

Hi to all,

As District 5 Representative to the WSRC, I've made a plan to provide a Spring Conference for the Respiratory Therapy students in Wisconsin. As we all know, our merger with Minnesota for a bi-state conference has been a huge success for both of our states, but as we are committed to having this year's conference in September, as was the 2007 conference, we may have short changed our students from participating in this event.

I realize that time is short, but with your feedback and assistance, I believe it is possible to provide a quality conference for the future Respiratory Therapists of our state. In fact, that's my responsibility as a District Rep and a member of the WSRC Board of Directors.

Please see the attached rough draft and send me your comments. I would also like to discuss this in the January 10 WSRC teleconference. Your support is appreciated.

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Rough Draft for April-May WSRC Student Conference

1.5 day conference

How about Kalahari Resort—Dells It's a big draw, more central for all and maybe we can get a very good rate. Contact Greg Spindler for help with the facility.

Funded as fully as possible by WSRC—one time expense
Not completely dependent on corporate sponsorship—may be able to help with food

Small entrance fee to promote students to attend
Not just limited to students, but they are the primary focus

All Wisconsin Respiratory Therapy Program Schools invited

Each school will contribute a 50 minute presentation—give all of us the best you've got. Ideas—MATC-Madison, interactive CXR from last year—how about a talk or 2 on the WI Disaster Relief Plan?—ABG interactive presentation-Q & A—NIPPV—Asthma Educator Certification.....Whatever it is that you think (and may already have prepared!!!) will best serve the future therapists of Wisconsin. Maybe in a breakout??

Debbie Hendrickson will obtain a speaker from the AARC to speak on the student's future, AARC membership and personal activity in our society, professionalism, etc.

We will obtain at least one other big name, dynamic speaker—MD, Quit Smoking from ALA, etc., to present.

As this is a state sponsored program, could we have an Official Wisconsin Student Sputum Bowl competition to select a team to represent our state in 2008 at the AARC International Congress in Anaheim? This way, we can assure that Wisconsin will have a team representing the state and give the students time to prepare. \$2500.00 for the winning team!! All schools should plan to participate this year.

Potential Difficulties

Time is running out...

Is the facility available? Will availability match the school calendars?

Can the educators still work a 2 day conference into their spring schedules?

Need a core group of people to get this set up.

Can each school provide a talk of some kind?

Notification and confirmation turn around time. Can use Pat Lee-AARC and website.

Will having a spring conference pull away attendance at the 2008 WI-MN conference in the fall? Is this something we want to provide?

Feedback, offers of assistance, suggestions are all welcome. Thanks.

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