

WSRC Committee/Officer/Report

Committee/Officer: Delegate Report

Person Completing report: Bill Pupanek/Deb Hendrickson

Date: October 31, 2007

Summary of Report for Web Site (50 words or less):

Please review the current resolutions that will be discussed at the HOD Meeting on November 29-30, 2007. I will be requesting the WSRC BOD for input to be for, against, or more information required to vote on these resolutions. Thank you, Bill and Deb

#04-07-23

Resolution Author: Bill Pruitt

Author's State: Alabama

Co-Sponsors and Their States: Dan Maddalino FL, Jim Lanoha, LA

"Resolved that the House of Delegates (HOD) will receive the proposed AARC budget on the first day of the HOD meeting in December. On the next day of the meeting the HOD will vote regarding the proposed budget."

Rationale:

Rationale/justification: According to the AARC bylaws, the purpose of the HOD is to a.) serve as a representative body of the general membership and the representative body of the Chartered Affiliates of the Association; b.) participate in the establishment of the goals and objectives for the Association; and c.) to participate in the governance of the Association. The AARC budget is designed to enable the Association to maximize the level of service to the membership and the profession while maintaining sufficient capital reserves to assure a sound financial future. (from the AARC Delegate Handbook) The current review and approval process for the HOD does not allow sufficient time to allow for adequate processing, understanding, and discussion of the budget. This directly affects the ability of the HOD to carry out the purpose mentioned above. By allowing more time to review and discuss the budget, the vote by the HOD will be based on suitable, unhurried deliberation. Due to the proprietary nature of the information, it is suggested that the BOD and the HOD established a policy in the AARC Rules regarding this change in the review and approval process of the budget; namely that the delegates receiving the budget will be obligated to hold this information in strictest confidence and that none of the details will be made known to others. Any House member who is suspected of violating this policy may be subject to having a formal complaint filed with the Judicial Committee. Any member found to be in violation of this policy will be denied seating in the House and the members status shall be reported to the President of his/her society.

Impact of Resolution: General Membership, HOD, Affiliates, AARC Officers & BOD

Implementation Cost: 0

Ongoing Cost: 0

Relationship to AARC Strategic Plan: Increase organizational effectiveness

#94-07-24

Resolution Author: Brian Walsh

Author's State: Virginia

Co-Sponsors and Their States: None

"Resolved that the AARC develop a list of suggested competencies and equipment that Respiratory Therapy departments may use as a guideline in order to prepare for Pandemic or Mass Casualty situations."

Rationale:

In the event of a Pandemic episode or mass casualty situation respiratory therapists will be called upon to assist in the care of many victims. After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Virginia Tech shootings, and the natural forces of hurricane Katrina our eyes have been open to the devastation and destruction that can happen. Yet today we, as the respiratory therapy community, are no better prepared for another disaster. Preparation is high on the list of every disaster center, but direction is lacking. There are basic competencies, equipment, and agreements that respiratory therapists should maintain. This level of competency should be consistent throughout all areas of the country regardless of the size or location of the facility. The AARC, as the professional organization of the respiratory therapist, should help develop these competencies so when the next crisis occurs the profession will provide the best possible patient care.

Impact of Resolution: General Membership, Affiliates

Implementation Cost: Approximately \$8000 for travel to get a team together to develop the competencies

Ongoing Cost: 0

Relationship to AARC Strategic Plan: Develop human resources

#94-07-25

Resolution Author: Debra Skees

Co-Sponsors and Their States: tbd

"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."

Rationale:

It is not uncommon that when arriving at HOD meeting, the delegate hears additional pertinent information during the discussion of the resolutions that might have changed the way an affiliate would have directed their vote. This blog would provide an opportunity for the delegate to better prepare for the resolution process by obtaining more in-depth

facts and information for consideration. The access to additional info, perspectives- both pro and con, would allow the delegate to share with affiliate leadership/membership in advance of the meeting, allow complete discussion/disclosure of the extenuating facts and determine a more confident vote reflecting the membership position.

The intention of this resolution is not to replace the face to face discourse but to augment the discussion by proactively preparing HOD members with a deeper level of understanding of resolutions.

Impact of Resolution: General Membership, HOD, Affiliates

Implementation Cost: TBD

Ongoing Cost: TBD

Relationship to AARC Strategic Plan: Increase organizational effectiveness

Committee Chairs/Officers

Date	Activity	Discussion
7/16-7/17	AARC HOD Summer Forum, Reno NV	
9/19-9/21	NRCC, Wisconsin Dells, WI	

Board Participation

Dates of Meetings Attended
5/9/07 WSRC BOD
6/7/07 WSRC BOD
8/9/07 WSRC BOD
9/18/2007 WSRC BOD

Other report Items: