



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care

Friday, June 12th, 2026

10:00-14:00

Salem Health and Teams Meeting Agenda

Executive Board: Executive Board: Chris Galer, Cathy Melero, Rachael Sims

Delegates/Directors: Jackie Williams, Heather Hutchison, Carrie Coffman

Chair Attendees: Manya Kanavalov, Phillip Contreras, Mickie Hartley, Andrea McCracken, Amelia

Medical Director: Tomer Pelleg

Visitor: Riley Quiterro

Time	Topic	Presenter
10:00-10:10	Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call	Chris and Rachael
10:10-10:14	Approval of Old Minutes-March 2026	Not enough votes to pass. Cathy motioned to have the March Minutes emailed to members to approve. Jackie 2 nd the motion, all agree

New Business

	President Report - Chris-Administrative Duties - Positions up for Nomination - Election will occur in November with AARC Connect	➤ Roles and Responsibilities provided as handouts at the meeting, and the rest will be sent by email. ➤ Expectations and Requirements - Members are required to attend 75% of meetings. - Technical difficulties & deployment will not be counted as a missed meeting. - If members cannot attend 75% of the meetings, then that member will be responsible for paying conference fees. - All members are expected to perform a task at the conference both days. - President 2027 - President Elect 2027 - Vice President 2027 - South - Northeast - Northwest (open) Nominees will be appointed at the next meeting.
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	OSRC Board Members Email accts Registration for 2027 St Charles Hospital 2028 conference site	➤ Chris suggested looking into the Microsoft accounts. Jackie will investigate pro acct info. ➤ Chris said the registration website was set up and ready to go. ➤ Mickie is working with Andie & Amelia on Save the Date cards through CANVA. ➤ Chris viewed the conference area. The space is smaller and would be split in half between the vendors and speakers. ➤ Blake with St Charles informed Chris that the hospital can do the catering on site. April is the best option for reservations. ➤ Vender hall can only accommodate 100 people. We need to advertise that there is limited space and to register early!
10:43-10:50	2027 Conference Discussion • Chris & Tony 2028 Conference Discussion • Chris Confirm Board Meeting Date • Chris & Rachael Trends Conference Canceled Final OSRC meeting dates and locations Update regarding the cancelation at Stollers Family Estate	➤ Location: Seaside Civic & Conference Center ➤ Dates: April 20th and 21st (Tuesday & Wednesday) ➤ The Seaside Conference Center is reserved from the 19th to the 21st ➤ April 19th we will have a short board meeting and set up the supplies from 1200-1600. ➤ April 19th, we will have a Triva Social Event! There will be food and drinks provided from 1700 to 1900. ➤ Sept 25th, 10am-2pm Salem Health Teams ➤ Dec 4th, 10am-2pm Salem Health Teams ➤ Feb 19th, 10am-2pm Salem Health Teams ➤ April 19th, Noon to 4pm Seaside Sadly, we are not going to Stollers Family Estate for our September meeting. Stollers wanted to charge \$650 for 10 people and added 20% gratuity. This is the first time Stollers charged us for a meeting.
10:50-11:05	Summer Forum- RT Next Gen • Jackie	➤ Discussed getting students from Mt Hood and Concord involved. Student participation has declined.

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	RT Week is coming! Oct 26th-30th	➤ Jackie suggested OSRC posts Happy RT Week on social media and highlight great RTs. ➤ Chris would like to have poster size “Thank You from OSRC” to managers. Jackie said to have Directors hand them out in person. ➤ Mickie, Andie, and Amelia will develop a poster which will include the 2027 conference dates.
11:05-	2027 Conference Job List • Chris & Tony	✓ Food- Monay ✓ CEUs- Chris and Rachael ✓ Social Media- Mickie, Andie & Amelia ✓ Speakers – Carrie ✓ Vendors – open ✓ Auction– Lauren ✓ Student Breakout - open ✓ Survey & QR code – open ✓ Hotel Discounts – Manya ✓ MC – Jackie & Heather (Heather has requested we invest in a 2nd microphone, all agreed) ✓ Registration attendees – Cathy, Manya, Phillip, Rachael ➤ Heather would like to speak at the conference regarding Critical Care Hospital Access & the support RTs provide in critical care.
11:17-11:25	Stream the Conference? • Chirs	➤ WA streams their conference to attendees. Chris would like to explore the idea at Seaside so long-distance attendees can earn CEUs. ➤ Jackie had the idea of possibly offering a group rate so facilities can provide a place to watch the conference.
11:25-12:00	Conference Committee • Chris, Cathy, & Jackie	➤ There were some issues involving the conference committee members lack of attendance, the meetings were only on Fridays, Teams link issues, lack of communication, and updates from members. ➤ Members would like to have an agenda sent before meetings and notes on members’ progress or request for help.



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	Conference Committee Continued	➤ Updates on speakers and subjects on social media ➤ Attendees asked for swag. We had cups and tote bags, but people were asking for OSRC pins and lanyards. ➤ CEU certificate instructions need to be on the conference agenda. ➤ The survey email link needs to be at the beginning of each survey. Many people did not see it at the bottom of the survey, which provided confirmation for completing the survey. ➤ Question was asked if we could make CEU certificates on-line. Chris said NO, because we do not have an IT person on the OSRC board to help us.
12:00-12:30	Lunch	Little Lois Café. If you are attending in person, you will receive a link the day before the meeting from Rachael via email and/or text message.
12:00-13:45	Board Reports Executive Board • President: Chris • VP: Tony Garberg • Treasurer: Cathy • Secretary: Rachael Delegates • SR-Jackie • JR-Cathy Director Reports • Central: Heather • Southern: Carrie • Northeast: Nancy • Northwest: • Eastern: Stacy Chair Reports • PACT: Tony & Many • Education: Lauren • Military: Phillip • Public Committee Awareness ✓ Mickie	See Reports below



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Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Vice-President/PACT

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Tony Garberg

Date: 06/11/2026

☐ Recommendations ☒ Informational ☐ Educational

Report:

Vice-Presidents report. – Nothing to report for this meeting.

PACT – Chris and I had a productive meeting in DC. We had a meeting with all our elected officials. It was a very productive day, and we gave certificates of appreciation for co-signing our legislation (SOAR Act) to Rep. Maxine Dexter's office (Grace Banfield) and Rep. Janelle Bynum's office (Jack Wetzel) the first co-signer of any respiratory legislation in Oregon. They were appreciative of the certificates, and both offices were happy to co-sign and were very well informed of the legislation.

We also met with the following offices:

Rep. Andrea Salinas, (Molly McTaggart) Wants to follow up with Miriam, needs information.

Rep. Val Hoyle, (Valeria) Wants more info, willing to talk to Miriam

Rep Suzanne Bonamici, (Joshua Izaak) Needs follow-up and challenged Bentz's office

Rep Cliff Bentz, and (Keilah Llinskyh) Great information, wants to follow up and floor card.

Senator Merkley, (Nate Sansone) Needs to follow up very positively.

Senator Wyden, (Noad and Marisa) Supportive but cannot co-sign due to WM committee

All the staff and Congressman Bentz were friendly and receptive. We had great conversations with all the offices. All offices were positive toward our legislation both the SOAR act, and the yet to be introduced AIR Act (soon to come) but needs someone from both the house and senate to introduce the legislation. Jolt forms for follow-up have been filed so our lobbying team knows who and what follow-up is needed for our current legislation. This was the most productive year we have had.

Recommendations :

OSRC Action :



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Treasurer Report

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

Date: June 12, 2026

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Report:

Bank Balance: \$46,246.54

Issued one conference refund: \$375

Late check from Medline: \$800

Treasurer bought new checkbook and checks with logo.

Need to buy envelopes and stamps to send checks and/or CEU certificates. (Been use personal supply)

Question: Are we going to set up Microsoft account? Paying \$12.50 per month and not taking advantage of this service.

Delegate: Summer Forum is in July

OSRC Action :



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Secretary

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Rachael Sims BS RRT

Date: 6/16/23

☐ Recommendations ☒ Informational ☐ Educational

Report: Motional Speaker Garry Kauffman

Location for May 24th and 25th of 2027: Peach Health RieverBend in Springfield. The Rainier Room does not have Teams available. Contact person is Megan (consch@peacehealth.org).

Times: Sunday 5-8 and Monday 8-3 (times may change)

Catering: Oakway Catering. *Jessica Bellah*

Catering and Events Manager

541-913-8540 mobile number

541-343-3088 office

PO Box 51055 Eugene OR 97405

Drinks & Meals will be provided for both days. Cost to be BTB closer to the date.

Recommendations:

OSRC Action:



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Committee of Region: HOD

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

Date: 06/11/2026

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Report :

June 2026 HOD Board Report

Jackie Williams BS, RRT-ACCS, RRT

Cathy Melero RRT

2026 Nominations are open for HOD officers- nominations for officers happen in Summer and voting happens in the Fall

Discuss donations for upcoming HOD meeting in Fl.

Funds:

- Disaster Relief - The AARC Disaster Relief Fund was launched in 1992 to assist members who have damaged their homes or other personal property due to federally declared natural disasters.
- PACT- Advocating for a variety of initiatives, keeping the respiratory care profession on the minds of Congressional leaders.
- ARCF General Fund-The ARCF is non-profit organization formed for the purpose of supporting research, education, international fellows, and charitable activities. The ARCF seeks to educate the public about respiratory diseases, help assist in the training and continuing education for health care providers, and improve the quality of our environment.
- Bill Lamb Memorial Fund
- International Fellowship Fund- Established in 1990, this program has allowed non-U.S. healthcare professionals to visit the U.S. and observe respiratory care as it is practiced in the U.S.
- Bill Bitzel Fund-This award provides seed money for a new, innovative professional development activity at the state affiliate that targets students. The activity might be utilized, but it is not limited to running a student boot camp or student meetings.



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- Research-The American Respiratory Care Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports research, education, and charitable activities. This research endowment will continue to fund research designed to document respiratory therapists' impact, which could take the form of clinical or financial outcomes.

Summer Forum: Bonita Springs, FL July 13-15th

Resolutions: Resolutions are brought forward at the House of Delegates from state affiliates to help guide the focus of the AARC Board of Directors. HOD is the first filter for these recommendations. There will likely be a lot of discussion during the HOD meeting and Cathy, and I would like to ensure we are asking the right questions and representing Oregon accurately.

Current resolutions up for discussion (Please see attachment for full information):

1. Increasing Member Engagement and Venue Diversity: Including Hawaii in Summer Forum Planning
2. Be it resolved that the AARC establishes a permanent, invested disaster relief fund by directing annual funds raised in excess of projected need into a long-term portfolio that generates sustainable ongoing support.
3. Be it resolved that the AARC annually matches up to a minimum of \$35,000.00 of funds raised for the Disaster Relief Fund to accelerate growth of the permanent disaster relief fund over the next 10 years.
4. Resolve that the AARC establishes the PRIME (Pulmonary Reliability, Integrity, Maintenance, and Excellence), or another appropriate name if the proposed acronym is taken, Recognition Program as an annual AARC recognition designed specifically for Pulmonary Function Laboratories. PRIME provides a voluntary, achievable framework to promote technical standardization, quality assurance, and professional credentialing in a clinical area where traditional accreditation and regulatory models have historically been impractical.
5. Resolve that the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) explore the development of an industry-focused recognition program—modeled after the existing APEX Award—in partnership with the Industry Taskforce (and potentially restructured AARC Industry Council upon formation).
6. Resolve that the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) establish and communicate a standardized, transparent timeline and execution framework for the development and distribution of co-marketing toolkits and related resources to Chartered Affiliates participating in the Revenue Sharing Agreement.
7. AARC Executive Office, in partnership with the AARC IDEAA Committee, develop and disseminate a comprehensive IDEAA Toolkit at least once every other year with a requirement for chartered affiliates to include toolkit information on their websites & social media as part of the quarterly social media expectations for revenue sharing



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8. American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) explore opportunities to create a branded disaster preparedness kit to be sold through the AARC Store, with a minimum of ten percent (10%) of proceeds allocated directly to the AARC Disaster Relief Fund.
9. The AARC shares its conference development playbook including planning guidelines, contract negotiation strategies, vendor management practices, and other relevant resources with all state affiliates to support their event planning and operational success.
10. AARC Executive Office (EO) develop and implement a standardized structure ensuring that all revenue sharing payments to Chartered Affiliates are processed and disbursed timely, i.e., within sixty (60) days of the quarter close
11. Be it resolved that the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) establish a House of Delegates (HOD) "Host Affiliate" Support Grant Program to provide reimbursement of up to \$2,000 to the designated host affiliate of an in-person Summer or Winter HOD meeting.
12. American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) Board of Directors (BOD) formally invite the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) to participate in a structured, joint evaluation and assessment of credential-licensure misalignment—specifically addressing individuals who maintain an active state license to practice but who's national NBRC credential has lapsed or expired.

Recommendations: _____

OSRC Action:



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Oregon

Board Member: HOSA Representative April Venes, BSRC, RRT

Date: 03/24/2026 Quarterly Report

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Report:

HOSA=Health Occupations for Students of America.

1. Emailed Wendy Menchu-Lopez via Teams Mtg. to discuss details for HOSA SLC. (Table size-6ft., exhibitor/booth setup time-1 pm. March 16th 2026, booth location-2nd floor and student participation time-2pm)
2. Attended Oregon HOSA State Leadership Conference (SLC) on March 16-17th, 2026 @ Hyatt Regency in Portland, Oregon
3. Registered as a Conference Exhibitor-Fee was \$350.
(6 Persons Registered as Judges-the Exhibitor fee of \$350 was waived.)
4. AARC HOSA booth kit arrived March 12, 2026. (Included-Large plastic container with zip ties, Return Postage & zip ties, AARC Banner, Banner Stand, AARC tablecloth cover, and #RTSTRONG stickers.
5. Registered Hotel Room- 2 Queen beds and sofa pull-out sofa
Cathy M. Stayed
6. Booth Set-up time-1pm on March 16th (Helpers Rachel & Cathy)
7. Students, advisors, chaperones and parents arrived @ 2pm to 5pm
8. Judges Times and Topics @ registration-*Topics changed @ check-in*
 - #1. Luis L. Monday @1300-1800 (Healthcare Exploration)
 - #2. Rachel S. Monday @1300-1800. (EMT)
 - #3. Jill D. Monday & Tuesday @ 0830-1300 (Topic Unknown)
 - #4. Cathy M. Tuesday @ 0830-1300 (Medical Spelling)
 - #5. Nan N. Tuesday @ 1200-1800 (Topic Changed)
 - #6. Sophie N. Tuesday @ 1200-1800 (Sick Call)
9. Displayed Printouts of AARC survey and AARC Be an RT- QR Code for more info on RT's Roles and Responsibilities. I created QR code and flyer with Oregon RT Schools-Included Website; Contact person, email and ph. number for:
OIT-4 yr., LCC 2 yr., Mt. Hood 2 Yr., Concorde Career College 1 yr.
8. Displayed CXR's of TB & T-Tube, displayed photo of OSRC BOD members with HOSA 50th Anniversary balloons and signs from April BOD Meeting.
9. Placed Props on HOSA Booth Table-MDI, ETT.
10. For filling out the survey all were entered in a raffle for stethoscope socks and Big Foot Jam. A winner was announced and will be sent the prize.
11. Took photo of booth and Sent to AARC and HOSA Advisor and Partner.



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12. Have volunteers for next year that want to participate in 2027

Respectfully Submitted by, April Venes, BSRC, RRT

Recommendations: _____

OSRC Action:





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Committee of Region: Central

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Heather Hutchison

Date: 6/15/26

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Report:

Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital- Newport, OR Ashley Nordstrom

Jobs: Two 0.9 FTE Variable

V-60: Not in use

Illness: Low Flu and Covid rates. Parainfluenza and Pertussis

Update: Use of IPV in newborns with positive outcomes

Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital- Lincoln City-OR Ashley Nordstrom

Jobs: Two 0.9 FTE Variable and Per diem position

V-60: Not in use

Illness: Low Flu and Covid rates

Update: Ashley Nordstrom has transitioned to manage both SPCH and NLH

Bay Area Hospital- Coos Bay, OR Angela

Jobs: No open positions currently.

V-60: Currently in use with no plan currently to transition to new NIV equipment

Illness:

Update: Now managed by ICU RN manager

Lower Umpqua Hospital- Reedsport Brandon Stephens

Jobs: No positions open currently

V-60: No

Illness: Low flu and Covid numbers

Update: N/A

Coquille Valley Hospital- Coquille, OR Tony Waite

Jobs: 0.6 Various/nights

V-60: 2 in use but transitioning to Server LTCS

Illness: Low flu and covid numbers

Update: Need for more RTs



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Southern Coos Hospital- Coos Bay, OR Cheryl Johnson

Jobs: 1 part time position

V-60: Not using V60's

Illness: None to report

Update: N/A

Peace Harbor- Florance, OR Ronnie Walker

Jobs:

V-60:

Illness:

Update

St Charles Bend/Redmond/Pineville Blake Andrews*

Jobs: 2 per diem

V-60: transitioned to Servo Air two years ago

Illness: None to report

Update: None currently

Samaritan Albany General Hospital-Albany, OR Nick Gaffney

Jobs: I NOC shift

V-60: No

Illness: None to report

Update Nick Gaffney is now managing GSRMC, SLCH, and SAGH

Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center- Corvallis, OR Nick Gaffney

Jobs: 3 NOC shifts

V-60: Not in use

Illness: None

Update None

Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital- Lebanon, OR Nick Gaffney

Jobs: 1 Full Time night position

V-60: No

Illness: No

Update: None

Salem Health- Salem OR Virginia Gaze

Jobs: Yes, we have a few FT nightshift position, A few U status positions, and will soon have a few intern positions

V-60: We have already moved away from the V60s we now use the Nihon Kohden 330

Illness: No trends

Update None currently



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Santiam Hospital- Stayton, OR Cathy Melero

Jobs:

V-60:

Illness:

Update

Silverton Hospital- Woodburn, OR Erica Camacho

Jobs: No openings currently

V-60: Currently in use but planning to phase out by 2027

Illness: None

Update None

McKenzie Willamette- Springfield, OR Darlene Gray

Jobs: We currently have one open FT position, planning a second in August. No real external applicants to be had.

V-60: We are using the V60s and do not have a plan currently to phase them out or what we will be replacing them with

Illness: No respiratory illness

Update Hoping the program at LCC gets the green light and starts this fall, as most of us the area are in desperate need of RTs. Lots of retirement is coming up soon!

West Valley Hospital- Dallas, OR

No RTs

PeaceHealth Sacred Heart- Riverbend, OR David Embertson

Jobs:

V-60:

Illness:

Update

Recommendations:

OSRC Action: