



# 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 collaboration, education and patient advocacy throughout the State of Nebraska.*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010      **Time:** 13:00      **Location:** Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital

**Officers:** Bruce Campbell-P      Darcy O'Brien-Genrich-A      Chris Hamilton-P      Sheri Trindle-P      Dave Patterson-P  
 Linda Nelson -P      Tim Kelly-P      Nancy Nathenson-P      Bill Bonner-P      Charlotte Pasco-P  
 John Jarosz-A      Jenny Bush-P

**Committee Chair:** Bob Sayers      Kathy Geier-Craft      Marcy Wyrens      Dr. Lee Morrow      Megan Mescher  
 Annette Sorenson      Charlotte Pasco      Darcy O'Brien-Genrich      Medical Director      Jenny Bush  
 Joe Rush      Linda Nelson      Nancy Nathanson      Russell Sindelar      Mike Stoakes  
 Dave Patterson      John Jarosz      Chris Hamilton

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Call to Order And Minutes Approval	President Bruce Campbell called the meeting to order at 1300. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed	Jenny B moved to accept the minutes as written and Dave P. seconded, motion carried.	
Review of Agenda	Chris H. added agenda item International Fellow Program for discussion. Bill B. added agenda item LB 999 for discussion.		
LB 999	Bill Bonner introduced current legislation, LB 999, to the group and read the bill as well as discussed its potential impact on the field of respiratory care. LB 999 was co-authored by Senator Hadley and was introduced by Senator Campbell of Lincoln. "The purpose is to reissue revised statutes of NE; to provide for a two-year moratorium on new hospital licenses as prescribed; and to repeal the original section...The departments shall not	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill made a motion to have the NSRC lobbyists give support for LB 999. Sheri T. seconded. Further discussion was held and Jenny added a friendly amendment to the motion to have the lobbyists	Email discussion and voting to end by noon on February 18 <sup>th</sup> .

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	<p>accept an application or issue a license for a new hospital beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, and continuing through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, except that this prohibition shall not apply to an application for a license as a critical access hospital.”</p> <p>Discussion points brought up by the group included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bill B. is requesting a voice from the NSRC via our lobbyists in support of LB 999.</li> <li>○ Does not affect Critical access hospitals.</li> <li>○ Certificate of Need in the State of NE. What is the current healthcare situation in NE is there a need for more hospitals? Possibly to slow down the competition in healthcare until the needs of the state and communities are assessed. Smaller hospitals depend upon the larger regional hospitals and if the regional facilities are jeopardized by increasing “for profit” smaller hospitals in the area, critical services for the rural hospitals could be negatively impacted.</li> <li>○ February 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a hearing on the proposed bill.</li> <li>○ Jenny called for some more clarification and research feeling that we need to investigate more regarding who benefits and who is impacted negatively.</li> <li>○ Chris was curious about the history of why the Certificate of Need for the state had changed in the first place.</li> <li>○ Respiratory profession would benefit from having regional facilities that would support the services of respiratory therapists rather than several smaller specialty hospitals. It is feared that these smaller hospitals would decrease the need for respiratory services by combining the respiratory scope of practice with the nursing field or other medical professions.</li> <li>○ Concerns were brought up regarding how this bill would affect the smaller specialty hospitals that were</li> </ul>	<p>investigate and provide more information on the bill and then decide whether or not to support. Chris H seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ After much discussion, motion was retracted and Bruce decided that everyone is to investigate on their own, with expediency, and then we will do an electronic vote. All voted yes to this decision. Motion lift carried.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>in the current building processed. From the understanding, it was that this bill would not affect those facilities that were currently in the building process, only those that wish to start after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.</p>		
International Fellow	<p>Chris H. reported that the application for the international fellow is available. Joe Rush is our contact.</p>	<p>We need to email Joe, jrush@madonna.org, if we would like to be part of that. .</p>	<p>The application is due June, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010</p>
State Meeting	<p>Charlotte reported on the progress of the State Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Wednesday: Golf in the morning (Bill will be the point of contact). Speakers may include Vest training, Vapotherm training, and Patient Safety Net. The Sputum bowl will be that evening and then to round out the night there will be a Casino night using “funny money.”</li> <li>□ Thursday speaker topics include, Palliative Care, Nanobugs, StO2 monitoring, Phrenic Pace Makers. Then that evening will be Sputum Bowl finals as well as the Awards Banquet. There will also be a dance that evening by “Personics”.</li> <li>□ Friday speaker topics include Legal and Ethical Issues, Management of the Septic Patient and Inhalation Injuries.</li> <li>□ Vendor letters went out via e-mail and Charlotte has already received six back.</li> <li>□ Letter for the outstanding therapist needs to be completed. It was discussed as to where to put this information: 1-on the registration form, 2-As a separate insert, or 3-an individual letter sent out to the hospitals or NSRC members. Charlotte will decide on which action is best.</li> <li>□ Scholarship criteria will be sent to the schools.</li> <li>□ New guidelines have yet to be received for the Sputum Bowl. Sputum Bowl discussion addressing the number of student teams allowed. It was decided that the number of teams should not be limited but starting</li> </ul>		

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	<p>earlier with single elimination may be the solution, but this will be dependant upon the number of teams registered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte needs someone willing to organize the Sputum Bowl. Chris H. and Tim will be co-organizers with the help of Charlotte. A clarification of rules will need to be reviewed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is it ok to raise the cost of the event by 10% due to the addition of a speaker or shall we keep it the same. Bill suggested that we add a cost to Wednesday's lineup.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts, should we continue to offer those at the meeting? Discussion was held and it was agreed upon to have t-shirts available for purchase. It will be up to Charlotte to decide whether or not to offer those on the registration form.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tim brought up reducing the price for the students, which was discussed and agreed upon as long as their price covered the minimum cost of the food.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vendor booth skirts have been ordered.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sheri T. brought up the idea for reducing the booth price for non-profit organizations for future years.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bill B. stated that for the past three years there has not been a Sputum Bowl Team from NE represented at Nationals. We as an organization need to be represented as a lot of effort is put into the Sputum Bowl at the State level</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bruce asked that the first through third place finishers in the Sputum Bowl be kept track of so that we can send a team. Deadline for a commitment for National participation needs to be set so that arrangements can be made.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Sputum Bowl trophy needs to be located so that it can be checked for space availability for logging the winning team.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Registration will all be electronic and Jill has agreed</li> </ul>		

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PACT Meeting	Linda N. and Nancy N. reported that appointments had been made, with the exception of Senator Johanns and Adrian Smith.	PACT Meeting will take place March, 8 & 9, 2010 in Washington D.C.																					
Membership	<p>Bob Sayers report via email is as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="327 321 1014 505"> <tr> <td>411</td> <td>Active Members</td> <td>26</td> <td>Inactive</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Industrial Members</td> <td>0</td> <td>Inactive</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Physician Members</td> <td>1</td> <td>Inactive</td> </tr> <tr> <td>94</td> <td>Student Members</td> <td>11</td> <td>Inactive</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Special Members</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Total of 517 active members with 39 being inactive. There are currently 16 vouchers remaining.</p>	411	Active Members	26	Inactive	6	Industrial Members	0	Inactive	2	Physician Members	1	Inactive	94	Student Members	11	Inactive	3	Special Members				
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Nominations and Elections	Bruce thanked Annette Sorensen and Mike Stoakes for their hard work. Ballots had been sent.																						
Bi-Laws	Chris reported that she does have some copies of policy and procedure related to things that are outside of the bi-laws so that if there are things or procedures that need to be changed to help train new people in. This came about with the affiliate best practices committee.																						
House of Delegates	<p>Chris briefly reported about a HOD list serve topic dealing with Medical director's involvement. At this time she does not have any detailed information available but will send out more as she receives it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jenny proposed that we have a luncheon with Dr. Morrow, our Medical Director, so that we can meet him. This could possible take place at the State Meeting, as he is one of the speakers.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bruce clarified that Medical Directors are chosen every two years.</li> </ul>																						
New Business	<p><b>Education Topic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nancy brought up the suggestion of having more teleconference education to reach out to RT's.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bruce felt that if we had a couple earlier in the year as not to interfere with the Creighton Conference and</li> </ul>																						

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	<p>State meeting. Teleconferencing would definitely help with attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Nancy would like to be involved in outreach teleconferencing education. She suggested utilizing our own resources. She has several presentations that she can share.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lobbyist:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ A concern was brought to Bruce to ask lobbyists to attend a board of directors meeting, especially one held in Lincoln. This would bring accountability to the group as well as give them an opportunity to tell us what they are doing for us. It was suggested that Dr. Morrow be at the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Elections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Bruce saw an email from the HOD regarding Ohio investigating the possibility of having elections and voting online for the Board of Directors.</li> </ul> <p><b>Attendance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Bruce had a concern about personal attendance at the BOD meetings. Discussion was held that actual attendance was up due to the actual connection</li> <li>□ Nancy suggested that a selection of dates be proposed versus just the one meeting date.</li> <li>□ Question was would it be better to have personal attendance or is it ok to conference call. Conference calling has increased actual attendance but has decreased physical connection.</li> <li>□ To have a statewide board it will be necessary to offer an alternate option such as conference calling.</li> </ul>		
Licensure Review	Bruce reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting there will be one forthcoming. Jenny Bush has been added to the committee.		
Treasure's Report	Dave reported on the state of the budget: Submitted bills had been paid. Dave also reported that he will keep an eye on the balance over the next couple of	Bill made a motion to accept the treasure's report and Linda seconded. Motion carried.	

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	months and pull what is necessary to avoid overdraft troubles.		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1453.	Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nancy accepted.	

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Nelson, Recording Secretary