



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: January 30th, 2009 **Time:** 0900 **Location:** Telephone Conference

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

P-Present A-Absent

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Minutes Approval	Minutes from the November 14 th , 2008 meeting were reviewed. Bill moved to accept the minutes and Nancy seconded.	Minutes were approved as written.	
State Meeting	Jill reported: <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor letters have been sent out and a copy emailed to board members to pass along to vendors that may have been missed. <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers are confirmed with the exception of one. <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment has been set with a version of "Respiratory Idol" to be Wed. night and a hypnotist for Thursday night. <input type="checkbox"/> Menus have been set. <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn with additional contacts made at the Hampton and the Wingate. <input type="checkbox"/> Online registration is in the process of being arranged. Paper registration and mailings will still go out and be	Online Registration: <input type="checkbox"/> A test run will be held sometime between mid-February and March for the board members to try to be sure that it works prior to opening it up to participants. LCD monitor purchase: <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate the pricing options to purchase our own projector. E-mail discussion on findings and suggestions.	LCD purchase: <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate options and discuss via e-mail prior to March meeting or bring findings for discussion to March meeting. Five Year Contract: <input type="checkbox"/> Review at March meeting.

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	<p>accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jill also gave a summary of presenters and the layout of the conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees for the conference will be \$150.00 for AARC members, \$300.00 for Non-members and \$60 for students. Discounts will be given to sputum bowl participants. <input type="checkbox"/> Judges for sputum bowl still need to be found. <input type="checkbox"/> Question was brought up regarding the board purchase of a LCD monitor to be used for NSRC events. <input type="checkbox"/> 5 year contract proposals with Ramada Inn and Holiday Inn for future conference meetings are currently being investigated. Jill will share proposals with the board as they are relayed to her. She is finding that there are extras included with the 5 year planning. Both the Holiday Inn and Ramada Inn are willing to rotate conference locations but the extras in both hotels are seen in the consistency of holding the meeting at one or the other. 	<p>Five Year Contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Jill will e-mail those proposals for board members to review. <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate surrounding States' annual meeting dates. 	
<p>AARC Meeting</p> <p>PACT Meeting Update</p>	<p>Darcy reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Very good meeting, attendance was down, which was anticipated. <input type="checkbox"/> Mini PACT meeting update was regarding RT Medicare Initiatives, which would allow for Respiratory Care Practitioners to be physician extenders which would eliminate the need for a physician to be in-house at the time of services. <input type="checkbox"/> PACT meeting will be March 9-10 in Washington, D.C. She is looking for volunteers from the 2nd and 3rd Districts to participate. Those interested need to call and speak with Darcy. 		

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House of Delegates Update	<p>John reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Encourage participation in contacting representatives at both the state and national level. Members are encouraged to be very active in sending correspondence in support of topics that affect Respiratory Care. <p>Jenny reported:</p> <p>Please see attached report for details.</p> <p>Jenny highlighted the following points from the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Jenny also encouraged all to become more politically involved. This can be done by having support letters available for signatures available at all gatherings especially the state meeting where the volume of participants is high. □ AARC web casts have been opened up to multiple attendees making participation unlimited. □ Legislative affairs: Ensure participation in the 435 plan. With the changes in Washington, it is recommended that each state examine and polish off their plans. The impact of the 435 plan was demonstrated with the passage of the pulmonary rehab bill. □ The Medicare Part B initiative will allow therapist to see patients on our own under the direction of a physician as a physician extender, this it is a must that this passes through legislation. The changes in the system need to be useful so the patients will have more access to respiratory therapists. Part B will only include therapists with a BS degree, a condition set forth by the federal government. Part B will include therapists delivering care where physicians do, including skilled nursing facilities and the home. □ Project 2015 held their 1st conference. 2015 is looking to what the respiratory therapist will be doing in 2015. Forecast and creating an environment so that students and therapists will be prepared for the work environment □ Resolutions: 		

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	<p>#94-08-24 “Resolved that the AARC provide the option of direct deposit of state affiliate’s quarterly revenue sharing checks into affiliate’s checking accounts.” by New Jersey. We did a friendly amendment to include notification of the states president upon deposit of the check. Discussion went to include the state’s treasurer. The amendment was defeated. The original measure passed. States would and should know based on the bank balance. AARC would likely send out a notice anyway, we did not have to mandate it.</p> <p>#80-08-25 Resolve that the AARC chartered Affiliates Handbook 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. Florida. This resolution was withdrawn. No discussion.</p> <p>□ NBRC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The sleep specialty exam is available since Dec 15th. Applicants must be CRT or RRT with add on sleep curriculum. They will receive acronym SDS “sleep Disorders specialist” 2) An adult critical care specialty exam is being created. 3) CRT and RRT credentialing exams are being updated with new content. 4) NBRC has new policies regarding the continuing competency assessment. To retrain credentials, members must retest every 5 years, take an exam at a higher level within 5 years, or over a 5-year period obtain 30 CRCEs. These can be spread out between the content for multiple credentials. (If a practitioner has RRT - NPS and 		

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	<p>RPFT. The CRCE would need to be divided among the requirements for each certification credential. RRT - 10, NPS - 10, RPFT- 10 as example) Renewal fees will change with the cap at \$125.</p> <p>5) If credentials expire, there will now be a 6-month grace period to show proof of CRCE and a fee will apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separate from CAAHEP Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care Co ARC made the decision to separate from CAAHEP to become a free standing accreditor of respiratory care programs and is taking steps to become the official accreditation agency for respiratory therapy education programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John brought up discussion regarding a policy and procedure manual for the State Board along with the Bi-Laws. Board can make changes as needed to policies and procedures where as Bi-Law revisions need to be voted on by the members. It would also be a document of accountability for the various roles and positions.</p>		
Webmaster	<p>Darcy reported:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mike has agreed to stay on as the Webmaster and she has started a mini contract for that position. She proposed having a backup man for this position and Eric, an IT employee from UNMC has shown interest.</p>	Please e-mail Darcy in suggestions, ideas, or enhancements that you would like to see in the website that could be included in the contract.	ASAP
Election/Ballot Approval	<p>Annette and Mike reported:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> There will be a special election held for the open position of the President in conjunction with the annual elections.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ballots are almost completed and will be emailed for review prior to our March meeting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Currently there are some positions that have only one person running. Ideally, there should be two; therefore if anyone has any suggestions for candidates forward those on to Annette.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Ballots to be approved at or before our March meeting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed ballots need to be postmarked no later than April 5th, to be counted.</p>	

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Member Report	<p>Jeff G. reported: Membership through December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 470 AARC members including students <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 33 Inactive members 2. 424 Active Associate 3. 8 Active Industrial 4. 3 Physicians 5. 27 Students 6. 8 Specialty members □ 20 Vouchers remain—15 with Jeff and 5 with Darcy 		
Treasure's Report	<p>Dave reported: See attached report for details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Budget report showed that currently expenses are \$1,000.00 over budget. Income is under projected budget but the majority of that comes from the State meeting in May. □ \$10,000 has been transferred into the checking account from the money market account in preparation for upcoming expenses related to the State Meeting in May. 		
Director's Report	<p>Tim reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ There was a joint meeting held with Tim and Nancy's area directors. There was nice attendance with good discussion □ Tentatively schedule a leadership meeting for Thursday over the lunch hour at the state meeting that would be open to everyone. 		
Nebraska Licensure	<p>Discussions were held regarding concerns brought up at the leadership meeting in reference to the scope of practice of respiratory care in Nebraska. Suggestions made include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Whoever champions the team needs to touch base with Cheryl West. □ Form a committee to evaluate our current licensure. Committee needs to include Marcy, who was one of the 	Table discussion until March meeting and invite Marcy Wyrens and look into possibly a conference call with Cheryl West.	

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	<p>original creators of the licensure.</p> <p>□ Taking at least one year to look at our licensure in depth. If there are things we need to add or tighten we need to do it correctly.</p>		
Next meeting	Next meeting will be March 6 th , 2009 at Southeast Community College, in Lincoln, NE. Time--TBA		
Adjourn	Jenny moved to adjourn meeting. Jill seconded. Motion carried.	Meeting adjourned at 1100.	