

# ***AARC House of Delegate Winter Report***

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WSRC Delegates  
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## **AARC Reports**

### **Executive Director- Sam Giordano**

- The Joint Commission: Asked to join development of the standards for critical care.
- Grant has come available to develop the second version of the aerosol delivery guide.
- 2015 and beyond update: RC Journal will have discussion from first meeting- March 2009.

### **COO- Tom Kallstrom**

- Over 48,000 members this month.
- *Ethic Course* will be available to all new members or those who renew for free. The will receive 2 CRCE.
- *Peak Awareness Program* that will assist schools in the presence of asthma. Official launch 12/15.
- *Asthma Prep Course*- going on-line. Will increase access to members.
- *ASME: Asthma Recognition Program* will meet the expectations of CPT codes. Available 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009.
- *Webcasts*: Unlimited seating is now available.
- *Reimbursement College Part 2* has been released.
- *EPA Partnership*- There has been a grant extension from the EPA that will allow web-based presentations covering the expanding role of the RT in smoking cessation and allergy skin testing. Will be available first quarter 2009.

### **President- Tim Myers**

- 2009-2010 Goals & Objectives
  - Include Advocacy, Professional Excellence, Advancing the science and practice.
- 3 P Approach- Patient, Profession, Practitioner

### **Government Affairs**

- Legislative focus for 2009 will be the Medicare Respiratory Therapy Initiative that will add respiratory therapy services to the "medical and other health services" benefit category under Medicare Part B.
- Continue to actively lobby for designated funding that would support the development of a CDC-COPD Program. This request would provide money and specific requirements for the CDC to support the public health role in prevention, treatment, and management of COPD.

### **International Fellowship Program-John Hiser**

- 2008-46 applicants; 6 were accepted.
- Program has been in existence for 19 years. 51 countries, 125 fellows, and 87 host cities.
- WSRC Delegates presented \$200 for a total of

## **External Organizations**

### **NBRC**

- Sleep Disorders Testing will be launched on 12/15.
- Adult Critical Care Job Analysis will be conducted in early 2009 of those who received the credential at least 3 years ago.
- Change in reinstatement for expired credentials- a six month grace period for individuals whose credential expire to document their CE, pay a fee of \$250 and waive the requirement to retake and pass the respective examinations.

### **CoARC**

- 372 accredited Respiratory Care Programs; 30 certified level programs, 342 registry level programs.

- Total combined graduates for 2007 for all programs= 6762 (5.8% increase from 2006).
- CoARC will be separating its relationship with CAAHEP. Making CoARC becoming the responsible party for all accreditation decisions.

## AARC Committees

### **Membership**

- Active membership 6 month increase of 3.4%; current membership 38,199.
- 29% of licensed RT's are AARC members.
- Only 4 states can say that their affiliate represents the majority.
- State goal should be to have at least 50% membership a top goal.

### **Management and Education**

- Human resource survey will be done in 2009.
- CRCE enhancement- Certificate from congress will report specific sessions attended.
- Other CRCE Opportunities:
  - 2009 Professor's Rounds- Topics available on AARC website.
  - Webcast- 20 events are scheduled for 2009.
- Healthcare Delivery in Current Recession:
  - Hiring freeze
  - Layoffs
  - Increased focus on statistics
  - Use of consulting firms
- AARC Benchmarking System- assists in justification of current staffing levels.

## Resolutions

**#94-08-24** Resolved that the AARC provide the option of direct deposit of state affiliate's quarterly revenue sharing checks into the affiliate's checking account. **PASSED** Referred to the executive office for specifics of resolution.

**#80-08-25** 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. **WITHDRAWN**

## Prior Resolution Tracking

**#16-08-01** "Resolve that the AARC indicate on the current affiliate membership report whether and individual member has provided an e-mail address, whether they opt to share the address and whether the address is active (no bounce back)." **Not feasible at this time due to expense and current system is unable to handle this request. As new systems are developed, this issue will be considered.**

**#44-08-02** "Resolve that the AARC CRCE application process and member transcript be modified to separately break out the hours devoted to specific course content categories to ensure the usefulness of the transcript in reporting to state licensure boards." **Board concern that this isn't feasible with current system. Defeated by the AARC BOD. AARC BOD is considering alternative options with this issue. Will be discussed at July AARC BOD mtg.**

## Best Practice

- Kansas- Sputum Bowl participation.
- Pennsylvania- Development of chartered affiliate policy and procedure manual.

## Speaker-Elect BOD Update

## Other

### **Polysomnography**