

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

Board of Directors Meeting

March 11, 2017 • Grapevine, TX

Minutes

Attendance

Brian Walsh, PhD, RRT-NPS, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, RPFT, FAARC, President
Frank Salvatore, RRT, MBA, FAARC, Past President
Sheri Tooley, BSRT, RRT-NPS, CPFT, AE-C, VP External Affairs
Natalie Napolitano, MPH, RRT-NPS, AE-C, CTTS, FAARC, VP Internal Affairs
Karen Schell, DHSc, RRT-NPS, RRT-SDS, RPFT, RPSGT, AE-C, CTTS, Secretary/Treasurer
Ellen Becker, PhD, RRT-NPS, FAARC
Cheryl Hoerr, MBA, RRT, CPFT, FAARC
Keith Lamb, RRT
John Lindsey, Jr., MEd, RRT-NPS, FAARC
Doug McIntyre, MS, RRT, FAARC
Timothy Op't Holt, EdD, RRT, AE-C
Susan Rinaldo Gallo, MEd, RRT, CTTS, FAARC
Steve Sittig, BSRT, RRT-NPS, FAARC
Deb Skees, MBA, RRT, CPFT
Pattie Stefans, BS, RRT
Lisa Trujillo, DHSc, RRT (via phone)
John Wilgis, MBA, RRT

Consultants

Robert Aranson, MD, BOMA Chair
Dianne Lewis, MS, RRT, FAARC, President's Council President
Cam McLaughlin, BS, RRT, FAARC, Parliamentarian
Jakki Grimball, MA, RRT, AE-C, Past Speaker

Excused

Kerry McNiven, MS, RRT, HOD Secretary

Staff

Tom Kallstrom, MBA, RRT, FAARC, Executive Director
Doug Laher, MBA, RRT, FAARC, Associate Executive Director
Tim Myers, MBA, RRT-NPS, FAARC, Associate Executive Director
Steve Nelson, MS, RRT, FAARC, Associate Executive Director
Shawna Strickland, PhD, RRT-NPS, AE-C, FAARC, Associate Executive Director
Cheryl West, MHA, Director of Government Affairs
Anne Marie Hummel, Director Regulatory Affairs
Tony Lovio, CPA, Former Controller/Accounting Consultant
Dan Stoyak, Controller
Kris Kuykendall, Executive Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

President Brian Walsh called the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors to order at 9:00am CST. Secretary/Treasurer Karen Schell called the roll and declared a quorum.

DISCLOSURE

President Walsh reminded members of the importance of disclosure and potential for conflict of interest and directed them to review the COIs in the AARConnect Board of Directors library.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Update to Keith Siegel's previously submitted COI:

Add - Paid consulting relationship with COPD Foundation and the US COPD Coalition.

Remove - Kennebec Valley Community College Advisory Board.

President Walsh gave an overview of the role of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors observed a moment of silence in honor of John Walsh.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Natalie Napolitano moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting of the AARC Board of Directors.

Motion carried

Natalie Napolitano moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2016 meeting of the AARC Board of Directors.

Motion carried

Frank Salvatore moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting of the AARC Board of Directors.

Motion carried

E-MOTION ACCEPTANCE

Karen Schell moved to ratify the E-motions.

Motion carried

GENERAL REPORTS

President

President Walsh gave an overview of his written report. Several new members have been added to committees. He spoke of his travels, articles, letters submitted under his name, and conference calls since his presidency began in October 2016.

Executive Director

Tom Kallstrom gave highlights of his written report. The Associate Executive Directors gave updates of their respective departments.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Larry Wolfish gave an overview of Board member fiduciary responsibility and conflicts of interest and answered questions from Board members via phone.

INVESTMENT REPORT

John Barrett and Nancy Bello of Merrill Lynch gave an overview of the current investments of the Association and answered questions from Board members.

RECESS

President Walsh recessed the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors at 10:30am CST.

RECONVENE

President Walsh reconvened the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors at 10:40am CST.

AUDITORS REPORT

Bill Sims of Salmon, Sims, & Thomas updated the Board on the audited financial statements and answered questions from Board members.

GENERAL REPORTS CONTINUED

Government and Regulatory Affairs

Cheryl West and Anne Marie Hummel provided an update on current state and federal issues impacting the respiratory therapy profession. West provided information on the efforts of several state societies to move licensure qualifications to the RRT credential level. An update was provided on the successful efforts by the Iowa State Society to defeat legislative efforts to repeal RT licensure in that state. Hummel provided a recap on the numerous comments and documents that the AARC has submitted to various federal agencies on behalf of the profession. Hummel also provided an update on Congressional telehealth legislation and the upcoming Hill Advocacy Day (April 4)

LOBBYISTS REPORT

AARC's contract lobbyists, CRD & Associates provided, via telephone, an update on the where the Congress at that moment stood regarding the ACA's repeal and replace efforts. More detailed information was provided regarding the status of the various telehealth legislation circulating on the Hill.

RECESS

President Walsh recessed the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors at 11:56am CST.

RECONVENE

President Walsh reconvened the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors at 1:30pm CST.

GENERAL REPORTS CONTINUED

Executive Director (continued)

Tom Kallstrom spoke about the upcoming AARC 70th anniversary celebration at the Dittrick Museum in Ohio on April 22nd.

Associate Executive Directors gave updates in their respective areas. A discussion arose about the new database system. Tom Kallstrom asked the Board of Directors to provide to the Executive Office a list of priorities for the new system.

President Walsh asked Steve Nelson to submit a list of features and functions of the potential new system at the summer meeting so the Board can prioritize.

FM17-1-54.1 (from 16-3-54.1 in EO referrals) Natalie Napolitano moved to combine homecare, long term, and continuing care rehab sections into one section and defer to the Executive Office to coordinate and communicate the transition to take effect in January 2018.

John Wilgis moved to call the question.

Motion carried

Original motion carried

FM17-1-6.1 (from 67-16.4 in EO referrals) Frank Salvatore moved to leave the budget for the Delegate Assistance Program the same and allow the House of Delegates Delegate Assistance Program Committee to communicate the need for more money in 2017 if needed.

Motion carried

RECESS

President Walsh recessed the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors at 3:30pm CST.

RECONVENE

President Walsh reconvened the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors at 3:40pm CST.

FM17-1-1.1 (from FM16-3-1.3) Frank Salvatore moved that the Board of Directors ratify the revised revenue sharing agreement and charge the Executive Office to revise the policy regarding implementation and execution of the document by April 3, 2017.

Motion carried

Cheryl Hoerr abstained.

House of Delegates

House Speaker Keith Siegel gave highlights of the written report he submitted.

Board of Medical Advisors (BOMA)

BOMA Chair Dr. Aranson reviewed his report. He will be attending the AARC Hill Day in April. He will be the first BOMA member to ever attend the annual Hill Day.

President Walsh and the Board of Directors congratulated Cheryl West on her retirement and thanked her for 29 years of service.

Karen Schell moved to accept the General Reports as presented.

Motion carried

RECESS

President Walsh called a recess of the AARC Board of Directors meeting at 4:00pm CST.

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

Karen Schell
AARC Secretary/Treasurer

Date