

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE
Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2015 • Tampa, FL

Minutes

Attendance

Frank Salvatore, MBA, RRT, FAARC, President
Brian Walsh, MBA, RRT-NPS, FAARC, President-elect
George Gaebler, MEd, RRT, FAARC, Past President
Cynthia White, BA, RRT-NPS, AE-C, VP External Affairs
Lynda Goodfellow, EdD, RRT, FAARC, VP Internal Affairs
Karen Schell, DHSc, RRT-NPS, RRT-SDS, RPFT, RPSGT, AE-C, CTTS, Secretary/Treasurer
Timothy Op't Holt, EdD, RRT, AE-C
Keith Lamb, RRT
Doug McIntyre, RRT, FAARC
Deb Skees, MBA, RRT, CPFT
Pattie Stefans, BS, RRT
Natalie Napolitano, MPH, RRT-NPS, FAARC
Kim Wiles, BS, RRT, CPFT
Lisa Trujillo, DHSc, RRT
Ellen Becker, PhD, RRT-NPS, FAARC

HOD Officers

Jakki Grimball, MA, RRT, AE-C, Speaker
Keith Siegel, BS, RRT, CPFT, Speaker-elect
Curt Merriman, BA, RRT, CPFT, Treasurer

Consultants

Mike Runge, BSRT, RRT, FAARC, Parliamentarian
Dianne Lewis, MS, RRT, FAARC, President's Council President
John Wilgis, MBA, RRT, Past Speaker

Excused

Terence Carey, MD
Cheryl Hoerr, MBA, RRT, CPFT, FAARC
Bill Lamb, BS, RRT, CPFT, FAARC
John Lindsey, MEd, RRT-NPS, FAARC

Staff

Tom Kallstrom, MBA, RRT, FAARC, Executive Director
Tim Myers, MBA, RRT-NPS, FAARC, Associate Executive Director
Doug Laher, MBA, RRT, FAARC, Associate Executive Director
Shawna Strickland, PhD, RRT-NPS, AE-C, FAARC, Associate Executive Director
Steve Nelson, MS, RRT, FAARC, Associate Executive Director
Kris Kuykendall, Executive Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

President Frank Salvatore called the meeting of the 2016 AARC Board of Directors to order at 2:45pm EST.

INTRODUCTIONS AND DISCLOSURES

President Frank Salvatore asked members to introduce themselves and then called for members to present their disclosures.

Brian Walsh – Draeger, Maquet, GE, Vapotherm, CoBGRTE, Aerogen

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Dianne Lewis and Pattie Stefans were installed as new officers by parliamentarian Mike Runge.

2016 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

President Frank Salvatore reviewed the 2016 Goals and Objectives. (see Attachment “A”)

FM 15-3-11.1 George Gaebler moved to approve the 2016 appointments, goals and objectives with revisions as presented.

Motion carried

TREASURER’S MOTION

Karen Schell moved that the expenses incurred at this meeting be reimbursed according to AARC policy.

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

President Frank Salvatore adjourned the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors at 3:37pm EST.

Meeting minutes approved by AARC Board of Directors as attested to by:

Karen Schell
AARC, Secretary/Treasurer

Date

Attachment “A”

2016 Goals and Committees

American Association for Respiratory Care

2016 Goals & Committees

Committees

Sections

Roundtables &

Special Representatives

Frank R. Salvatore Jr., RRT, MBA, FAARC, 2015-2016 President

AARC Mission Statement

“The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) will continue to be the leading national and international professional association for respiratory care.”

AARC Vision Statement

The AARC will encourage and promote professional excellence, advance the science and practice of respiratory care, and serve as an advocate for patients, their families, the public, the profession and the respiratory therapist.”

AARC Presidential Goals: (2015-2016)

1. Continue to develop and execute strategies that will increase membership beyond 50,000 active members and participation in the AARC both nationally and internationally.
2. Promote activities to increase public awareness of respiratory therapists and their role in the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory disorders.
3. Advance the concepts and initiatives brought about by the “Respiratory Therapist for 2015 and beyond” conferences. Develop a toolkit to ensure the existing educational programs are able to move in a direction that will allow them to continue to develop our future students at a level that is consistent with them obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree, which will eventually become the entry into our profession.
4. Promote and advocate for appropriate patient and caregiver access to respiratory therapists in all care settings through local, state and national legislation, regulation and/or policies including, but not limited to, recognizing respiratory therapists outside the traditional health care venues as well as recognizing the credential of Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) as the minimum requirement for licensure.
5. Continue to advance our international respiratory community presence through activities designed to address issues affecting educational, medical and professional trends in the global respiratory care community and to advance advocacy for the patient.
6. Promote the access of high quality continuing education for development and enhancement of the skill base of today’s practitioners to meet the current and future needs of our profession.
7. Encourage the development of programs, accreditation and credentialing of Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist (APRT) as a level of practice that will further improve the care given to our patients and advance the career track of our profession.
8. Maintain and expand relevant communication and alliances with key allies and organizations within our communities of interest.
9. Expand efforts to obtain research funding and develop the next generation of respiratory therapy researchers. The American Respiratory Care Foundation (ARCF) is an integral part of the funding/fund raising related to research, we will increase participation by our membership in ARCF fund-raising activities through an educational effort that will increase awareness in the importance of the ARCF.

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Standing Committees & Objectives

Bylaws Committee

Objectives:

1. Review amendments proposed by the Board of Directors, House of Delegates or Chartered Affiliates and submit its recommendations to the proponent.
2. Review Chartered Affiliate bylaws according to the established staggered schedule in which all are reviewed every 5 years for compliance with the AARC bylaws.
 - a. Affiliate bylaws will only be reviewed for compliance with AARC bylaws. Errors in grammar, spelling, or internal inconsistencies will be the responsibility of the Chartered Affiliate.
 1. Affiliate Bylaws will be considered in conflict with the AARC bylaws if non-AARC members are allowed to vote and/or hold a voting position on the Affiliate's Board of Directors.
 2. Affiliate Bylaws will be considered in conflict if Active members of the Chartered Affiliate are not Active members of the AARC.
3. Report, which state's Bylaws have been accepted or rejected to the Board of Directors.

Chair:

Raymond Pisani

Chair-elect:

Bob De Lorme

2015-2016 Past President:

George Gaebler MSED, RRT, FAARC (exp. 2016)

Members:

Joe Goss

HOD to elect Nov. 2015 Heather Neal-Rice

AARC Liaison: Lynda Goodfellow, 2015-16 VP/Internal Affairs

AARC Staff: Tim Myers

Elections Committee

Objectives:

1. Screen candidates nominated for Director, Officer and Section positions.
2. Report the slate of nominees to the Board of Directors and House of Delegates by June 1, 2016.
3. The Elections Committee shall forward a roster of all nominees for the AARC Board of Directors to the current President, which would include all personal contact information for those individuals (i.e., e-mail, work address, work phone, etc.) for consideration in the committee appointment process.

Chair:

Dan Rowley, RRT, ACCS, NPS, RPFT, FAARC

Chair-elect:

Mary Roth

Members:

George Gaebler (2015-2017)

John Hiser, MEd, RRT, FAARC (2014-2016)

New Member Elected from the House Jim Lanoha

AARC Staff: Beth Binkley/Tim Myers

Executive Committee

Objectives:

1. Act for the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board on all relevant matters as necessary.

Chair:

Frank Salvatore, **2015-16 President**

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Lynda Goodfellow, **2015-16 VP Internal Affairs**

Cynthia White, **2015-16 VP External Affairs**

Karen Schell, **2015-16 Secretary/Treasurer**

Brian Walsh, **2016 President-Elect**

AARC Staff: Tom Kallstrom

Finance Committee

Objectives:

1. Submit for approval the annual budget to the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors.
2. In conjunction with the Executive Office, identify a financial expert to be appointed by the President and ratified by the BOD in time for the yearly audit process.

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Cynthia White, **2015-16 VP External Affairs**
Karen Schell, **2015-16 Secretary/Treasurer**
Brian Walsh, **2016 President-Elect**
Keith Siegel, **2016 HOD Speaker-elect**
Curt Merriman, **2016 HOD Treasurer**

AARC Staff: Tony Lovio

Audit Subcommittee

Objectives:

1. Monitor the financial affairs of the Association in cooperation with external independent auditors.

Chair: Keith Siegel, **2016 HOD Speaker-elect**

Members:

Karen Schell, **2015-16 Secretary/Treasurer**
Curt Merriman, **2016 HOD Treasurer**

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AARC Staff: Tony Lovio

Judicial Committee

Objectives:

1. Review membership challenges, or complaints against any member charged with any violation of the Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, standing rules, code of ethics, or other rules, regulations, policies or procedures adopted, or any conduct deemed detrimental to the Association.
2. Conduct all such reviews in accordance with established policies and procedures.
3. Determine whether complaint requires further action.
4. Understand the appeals process available to members.

Chair:

Anthony Dewitt

Members:

Patricia Ann Doorley MS RRT FAARC

Donald Holt BS RRT CPFT

Susan Rinaldo-Gallo MEd RRT

Linda A Smith BS RRT

AARC Staff: Tom Kallstrom, MBA, RRT, FAARC

Program Committee

Objectives:

1. Prepare the Annual Meeting Program, Summer Forum, and other approved seminars and conferences.
2. Recommend sites for future meetings to the Board of Directors for approval.
3. Solicit programmatic input from all Specialty Section and Roundtable chairs.
4. Develop and design the program for the annual congress to address the needs of the membership regardless of area of practice or location.

Chair:

Ira Cheifetz, MD, FCCM, FAARC

Chair-Elect:

Tom Lamphere, BS, RRT, FAARC

Members:

KRichard Branson

Tom Sara Varekojis

BKaren Schell, DHSc, RRT-NPS, RPFT

Dean Hess PhD, RRT FAARC (consultant)

Kent Christopher, MD, RRT, FAARC

Garry Kauffman MHS RRT FAARC

AARC Staff: Doug Laher

2016 Sputum Bowl Committee (to be appointed after the Program Comm. meets 2/16)

Chair:

Members:

Strategic Planning Committee

Objectives:

1. Review the Strategic Plan of the Association and make recommendations to the Board for any needed revisions or adjustments in the plan at the Summer 2016 Board of Directors Meeting.
2. Provide oversight of how the Association is moving towards achieving the objectives of the Strategic Plan.
3. Recommend to the Board of Directors the future direction of the Association and the profession of Respiratory Care.

Chair:

2015-16 - Past President

George Gaebler, MEd, RRT FAARC

Members:

2015 HOD Speaker-elect

Jakki Grimball

2015 - Past HOD Speaker

Debra Skees, MBA, RRT, CPFT

2015-16 President

Frank Salvatore Jr., RRT, MBA, FAARC

2016 President-elect

Brian Walsh

2015-16 VP Internal Affairs

Lynda Goodfellow

2015-16 VP External Affairs

Cynthia White

2015-16 Secretary/Treasurer

Karen Schell

AARC Staff: Tom Kallstrom, MBA, RRT, FAARC

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2016 Specialty Section Charges

1. Provide proposals for programs at the International Respiratory Congress and Summer Forum to the Program Committee to address the needs of your Specialty Section's members. Proposals must be received by the deadline in Jan 2016.
2. The section chairperson is responsible for arranging or leading a quarterly engagement activity for their section membership. This engagement activity may include online section meeting, journal discussions, initiation of discussions on AARConnect, posting of key materials to the AARConnect libraries, AARC webpages, or highlighting AARC resources to members through social media. Documentation of such a meeting shall be reported in the April 2016 Board Report.
3. Undertake efforts to demonstrate value of section membership, thus encouraging membership growth.
4. Identify, cultivate, and mentor new section leadership.
5. Enhance communication with and from section membership through the section list serve, review and refinement of information for your section's web page and provide timely responses to requests for information from AARC members.
6. Review all materials posted in the AARC Connect library or swap shops for their continued relevance. Provide a calendar of when the reviews will occur to be reported in the April 2016 Board Report and updated for each Board report.
7. Review the membership and the offering of the sections and make recommendations to the Board for areas of improvement. If any of the sections fall below the threshold of maintaining that section please make recommendation as to what should be done with that section.

Adult Acute Care Section*

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.

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Chair-elect (2017):

Medical Advisor: Peter Papadakos MD
AARC Staff: TBD

Continuing Care-Rehabilitation Section

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.

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Chair- elect (2017):

Medical Advisor: Kent Christopher MD
AARC Staff: TBD

Diagnostics Section

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.
2. Work with the CPG Committee to review, revise and update Diagnostic specific CPG's.

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Chair-elect (2017):

Medical Advisor:

AARC Staff: Steve Nelson

Education Section*

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.
2. Work to develop more programming directed at hospital educators and all therapists whose position requires some sort type of education process.

2015-17 Chair:

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Chair-elect (2017):

Medical Advisor: Russ Acevedo, MD

AARC Staff: Shawna Strickland, PhD, RRT-NPS, FAARC

Home Care Section* (Could lose board status in 2017)

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.
2. Assist Federal Government Affairs committee in passing legislation which will recognize respiratory therapists under the Medicare home health services benefit.

2014-16 Chair:

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Chair-Elect (2016):

Zack Gantt, RRT

Medical Advisor: Kent Christopher MD

AARC Staff: Tom Kallstrom

Long Term Care Section

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.

2016-18 Chair:

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Chair Elect: (2017)

Medical Advisor: Terence Carey, MD

AARC Staff: Tom Kallstrom

Management Section*

Additional Charges:

1. Review and update the SWAP SHOP so that resources are current and reflect recent changes in CPG and Standards. The process will be conducted by the review committee and will conclude with a “new call” for resources for posting.

2015-17 Chair:

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Chair-elect (2017):

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AARC Staff: Doug Laher

Neonatal-Pediatrics Section*

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.

2014-16 Chair:

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Chair-Elect (2016):

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Medical Advisor: Ira Cheifetz, MD

AARC Staff: Tim Myers, MBA, RRT-NPS, FAARC

Sleep Specialty Section

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.

2016-2019 Chair:

Marilyn Barclay, BS, RRT, CPFT

Chair-Elect (2019):

Medical Advisor: Paul Selecky MD

AARC Staff: Tim Myers

Surface & Air Transport Section

Additional Charge:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.
2. Identify workgroup within the section to address the issue of reciprocity for transport across state lines.

2016-2018 Chair:

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Chair-Elect (2018):

Medical Advisor: Robert Aranson, MD

AARC Staff: TBD

* = Board Seat

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AARC Fellowship Committee

Objectives:

1. Review applications of nominees for AARC Fellow Recognition (FAARC).
2. Select individuals who will receive the AARC Fellow recognition prior to the International Respiratory Care Congress.

Chair:

Richard M. Ford, BS, RRT FAARC

Members:

Robert C. Cohn, MD, FAARC, FCCP
Patrick Dunne MEd RRT FAARC
Dean Hess PhD RRT FAARC
John D. Hiser, MEd, RRT, CPFT, FAARC
Trudy Watson

AARC Staff: Tom Kallstrom, MBA, RRT, FAARC

Benchmarking Committee

Objectives:

1. Investigate, through client feedback, what other outcomes are important to compare and the feasibility of incorporating them in the program.
2. For each committee member to serve as an AARC Benchmarking expert to assist in providing existing and potential clients with direct assistance regarding data entry and results interpretation.
3. To provide proposals at both the AARC Summer Forum and International Congress on the value and use of Benchmarking and Best Practice.
4. Determine the feasibility of developing and incorporating product improvements into the system, including the review and updating of all sections and the use of industry consistent terminology.
5. To advise the AARC in the development of programs to retain the existing client base and attract new users.

Chair:

Chuck Menders, BA, RRT, AE-C

Members:

Tom Berlin, DHSc, RRT
Bill Cohagen, BA, RRT, FAARC
Richard Ford BS RRT FAARC
Cheryl Hoerr, MBA, RRT, FAARC
Garry Kauffman, MPA, RRT, FAARC

AARC Staff: Tim Myers

Billing Codes Committee

Objectives:

1. Recommend new AMA CPT respiratory care and pulmonary function related codes as needed and assist with coding proposals
2. Act as repository for current respiratory care and pulmonary function codes.
3. Serve as coding resource for members.
4. Monitor the Billing Codes list serve postings.
5. Review and update the AARC coding sources such as Coding Resources on aarc.org and the Uniform reporting Manual.

Chair:

Susan Rinaldo-Gallo, MEd, RRT, FAARC

Members:

Karen Boyer RRT

Colleen Schabacker BA RRT

Karen Neale, MHA/ED, RRT

AARC Staff: Anne Marie Hummel

Government Affairs Committee

Objectives:

1. Find ways to resurrect the AARC 435 plan, which identifies a Respiratory Therapist and consumer/patient contacts team in each of the 435 congressional districts.
2. Assist the State Societies with legislative and regulatory challenges and opportunities as these arise. Over the next two years provide assistance to states that begin moving toward RRT entry into licensure.
3. Work with PACT coordinators and the HOD to establish in each state a communication network that reaches to the individual hospital level for the purpose of quickly and effectively activating grassroots support for all AARC political initiatives on behalf of quality patient care.
4. Oversee the virtual lobby week and/or any calls to action that come up over the year.
5. Assign committee members specific states to act as liaisons toward and ensure the members communicate with their liaison state during active committee work periods.

Ongoing Objectives:

1. Assist in coordination of consumer supporters

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Natalie Napolitano, MPH, RRT-NPS, FAARC
Dan Perrine RRT
Keith Siegel, BS, RRT
Gary Wickman, BA, RRT, FAARC

AARC Staff: Cheryl West

International Committee

Objectives:

1. Co-ordinate, market and administer the International Fellowship Program.
2. Collaborate with the Program Committee and the International Respiratory Care Council to plan and present the International functions of the Congress.
3. Strengthen AARC Fellow Alumni connections through communications and targeted activities.
4. Coordinate and serve as clearinghouse for all international activities and requests.
5. Continue collegial interaction with existing International Affiliates to increase our international visibility and partnerships.

Chair:

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Members:

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Dan Van Hise, RRT-NPS

Derek Glinsman, RRT, FAARC, Emeritus

AARC Staff: Steve Nelson

Membership Committee

Objectives:

1. Review, as necessary, all current AARC membership recruitment documents and toolkits for revision, addition and/or elimination based on committee evaluation.
2. In conjunction with the Executive office, develop a membership recruitment campaign based on survey results for implementation.
3. Identify and evaluate methods to recruit respiratory therapy students as ACTIVE members of the AARC.
4. Develop a scientific, data-driven process to implement and measure the effectiveness of current and new recruitment strategies.
5. Develop strategy to create more member use of AARC-Connect

Chair: Gary Wickman

Members:

Sheri Tooley, RRT

Garry Kauffman RRT

Miki Thompson, RRT

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Janelle Gardiner, MS, RRT

Jeff Davis, BS, RRT

Adrian Childers, RRT-RCP

AARC Staff: Tom Kallstrom, MBA, RRT, FAARC

Political Action Committee

Objectives:

1. Continue to seek funds from the membership and provide funds for use in political support of our advocacy efforts.
6. Develop a plan for promoting State Affiliate donation to the PAC.
7. Increase awareness of the Political Action Committee.

Chair:

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Colleen Schabacker BA RRT

Keith Siegel, BS, RRT

Joe Huff RRT

AARC Staff: Cheryl West

Position Statement Committee

Objectives:

1. Drafts all proposed AARC position statements and submit them for approval to the Board of Directors. Solicit comments and suggestions from all communities of interest as appropriate.
2. Review, revise or delete as appropriate using the established three-year schedule of all current AARC position statements subject to Board approval.
 - a. Review, revise and/or delete current AARC position statements in a more frequent schedule when the science/technology changes dictate (i.e. – electronic cigarettes position statement and continuous changes to regulation and clinical research).
3. Revise the Position Statement Review Schedule table annually in order to assure that each position statement is evaluated on a three-year cycle.

Chair:

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Members:

Kathleen Deakins BS, RRT-NPS
Deryl Gulliford, RRT, MHA, DHA, JDH
Linda VanScoder EdD RRT
Tony Ruppert, RRT, CPFT

AARC Staff: Doug Laher

Virtual Museum Committee

Objectives:

1. To expand the exhibits for the virtual museum.
2. Committee members will be divided into teams to develop one or more specific exhibits.
3. Each team will be responsible for:
 - a. Determining the content to be included in the assigned exhibit's gallery.
 - b. Identifying and selecting relevant images for the gallery.
 - c. Developing descriptions for each selected image.
 - d. Citing the source for each image.
 - e. Complying with project deadlines.

Chair:

Trudy Watson

Members:

Gayle Carr

Steve DeGenaro

Dianne Lewis

Colleen Schabacker

Karen Schell

Karen Stewart

Staff Liaison: Tom Kallstrom

AARC Committee on Diversity

Objectives:

1. Survey State Affiliate Boards, AARC House of Delegates and the AARC Board of Directors to determine the level of diversity. Report to the AARC Board of Directors and House of Delegates at the July 2015 meetings in Phoenix, AZ the level of diversity in each area.
2. Develop a program that can be used by the state affiliates and AARC Board to bring diversity in the leadership of the profession.
3. Research and compile a comprehensive list of related links and resources on cultural diversity in health care for inclusion on the AARC web site to include but not limited to:
 - Info related to specific cultural groups
 - Workforce diversity
 - Linguistic/communication competence
 - Disparities in healthcare
 - Case studies in cultural competence
 - Cultural Competence
4. The Committee and the AARC will continue to monitor and develop the web page and other assignments as they arise.

Chair

Members:

Jakki Grimball
Miguel Muniz
Crystal Dunlevy
Cheryl Hoerr

AARC Staff: Shawna Strickland

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When required, attend conference calls, webinars and/or meetings of the organization you are appointed to represent.

Report back to the next AARC Board Meeting the items discussed and/or provide minutes of the meeting in order to document participation and action items needed by the AARC Special representative and/or organization.

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Roundtable Charges:

1. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.
2. Review the membership and the offering of the sections and make recommendations to the Board for areas of improvement. If any of the sections fall below the threshold of maintaining that section please make a recommendation as to what should be done with that section.

Pulmonary Disease Management Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Recruit additional members and begin to actualize the vision of an effective and efficient roundtable for individuals involved in asthma disease management.
2. Review asthma information on yourlunghealth.org and recommend corrections, additions and deletions to the AARC.
3. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

Chair

Sheri Tooley

Staff Liaison: Tom Kallstrom, MBA, RRT, FAARC

BOD Liaison: Natalie Napolitano

Consumer Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Continue to develop objectives for the consumer roundtable.
2. Enroll additional members and begin to actualize the vision of an effective and efficient roundtable for consumers.
3. Increase consumer networking by providing safety and public policy alerts and distributing information necessary to transform respiratory patients into prudent buyers of respiratory services.
4. Develop a mechanism where consumers can give input regarding information that they need to empower themselves to make educated decisions about the treatment and management of their disease process.
5. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

Chair:

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Disaster Response Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Continue to work with Health and Human Services in regards to their call for a list of Respiratory Therapists that could be called to duty in cases of national/state emergencies.
2. Continue to develop the use of the AARC's Disaster Response List Serve to foster involvement and provide an ongoing communication resource.
3. Foster ideas for presentation at the AARC Congress.
4. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

Chair:

Charles Friderici, RRT

Staff Liaison: Shawna Strickland

BOD Liaison: Lynda Goodfellow

Neuro-respiratory Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Enroll additional members and begin to actualize the vision of an effective and efficient roundtable for all healthcare practitioners with an interest in neuro-respiratory patient management and care.
2. Provide the AARC Program Committee with formal proposals for lectures/seminars that meet the needs of your membership and enlighten all healthcare practitioners on the topic of neuro-respiratory care practices.
3. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

Chair:

Garner Faulkner

Staff Liaison: Doug Laher

BOD Liaison: Cheryl Hoerr

Tobacco Free Lifestyles Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Conduct a survey to assess the needs and potential vision of AARC members of the Tobacco Free Lifestyle Roundtable.
2. Review and revise the smoking cessation resources on the AARC Website.
3. Increase the Tobacco Free Lifestyle roundtable membership to section status in 2014.
4. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

Chair:

Georgianna Sergakis

Staff Liaison: Shawna Strickland

BOD Liaison: Kim Wiles

Military Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Continue to develop relationships and strategies to achieve officer status for respiratory therapists in the U.S. uniformed services.
2. Enroll additional members and begin to actualize the vision of an effective and efficient roundtable for all military healthcare practitioners with an interest in respiratory care.
3. Provide the AARC Program Committee with formal proposals for lectures/seminars that meet the needs of your membership and enlighten all healthcare practitioners on the topic of the practice of respiratory care in the military.
4. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

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Research Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Establish an effective platform for networking and communication between the members of your roundtable.
2. Enroll additional members and begin to actualize the vision of an effective and efficient roundtable for all healthcare practitioners with an interest in respiratory care research.
3. Provide the AARC Program Committee with formal proposals for lectures/seminars that meet the needs of your membership and enlighten all healthcare practitioners on the topic of respiratory care medical research.
4. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

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Informatics Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Establish an effective platform for networking and communication between the members of the Roundtable.
2. Enroll additional members and begin to actualize the vision of an effective and efficient roundtable for all healthcare practitioners with an interest in hyperbaric medicine.
3. Bring the concerns and issues of your membership as related to research in respiratory care to the attention of the AARC Board of Directors as indicated.
4. Provide the AARC Program Committee with formal proposals for lectures/seminars that meet the needs of your membership and enlighten all healthcare practitioners on the topic of informatics and respiratory care.
5. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

Chair:

Constance Mussa

Staff Liaison: Steve Nelson

BOD Liaison:

Geriatric Roundtable

Objectives:

1. Continue working with the AARC Times staff to assure each AARC Times issue has an article for “Coming of Age”.
2. Prepare fact sheets on what respiratory therapists should know related to the following topics suitable for publication in AARC communications or website posting:
 - a. Common respiratory prescription medications used by older adults.
 - b. Immunizations for older adults
 - c. Communicating with the geriatric patient
 - d. Geriatric end of life/palliative care
3. With Executive Office review material on yourlunghealth.org for relevance and appropriateness for geriatric population.
4. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

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International Medical Mission Roundtable

Chair: Michael D. Davis

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Purpose:

To provide a forum where AARC members who are interested in the many aspects of international respiratory care, medical education and humanitarian efforts throughout the world can collaborate, share experiences and develop new ideas.

Goals:

1. Provide AARC members a forum where they can network with other members with similar interests in delivering respiratory care, medical education and humanitarian aid to countries throughout the world
2. Foster the development of international collaborative research possibilities that stretch beyond our borders.
3. Establish a forum where AARC members involved in international work can showcase their projects, view others accomplishments and learn from each other's experiences.
4. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

Staff Liaison: Steve Nelson

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Simulation Roundtable

Chair: Julianne S. Perretta MSED, RRT-NPS

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Purpose: To develop a network of respiratory therapists interested in the sharing of simulation ideas and curricula as well as to provide a place to collaborate on future simulation research and training for the respiratory community.

Objectives:

1. Guide future formalized training for respiratory care practitioners using patient simulation.
2. Aid the AARC in bringing formalized recommendations to the Simulation Alliance Task Force regarding the simulation needs of the respiratory community.
3. Promote a forum for asking questions regarding simulation curriculum development and utilization, and the sharing of simulation ideas, lessons learned, and curriculum.
4. Provide a place to collaborate for multi-centered simulation research and training for respiratory care practitioners.
5. Review the volume of activity of the roundtables and make a determination if the roundtable is a function or group that adds value to the AARC.

Staff Liaison: Shawna Strickland

BOD Liaison: Lisa Trujillo

Palliative Care Roundtable

Chair: Helen Sorenson

Objectives:

- II. To clearly define palliative care and provide RTs with a discussion board to address palliative care issues, regardless of the setting (ICU, long-term care, home care) or the age (neonatal to geriatric) of the patient.
- III. To serve as a resource for respiratory therapists concerning all aspects of palliative care.

Goals

1. Establish/review palliative care guidelines for patients of all ages
2. Develop a series of helpful guides about palliative care for healthcare providers/ respiratory therapists/palliative care teams/ patients and families
3. Submit/provide for consideration, annual lectures on palliative care to be presented at the International AARC Congress
4. Develop educational materials on palliative care and make this available to all educators in the respiratory care community.

BOD Liaison: Cheryl Hoerr

Staff Liaison: Shawna Strickland

Patient Safety Roundtable

Co-Chairs: Kevin McQueen/Steve Sittig

Objectives:

1. Monitor work and best practices being done by outside organizations.
2. Present innovative and best practice patient safety practices with the membership of the roundtable and the AARC.

BOD Liaison: Cyndi White/Bill Lamb

Staff Liaison: Tim Myers

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Ad Hoc Committee on Respiratory Therapists and Disease Management

(Started 1/2015)

Objectives:

1. Research best practices in Disease Management and the role of the Respiratory Therapist in order to create resources for institutions to use as models for moving RTs into roles that improve patient outcomes.
2. This work will keep an eye towards the role of the RT in reducing hospital readmissions for any disease where the RT can impact outcomes.
3. Work with the AARC Executive Office after the research is done in creating a unified location within AARC.org that RTs can use.
4. After the initial work is completed and information is available publicly, the committee will look for updated or new information and ensure the site is updated monthly as new items are found.

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Ad Hoc Committee on Advanced Respiratory Therapy Practices, Credentialing and Education

(Started 04/2015)

Objectives:

1. Develop a plan to address the creation and implementation of a needs assessment survey regarding the APRT.
2. General - Identify an institution (or institutions) to be pilot programs and provide funding through ARCF or other source (this should also tie into #3 since it would obviously not be prudent to start a pilot program in a state where there's no chance at all of having licensure to support it).
3. General - Licensure - identify states where passage of APRT licensure would have the greatest chance of success
4. AARC - Reimbursement issues
 - a. The APRT workgroup supported an 'incident to' approach versus an 'independent practice' approach
 - b. Direct billing versus salary from physician/facility
 - i. One suggestion - 75% of physician fee schedule should be competitive with AA/CRNA, ANP, CNM, and PA
 - ii. Level of supervision (general/direct/indirect)
5. NBRC – Develop the credential for the APRT.

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Taskforce on Competencies for Entry into Respiratory Care Professional Practice

(Started July 2015)

Goals:

1. The group will meet via conference call, and decide the structure of the “chair” role. It can be once chair but no more than three tri-chairs if it is decided to have one from each group.
2. Using data gathered through the 2015 and beyond conferences and later sub-groups, determine the competencies needed by practitioners who are entering into Respiratory Care Professional Practice.
3. If the data from goal #2 is not enough to complete a comprehensive list of competencies, the group can employ information gathering techniques so as to create a comprehensive list of competencies.
4. This group should have an initial report on their work prepared for the November 2015 AARC Board meeting.
5. The final report to the AARC Board of Directors is due in April 2016.

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(Restarted November 2015)

Objectives:

1. To be determined by the committee

Chair:

To be determined

Members:

To be determined

Ad Hoc Committee on AARC Student Website Enhancement:

(Started November 2015)

Objectives:

1. Review the AARC “student” website pages for current content
2. Review other student web resources to see what’s available outside the AARC
3. Survey students to solicit ideas what they believe would make the AARC website the #1 resource for students to visit.
4. Solicit ideas for site enhancement among committee members
5. Develop list of changes and additions for the website.
6. Work with the Executive Office Staff to evaluate new content
7. Create a sustainability model to ensure that content remains current

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