



# THE NEBRASKA SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

A Chartered Affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Care

*Mission Statement: To promote the advancement of the Respiratory Care Profession through patient advocacy, collaboration and education throughout the State of Nebraska.*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008      **Time:** 10:00 (called to order @ 1015)      **Location:** St. Francis Medical Center

**Officers:** Darcy O'Brien-Genrich -P      Bruce Campbell-P      Jeff Shelton-P      Jill Sand-A      Dave Patterson-P  
 Linda Nelson -P      Tim Kelly-A      Nancy Nathenson-P      Bill Bonner-P      Charlotte Pasco-P  
 John Jarosz -A      Jenny Bush-P      Dr. John Spencer-A  
**Committee Chair:** Jeff Gonzales-A      Kathy Geier-Craft-A      Keith Luedders-A  
 Candy Ryan-A      Sheri Trindle-P      Annette Sorensen-A

P-Present    A-Absent

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action Steps	Time line
Introductions with goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Members present introduced themselves and gave one goal they wanted to see the NSRC achieve. A common theme was noted with the goals being: connection, professional growth, increased membership and involvement, and statewide networking.</li> </ul>		
Minutes Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Linda reported. The minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Typos were noted and corrected.</li> </ul>	Bruce moved to accept the minutes and Nancy seconded. Motion carried.	
Budget Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Darcy reported that minor changes were made such as paying \$3000 for vouchers with some leeway for making or losing money.</li> <li>□ PACT member voting ends today and that will change the budget a little if the voting is favorable to add a third PACT member.</li> <li>□ Sputum bowl budgeted amount may not be used.</li> <li>□ Jenny stated that a revenue sharing check issued in May 2007 has not been cashed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Bill moved to accept the budget and Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.</li> <li>□ Jenny will check with Pat Lee about a reissue of the check and Darcy will check with John Wright and see if he has the uncashed check.</li> </ul>	

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Mission Statement Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="327 139 1161 277">□ Bruce opened discussion suggesting that the wording be changed to “...<i>through patient advocacy by collaboration and education throughout the state of NE.</i>”</li> <li data-bbox="327 280 1161 537">□ Darcy stated that the original goal was to keep collaboration a global goal. Discussion was held and it was decided upon to switch the order of patient advocacy and collaboration. The statement then would read as follows: “...<i>through patient advocacy, collaboration, and education throughout the state of Nebraska.</i>”</li> <li data-bbox="327 540 1161 607">□ Nancy discussed the idea of adding the word growth to the mission statement.</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="1186 139 1646 240">A motion was made by Jenny to accept the mission statement as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="1203 243 1671 500"><i>The Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care’s mission is to promote the advancement of the Respiratory Care profession through patient advocacy, collaboration, and education throughout the state of Nebraska.</i></p> <p data-bbox="1186 503 1614 532">Bill seconded. Motion carried.</p>	

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Goals for 2008-2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="327 139 1150 573"> <p>□ Goal #1 – Education – To promote Respiratory Care and provide educational tools to the state of Nebraska.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="369 212 1150 315">1. Distribute basic education materials to persons interested in Respiratory Care. Tools: Number of packets handed out at job fairs.</li> <li data-bbox="369 323 1150 461">2. Increase telehealth system network utilization, i.e.- Respiratory Care Week programs, board meetings, ed. Programs and web casts. Tools:calender of events.</li> <li data-bbox="369 469 982 500">3. Continued delivery of the State Meeting.</li> <li data-bbox="369 508 1150 573">4. Community education to families and caregivers in need of specific services related to respiratory care.</li> </ol> </li>   <li data-bbox="327 613 1150 938"> <p>□ Goal #2 – Patient Advocacy – To facilitate patient advocacy as a society by encouraging optimal respiratory health, patient wellness and safety.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="369 724 890 755">1. Support disease specific camps</li> <li data-bbox="369 763 1150 826">2. Collaborate with the ALA and AHA to promote respiratory care.</li> <li data-bbox="369 834 926 865">3. Provide free spirometry screening.</li> <li data-bbox="369 873 1150 938">4. Monitor and support legislation to assure lung health in NE.</li> </ol> </li>   <li data-bbox="327 979 1150 1377"> <p>□ Goal #3 – Collaboration – To expand collaboration through communication among Respiratory Therapists and multidisciplinary professionals as well as to all relationships with in organizations and associations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="369 1125 1150 1188">1. Involvement of AARC Board members at the state meeting.</li> <li data-bbox="369 1196 1150 1260">2. Continued relationship with the NE licensure board.</li> <li data-bbox="369 1268 1150 1377">3. Measure involvement with attendance at leadership meetings. Offer leadership meetings via telehealth network.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		

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NSRC Student Job Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Darcy reported that she looked at different facilities for potential job fair and decided that Mahoney would be a neutral place for both Lincoln and Omaha students. This event would be sponsored by the NSRC but have different health care facilities pay a small amount to set up individual booths.</li> <li>□ Topics that could be offered that day include a panel discussion by board members about their involvement in the NSRC, resume writing, professionalism, and different job options in the field of respiratory care.</li> <li>□ Hospitals would have the chance to promote their facilities and available positions one on one with participants through their booths.</li> <li>□ The event would be sponsored by the NSRC to keep it an unbiased event versus one promoted by a specific hospital or school.</li> <li>□ Bill suggested that the fair be held in conjunction with the next board meeting to cut down on travel expense.</li> </ul>	Darcy will let board members know the available times and dates for the job fair and will post a volunteer list.	ASAP
Directors Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Nancy sent out communication to leaders in her area and solicited feedback for the meeting dates and agenda ideas. She is waiting for feedback on dates and then will hold a meeting in September at Bryan Memorial.</li> <li>□ Bill reported that there is a tentative meeting planned in September in Holdrege. He is looking at a plan to involve more managers in his area.</li> <li>□ Bruce suggested a joint meeting between Lincoln and Omaha vs. segregation but invite everyone. Tim and Nancy to collaborate with RT's in their area.</li> <li>□ Darcy reminded the directors to include home care and educational leaders in the meetings.</li> </ul>	Bruce suggested that Darcy send an email to all members regarding leadership meetings for directors and also promote an "open forum" session at job fair for NSRC members.	

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Delegates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="327 139 1161 386">□ Jenny passed out a draft and information form the July 2008 House Meeting in Phoenix Arizona. (See the attached document for complete report and results of resolutions.) Highlights include: AARC membership as of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 is 46,000. 13,000 CRCE have been awarded as of June 2008. There have been 187,000 downloads on the Aerosol guidance book.</li> <li data-bbox="327 389 1161 748">□ <b>Advocacy:</b> MSU will again traveled across the country and Kathy Gier-Kraft will be working on getting them to Lincoln, Omaha, and North Platte. The Medicare Respiratory Initiative didn't make it to the floor, so it will need to be re-addressed next year. DOT ruled that patients can carry approved portable O2 concentrators when they fly but will still need medical certificates and advanced notice of travel. AARC participated in 10 Joint Commission field reviews. Round table discussion was held.</li> <li data-bbox="327 751 1161 971">□ <b>Projects:</b> Current projects include; Peak Performance, Reimbursement College II, Benchmarking, RC journal and since its acceptance into Index Medicus, there has been a marked increase in submissions for publication. AARC offers a list of press releases and newswire items.</li> <li data-bbox="327 974 1161 1562">□ <b>Federal Government affairs:</b> Miriam O'Day is the AARC director of legislative affairs, and is AARC representative on Capital Hill. Current legislation includes the Medicare Respiratory Initiative Act HR398/2704 and The Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Act, HR552/S329. Cheryl West monitors all state activities for legislation specifically affecting respiratory therapy licensure. However, if there are issues in our state, it is our responsibility to examine and determine if there is an impact. Jenny made a specific note on the 30 minute medication delivery rule. The AARC was informed of a situation in NC in which state surveyors cited several hospitals for noncompliance with federal medication administration standards because the RT departments were not administering inhalation drugs within 30 minutes before or after the standard administration time established</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="1186 139 1682 461">Recommendations made by AARC: We strengthen our process to evaluate these legislation and regulation issues, and determine if they impact respiratory care or not. Jenny wasn't aware at this time whether we had a formal state "watch dog". Do we need a formal position?</p>	

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Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Report was submitted by Jeff G. Data base is up to date in regard to members, to date with 1752 entries. Awaiting last info from the vendors at state meeting. Total members = 474 (a decrease of 5% from previous month.) Active Associate Members = 404 (down from 422) Physician Members = 4 (down from 5) Active Industrial Members = 11, Active Student Members = 46 (down from 54) Active Special Members = 9.</li> <li>□ 37 vouchers remain from the second 40 we purchased. To date there have been a few request for additional vouchers with no requests from BOD/</li> </ul>	Jeff will be drafting a short article for website to let people know we have additional vouchers. We can use the same verbiage from last email we sent.	
Treasure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Dave reported on the treasures report (see attached report). He stated that this report is still under Bruce's budget.</li> </ul>	Bruce made a motion to approve treasures report, Jenny seconded. Motion carried.	
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Sherri reported that there were not any changes and she would welcome new ideas for the web site.</li> <li>□ She encouraged calender participation from the hospitals across the state.</li> <li>□ Bruce suggested that Darcy, through Pat Lee, put out a weekly reminder to members about what programs are available weekly.</li> </ul>		
Public Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Kathy submitted a report asking for volunteers for the fall spirometry screening event.</li> </ul>	Please contact Kathy if you can help.	
Plan for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Darcy will try to coordinate a date for the next meeting with the student fair.</li> </ul>		
Adjourn meeting	Meeting adjourned at 1316	Dave moved to adjourn the meeting and Linda seconded. Motion carried.	
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