Respectfully Submitted by April Venes, BSRC, RRT

Recommendations :

OSRC Action: