

AARC House of Delegate Summer Forum

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WSRC Delegates

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AARC Reports

COO- Tom Kallstrom

- *High School Guidance Counselors*- assist with promotion of profession to high school students. Tom is looking for assistance from the membership in Wisconsin.
- *Peak Awareness Program* that will assist schools in the presence of asthma. Watch for information on the AARC website that will provide tools for school nurses, teachers, and RTs.
- *Asthma Recognition Program* will meet the expectations of CPT codes. Will need to have Asthma Certification.
- *Webcasts* can now accommodate 2,000 live seats.
- *Spirometry Driver License*- competency training/testing for office based spirometry labs projected to be available by December 2008.

President- Toni Rodriguez

- Importance of our role in patient advocacy.
- Our ability to influence
 - Team members
 - Co-workers
 - Students
 - Community of Interest
- Discussion about environmental factors of the healthcare environment; e.g. chronic disease management, price competition, 3rd party payers, reimbursement changes.

International Fellowship Program-John Hiser

- 46 applicants; 6 chosen for this years program include Nigeria, Peru, Mexico, Norway, Hong Kong, China.
- 23 host city applicants. Madison will be the 2nd host city for Fiona NG, RN from Kowloon, Hong Kong.

American Respiratory Care Foundation

- Presented the 42nd Respiratory Care journal Conference “Controversies and Emergency Concepts of Non-Invasive Ventilation in Acute Care” March 7-8

2015 & Beyond-Bill Dubbs

- 2008 spring conference-first of three scheduled conference. 37 stakeholders there will be a paper on the topics of this conference that will be submitted to a peer review journal. This information will assist to set the discussion of the next conference of the future role of a Respiratory Therapist.

AARC Committees

Membership

- 13% increase since December 2007 meeting.
- Membership Survey-continue fee & low cost CRCE offerings. Investigate offering of benefits and services- cell phone, vacations. Help line underutilized.
- Recommendation that every state has a non-membership list.
- Goal increase membership by 15%.

BOMA

- Issues to address include barriers to protocols and a look into military status for respiratory therapist.

CoARC

- 400 accredited Respiratory Care Programs; 32 certified level programs, 368 registry level programs.
- Begun 5 year review of *Standards*.

Resolutions

- **Resolution: 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).” **PASSED BOD will refer to Executive office for implementation.**
- **Resolution: 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.” **PASSED** Referred to Executive office for details to implement, e.g. cost, details.
- **Resolution: 06-08-03** “Resolve that the AARC increase membership dues \$5 beginning January 1, 2009.” **DEFEATED**
- **Resolution: 22-08-04** “Resolved that the AARC create an ad hoc committee to investigate and recommend the feasibility of creating an AARC student leadership initiative.” **PASSED** Referred back to HOD to develop a proposal detailing goals and action plan.
- **Resolution: 29-08-05** “Resolved that the AARC engage the NBRC in discussions aimed at reducing the significant cost barrier to participation in the Registry credentialing program, with the ultimate goal being that the total cost to candidates qualified to participate in the Registry credentialing program not exceed that required of qualified candidates for participation the Certification credentialing program.” **PASSED** Referred to the President to contact the NBRC to educate the HOD the rational for their fee structure.

Prior Resolution Tracking

E-Voting

- Sherry Milligan reported back on resolution HR 94-06-19 “That the AARC develop the process for the chartered affiliates to have the option of online voting for state elections.”
- Option for states to use voting on demand. No need for state license fee for use, due to the state relationship with AARC. Vod.votenet.com.
- State affiliation will have full assistance of Voting on Demand staff.
- AARC will send out up to 3 emails to state membership for voting details and guidance.
- State affiliate will be responsible for formatting and uploading state membership.

AARC Budget

- HR 04-07-23 “Resolved that the house of Delegates will receive the proposed AARC Budget on the first day of the fall HOD meeting.”
- Colleen Schabacker-AARC Treasurer provided a final update at the Summer HOD meeting.
- HOD discussed the importance for us to receive financial update on the dollars spent and needed in the disaster relief fund- this level of detail will be provided at future meetings.

HR 94-07-24

- “Resolved that the AARC provide a discussion blog on the website for the purpose of posting relative and important information to submitted resolutions in advance of the HOD meetings.” **AARC is investigating the feasibility to have a blog site, including rules and restrictions.**

Open Mic

- **Bill Bitzel Scholarship Fund:** Goal needed to get the fund to \$50,000; this is the amount for seed money. Request from all societies to help the fund. This fund will be used for all states to access to assist with the development of student training opportunities.

Best Practice

Nebraska Society

- Used website to offer a department showcase. Promotes the organization and provides an opportunity to recognize the Therapist is that department. This was facilitated by Public Affairs division of the board.

Virginia Society

- Discussed some tools that were developed to assist state board members for success. Created templates for each elected position and chair. The VSRC have offered their templates to other societies, they will be available on the HOD website.

Georgia Society

- GSRC Magazine- see sample provided by society. Benefit of a hard copy is to be used as a marketing tool that those non-members are able to see what the state society is doing and how could they can be involved. Alabama sends to senators and representatives.

Connections with State Medical Boards and Associations

- What are we doing in these efforts for communications? Use these relationships to strengthen our profession and position of our state society.

Speaker-Elect BOD Update

Round tables

Physician Protocols

30 minute medication window

Ad Hoc Committee

- Student Leadership/Mentorship committee formed as a result of Resolution: 22-08-04