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		positions will be up for vote. Open positions and vote will be listed on AARC Connect. Nominees are required to attend 75% of the board meetings each year. Nancy will update the Open Positions on the website. ➤ AARC Links for Board Appointed Positions: Build a platform to provide board members with profiles, photos, and a short professional bio. Chris asked Nancy if we could advertise the National Conference dates on OSRC website. ➤ Create Get Involve page that will provide links for meetings, conferences, and website information to promote OSRC. Cathy is concerned the “Get Involved Page” and additional updates to the website will cost more than \$300. Response: Chris asked Nancy to create a copy & paste document for Lewis, to make it easier and possibly cheaper.
11:00		
11:04-	Student Involvement • Jerry King • Sidney	
11:15-		• Jerry introduced Sidney who is a student from Iowa. Sidney shared her experience at the AARC National Conference House of Delegates with fellow students. Many students do not know what AARC does for them. For example, the disaster relief areas and how AARC is involved. • Jerry stated that 24 students attended the forum. • Jackie- We have applications open to sponsor students to go to forums. One was the OSRC 2025 posterboard winner. • Jerry- AARC will give \$70 a day to assist with students attending forums. • Jackie- Cost is a barrier for students, so applications for scholarships would be helpful.



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11:20-		The OSRC board has been working on a budget for 2026. • Jerry- Student Mentorship allows students like Sidney to share their experience and encourage how to get involved and explore opportunities. • Chris would like to get one student from each school to attend board meetings. Maybe a Student Junior Delegate position can be created and have that student attend delegate meetings. Jackie loves the idea. • Cathy suggested we do fund raising for the additional expense of sending a student to the delegate meetings. Tony suggested the silent auction funds could be utilized to cover the expense. • Chris- Promoting the position will hopefully help retain student participation with OSRC after graduation.
11:32-	• Mickie- Public Awareness • Conference Title Change	➤ Conflict with Conference Title. May need to consider changing. ➤ <i>“Next Gen RT/ Advancing Care through Innovation & Insight.”</i> ❖ <i>Winner is: “Level up, Lead the Way/Advancing Care through Innovation & Insight”</i> #Always Ready ➤ CANVA account established and free
12:00-12:40	Lunch	
12:40-	Trend Conference Coverage	September 25th will be covered by Cathy and Mickie September 26th looking for coverage. ➤ Update: Cathy & Mickie covered both days. ➤ Cathy has the OSRC the banner and tablecloths for the conference.



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12:30-1245	Conference 2026 Discussion Chris and Tony	➤ Volunteer Sign up for Conference Duties ➤ Tony – Hotel Deals ➤ Manya - catering ➤ Tony & Jackie – Vender Hall ➤ Chris – Event Brite ➤ Mickie & Jackie – flyers, social media ➤ Carrie, Lauren & April – Speakers ➤ Cathy – Venmo ➤ Toney & Rachael – CEUS with AARC ➤ Lauren & Nancy – Silent Auction ➤ Lauren & April- Student breakout ➤ Renee – Oregon RT mailing list. Chris can upload to Event Brite and send out.
1300-	Continued discussion	➤ Tony – We still need a Registered Sleep Tech on the OSRC board to qualify for CEUs under Sleep. ➤ Cathy will be handling the finances for the scholarships, poster boards, merchandise, and silent auction. ➤ Phillip will be working on the Color Guard ➤ Mickie will create Vendor Passports ➤ Rachael will get quotes for T-shirts with OSRC logo, and polo shirts for board members. ➤ Poster board/scholarships/silent auction • Carrie, Lauren, Cathy, Tony • Tony & April are working on a big-ticket item for the silent auction.
13:30	Conference Committee Meeting	➤ Tony will email the group. The plan will be to discuss Speaker topics, a photo booth, and student social for Wednesday night. ➤ On Tuesday, we can see about having a vendor sponsor drink for the evening social event. ➤ Discussed creating a new position in the group that involves overseeing organizing the Vendor Speakers with food and drinks.
	Director & Chair Reports - PACT - Tony and Many - Delegates - Jackie	See Reports



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	• Cathy Director's Reports • Central: Open • Southern: Carrie • Northeast: Nancy • Northwest: Open • Eastern: Stacy Education Chair • Lauren Public Committee Awareness • Mickie Military Liaison • Phillip Membership & Co-Chair • Dennis & April HOSA • April	
13:50-14:00	Round Table	Melissa resigned from the Central position. • Emergency on boarding of open position then once the formal election occurs, voting can take place. • Nomination: Heather for Central Next meeting we will discuss open positions and positions up for re-election. Dennis inquired about creating a new scholarship for PFT.

Board Meeting Dates: February 13th, March 24th, 25th and 26th



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Board Report

Committee of Region: President

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Chris Galer

Date: 06/07/2025

☐ Recommendations ☒ Informational ☐ Educational

Report:

Expectations:

- Board members are required to attend 75% of the meetings. Submit a board report even if you cannot attend before the next scheduled meeting. Everyone is expected to submit a board report to the Secretary.
- Job descriptions will be handed out or sent by email to board members.
 - Executive, Delegate, Director, and Chair members
- Conference Participation: everyone will sign up for a duty

2025 Conference

- Review of new ideas discussed at the May 16th meeting.

Meeting Dates

September 5th
November 7th or 21st
February 13th
March 24th

OHSU Trends Conference

- Volunteers needed to run the booth on September 25th and 26th.
- Venue is OHSU Auditorium

Recommendations :

OSRC Action :



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Committee of Region: Treasurer/Delegate

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

Date: September 5, 2025

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Recommendations

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Informational

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Educational

Report:

Bank Balance as of 9/4/2025 - \$46,684.25

Income: \$2743.66

Expenses: \$1953.58

Audit complete

Summer Forum: See Jackie's report.

Recommendations:

OSRC Action:



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Board Report

Committee of Region: Secretary

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

Date: 08/15/2025

☐ Recommendations ☒ Informational ☐ Educational

Report: Retractable banner and two tablecloths for conferences.

Supplier: Supervinyl 390 Central St NE Salem Oregon, Mark Adams Owner

Budget approval: \$1200, if more then send to board for approval.

Final cost: \$491.63

Approved banner provided in the link below:



osrctablebnnr.pdf

Both banners were denied.



Tablecloths were approved.

Recommendations :

OSRC Action:



Oregon Society of Respiratory Care Board Report

Committee of Region: Northeastern

Board Member/Chair (Co-Chair): Nancy Nathenson, RRT

Date: 08/25/2025 3rd Quarter Report

☒ Recommendations ☒ Informational ☐ Educational

Adventist Health Columbia Gorge- Maria Carabantes

- 1 Full Time Days open since beginning of May
- Challenge to fill the position and attract RT's to the Gorge
- No Respiratory Illness trends- Low Summer Census
- Looking at the Hamilton C-1 to replace V-60 in Spring of 2026

Portland Adventist Medical Center- Spock Inpeng

- 1 FT nocs 1 PRN nocs
- Challenge finding PRN staff
- High ventilator volume running 8-9+ Not Respiratory Illness related Out of the ordinary for summer.
- Challenge to Staff with vacations
- Successes: Continue with Zero turnover, Progressing with our Clinical Advancement Ladder
- V 60 Transition- Still debating: Nihon Kohden and C1

Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital- Bob Apsey

- 1 On Call
- Challenges: Low summer census, frequent flexing of staff
- No current Respiratory Illness Trends
- V-60 Transition-Trialing multiple devices inc. Bella Vista, C1, Nihon Khoden NIV, React ProV,

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center –Deb Regan

- 2FT neo/ped positions, 1 KIDS team night shift, 2 on call.



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- Updated bronchiolitis protocol, proactive rounding to reduce harm (UE, HAPI etc.)
- Respiratory Illness Trends- Sustained high acuity for NICU patients
- V-60 Transition Update- Still trialing multiple vents including:
 - Hamilton C-1
 - Bellavista
 - VC PRO
 - Nihon Khoden

Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center Nikki Wade, Clinical Specialist Cardiopulmonary

- 1 on call position
- Summertime A typical with higher respiratory census
- V-60 Transition-Continue the search for a replacement.

Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital-Admir Beganovic

- No update available

Kaiser Sunnyside and Kaiser Westside Medical Center-Matt Dryden

- No update available

Legacy Mt. Hood-Sharon Shaw

- No update available

Recommendations:

For the board to consider allowing the Regional Directors' quarterly reports be shared with all the regional RT Leadership in the state in an effort to facilitate connectedness and the expansion of their networks

Proposed OSRC action:

OSRC Website Update and Suggestions for Discussion



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Submitted by Nancy Nathenson
September 5, 2025

Current Budget: \$300

#1 ACTION REQUEST for Lewis Media

Add Board Member Credentials, Titles, and Workplace so they appear when floating over the photos.

Content provided in order of appearance on the Board Page:

Chris Galer, BS, RRT, RRT-ACCS

Renee Angstrom RRT, BSCHA

Tony T. Garberg CRT, RRT
Cardiopulmonary Services Manager
Good Shepherd Medical Center
Hermiston, Oregon

Tomer Pelleg
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Pulmonology/Critical Care
Good Samaritan Hospital
Corvallis, OR

Cathy Melero, MHA, RRT

Rachael Sims BS, RRT
Respiratory Therapist
Technician

Salem Hospital,
& Pulmonary Function Lab

Manya Kanavalov, RRT, BSRT, MPH, PDE
Respiratory Therapist
Salem Health

Jackie Williams, BS, RRT, RRT-ACCS
Clinical Specialist Supervisor
Salem Health Hospitals and Clinics

Melissa Pittenger, MSMS, BSRT, RRT-ACCS

Carrie Coffman RRT

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Respiratory Education Specialist
Nursing Professional Development
Asante Health System

Nancy A. Nathenson, RRT
Respiratory Care/Health Educator and Consultant
Lead Clinical Educator, TheCEPlace.com

Stacy O'Keeffe, RRT, RRT-ACCS, RRT-NPS
Adult Critical Care Specialist/ABG Specialist
Rogue Regional Medical Center and Ashland Community Hosp

Lauren Nielsen, BSRC, MSRC, RRT, RRT-NPS
Program Director Respiratory Care
Oregon Institute of Technology
Klamath Falls, OR

Dennis Williams, RRT Staff Therapist OHSU
Health Hillsboro Medical Center
Clinical Educator IQVIA-Novasyte

Mickie Hartley, BS, RRT, RRT-NPS
Neonatal/Pediatric Clinical Educator
Salem Health Hospitals and Clinics

Phillip Contreras RRT, BSRT, RRT-ACCS
Registered Respiratory Therapist,
Salem Health Medical Center
Sargeant, US Army Guard

[#2 ACTION REQUEST for Lewis Media](#)

Add this link to the STUDENT RESOURCES PAGE

<https://www.aarc.org/your-rt-career/career-advice/job-search-advice/must-have-skills-for-new-rt/#:~:text=Skills%20for%20New-,RTs>

[#3 ACTION REQUEST for Lewis Media](#)

Create [GET INVOLVED PAGE](#)

Priority: ELECTIONS



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Nomination and Election Committee members:

Need recruitment strategy for open positions

Consider using the executive board and regional directors

Create a recruitment flyer for distribution through:

- Regional RT Leadership, Social Media, Website

Some facilities have clinical advancement ladders (Adventist Health Portland)

OPEN ELECTED POSITIONS

Secretary (2026-2029) Currently Rachael Sims

Northeast Director (2026-2029) Currently Nancy Nathenson

Southern Director (2026-2029) Currently Carrie Coffman

Northwest Director (2026-2029) Currently **Vacant**

Central Director 1 of 2 Currently **Vacant**

NEED few more bullets as descriptor for Secretary

Secretary

- Term of Service 3 Years (2026-2029)
- **NEED MORE DESCRIPTORS HERE SUCH AS:**
- Keep and distribute the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings and the Annual Business Meeting;
- Execute the general correspondence to the members
- Maintain OSRC records
- Be an AARC Member and hold a RT license in the state of Oregon
- Attend and help with the annual OSRC conference
- Attend 75% of the Quarterly business meetings

Northeast Director

- Term of Service 3 Years (2026-2029)



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- Communicate with RT department leaders within the Northwest Territory
- [ADD: Compile Quarterly Reports with regional RT department updates](#)
- Be an AARC Member and hold a RT license in the state of Oregon
- Attend and help with the annual OSRC conference
- Attend 75% of the Quarterly business meetings.

Northwest Director

- Term of Service 3 Years (2026-2029)
- Communicate with RT department leaders within the Northwest Territory
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Central Director 1 of 2 open

[Interim Board Appointment to fill vacancy or hold election 2026?](#)

- Term of Service 3 Years (2026-2029??)
- Communicate with RT department leaders within the Central Territory
- Be an AARC Member and hold an RT license in the state of Oregon
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- Attend 75% of the Quarterly business meetings.

ELECTION PROCESS SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

[Elections announcement on the Website, Social Media and Email lists to include:](#)

- Positions open with descriptors and criteria for candidacy
- Date range of the campaign _Fall of 2025 Dates: _____
- Date range for voting _____
- Application process

Application Instructions for **ALL** Candidates:

[Could it be set up like the Scholarship Application Form through the website? Other ideas?](#)



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- **ALL** Candidates Submit the following:
 - Name, Address, Credentials, Email
 - Provide Oregon License#
 - Provide AARC Member#
 - **Photo-Head Shot**
 - **Letter of Intent to include**
 - Experience as an RT
 - Why they are running
 - How they will contribute in the role

When requirements are met:

- President will notify the candidate **via email?**

○ **Voting process?**

- How is this run? Event Brite? Survey Monkey? Other?
- How and to whom are ballots distributed?

- Ballots are then distributed, tabulated and If they win the seat President will notify them within_____?

BOARD APPOINTED POSITIONS – re-appointed as needed

NEED RECRUITMENT STRATEGY for all open positions

How are the positions selected?

NEED Descriptor of Board appointed positions in general

- **le; ex officio status ?? (non voter)?**
- Member of the AARC Hold an RT License in the state of Oregon
- Attend and help with the annual OSRC conference
- Attend 75% of the Quarterly business meetings
- **Work on assigned projects and make progress reports**

Committee Chairs-

- Education Chairs x 2 (**1 vacancy**)
 - Lauren Nielsen



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- - Membership Co-chairs x 2 (1 Vacancy)
 - Dennis Williams
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 - Social Media –(Vacant)
 - Acting Mickie Hartley
 - Public Awareness-
 - Mickie Hartley
 - Military Liaison
 - Phillip Contreras

EDUCATION CHAIR 1 of 2 Open

- Term: None
- Must be associated with an RT program in Oregon.
- Be an AARC Member and hold a RT license in the state of Oregon
- Attend and help with the annual OSRC conference
- Attend 75% of the Quarterly business meetings.
- Help coordinate student involvement, Scholarships, Poster Boards, and Silent Auction..
- Provide updates on HOSA events that are happening in Oregon.

MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR- 1 of 2 open

- Term None
- Be an AARC member and hold an RT license in the state of Oregon
- Attend and assist with the annual OSRC Conference
- Attend 75% of Quarterly business Meetings
- Develop and engage in recruitment strategies

HOSA CURRENTLY VACANT

- Term None
- Represent Oregon in the National HOSA committee
- Be an AARC Member and hold a RT license in the state of Oregon
- Attend and help with the annual OSRC conference

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE -Currently held by_____



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- Typically serves until graduation
- Expectations of service
 - Attend Board meetings
 - Other Assignments/projects
 - Act as a liaison between the OSRC and RT students

#4 ACTION REQUEST FOR LEWIS MEDIA

ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE GET INVOLVED PAGE

AARC, JOIN THE AARC <https://www.aarc.org/membership/leadership-governance/>

LINK TO MEMBERSHIP

<https://www.aarc.org/membership/?Token=eee8998a-8762-4667-913b-c323e3b907e2>

AARC CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

AARC House of Delegates HOD Summer and Winter Dates

- Closed meeting for delegates only

2025 HOD Summer Meeting-Annually

2025 HOD Winter Meeting-Annually

- December 4-5, 2025 (Thursday-Friday) Phoenix, AZ

AARC Summer Forum-Annually

2026- Bonita Springs, FL, July 13-15 (Mon-Wed)

2027 – July 14–16 (Wed–Fri), Austin, TX

- <https://www.aarc.org/events-and-programs/aarc-summer-forum/>

AARC International Congress-Annually

6-9 (Sat-Tues), Phoenix, AZ

2025 Dec

2026 Nov. 14–17 (Sat–Tue), New Orleans, LA

2027 - Nov. 6–9 (Sat–Tue), Seattle, WA

2028 - Nov. 7–10 (Tue–Fri), San

<https://www.aarc.org/events-and-programs/aarc-congress/>

<https://www.aarc.org/membership/state-societies/house-of-delegate-resources/>