

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE
Board of Directors Meeting
San Antonio, Texas
December 8, 2009

Minutes

Attendance

Tim Myers, BS, RRT-NPS, President
Karen Stewart, MS, RRT, FAARC, President-elect
Toni Rodriguez, EdD, RRT, Past President
George Gaebler, MSED, RRT, FAARC, VP/Int. Affairs
Joseph Lewarski, BS, RRT, FAARC, VP/Ext. Affairs
Frank Salvatore, MBA, RRT, FAARC
Patricia Doorley, MS, RRT, FAARC
Debbie Fox, MBA, RRT-NPS
Lynda Goodfellow, EdD, RRT, FAARC
Michael Hewitt, RRT-NPS, FAARC, FCCM
Denise Johnson, BS, RRT
Douglas Laher, BSRT, RRT, MBA
Robert McCoy, RRT, FAARC
Doug McIntyre, MS, RRT, FAARC
James Taylor, PhD, RRT
Brian Walsh, RRT-NPS, RPFT
Tony Stigall, MBA, RRT, RPSGT

Guests

Bill Lamb Speaker-elect
Debra Skees, HOD Treas
Tom Lamphere, Speaker
Sheri Peters, HOD Sec.
Cam McLaughlin, HOD
Past Speaker

Consultant

John Hiser, MEd, RRT, FAARC, Parliamentarian

Absent

Dianne Lewis (excused)
Cliff Boehm, MD

CALL TO ORDER

President Tim Myers called the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. CST, Tuesday December 8, 2009.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Tim Myers asked members to introduce themselves.

OATH OF OFFICE

John Hiser administered the oath of office to Toni Rodriguez and declared her installed as Past President.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

President Tim Myers called for nominations of a Board representative to the Election Committee.

Karen Stewart moved “To nominate Debbie Fox.”

Motion Carried

President Tim Myers closed nominations and Debbie Fox was elected to serve as a Board representative on the Election Committee.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

Karen Stewart moved “To nominate Colleen Schabacker.”

Motion Carried

George Gaebler moved “To nominate Linda Van Scoder.”

Motion Carried

A vote was taken and Linda Van Scoder was elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the 2010 Board of Directors.

2009 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS REPORT

Sam Giordano reported on the 2009 Congress held in San Antonio, Texas noting that attendance exceeded 5,000.

RATIFICATION OF 2010 PRESIDENTIAL GOALS

George Gaebler moved “To ratify the 2010 Presidential Goals.”

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF 2010 STANDING COMMITTEES

Denise Johnson moved “To ratify the 2010 Standing Committees.”

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF 2010 SPECIALTY SECTIONS AND CHARGES

Toni Rodriguez moved “To ratify the 2010 Specialty Sections and charges as amended.”

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF 2010 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

George Gaebler moved “To ratify the 2010 Special Committees as amended.”

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF 2010 ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Frank Salvatore moved “To ratify the 2010 Organizational Representatives as amended.”

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF 2010 ROUNDTABLES

Frank Salvatore moved “To ratify the 2010 Roundtables as amended.”

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF 2010 AD HOC COMMITTEES

George Gaebler moved “To ratify the 2010 Ad Hoc Committees as amended.”

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

George Gaebler moved to accept **FM 09-3-83.1** “That the AARC send a letter of approval of the CoARC Standards to CoARC.”

Jim Taylor moved “To table **FM 09-3-83.1** with a one week extension to allow members time to review the Standards document.”

Motion to Table Carried

2010 MEETING DATES

President Tim Myers advised members of the following Board meeting dates for 2010.

April 22-24	Dallas, Texas
July 18-20	Marco Island, Florida
December 3-5 and December 9	Las Vegas, Nevada

COMMENTS FROM PRESIDENT

President Tim Myers stated he is looking forward to working with this Board in 2010. He also advised members that Jim Taylor will mentor Tony Stigall, newly elected Board member.

COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sam Giordano stated he is looking forward to tackling sleep issues during 2010. He again advised that the AARC staff continues to perform well under the current economic circumstances and diminished staff.

DR. KENT CHRISTOPHER’S RECOMMENDATION

President Tim Myers stated that the recommendation brought before this body by Dr. Kent Christopher concerning a SWAT team of physicians will be brought back for discussion at the next Board meeting.

POSITION STATEMENT ON LONG TERM CARE

President Tim Myers advised that the Position Statement on Long Term Care will be presented to the Board of Medical Advisors (BOMA) for their input. Patricia Doorley will forward the statement to BOMA Chair Dr. Cliff Boehm who will present it to BOMA electronically for their comments.

Karen Stewart moved “To adjourn the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors.”

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

President Tim Myers adjourned the meeting of the AARC Board of Directors at 9:45 a.m. CST, Tuesday December 8, 2009.

AARC

2010

Goals & Committees

Committees

Sections

Roundtables &

Special Representatives

Timothy R. Myers, BS, RRT-NPS President

Revised 1/14/10

AARC Presidential Goals – 2009-2010

1. Continue to develop and execute strategies that will increase membership and participation in the AARC.
2. Promote patient access to respiratory therapists as medically necessary in all care settings through appropriate vehicles at local, regional and national venues
3. Continue to advance our international presence through activities designed to address issues affecting educational, medical and professional trends in the global respiratory care community.
4. Identify the clinical/non-clinical skills, attributes and characteristics of the “Respiratory Therapist for 2015 and Beyond” based on the expected needs of respiratory care patients, the profession and the evolving health care system.
5. Develop a leadership and mentoring institute (process) to promote the advancement and growth of respiratory research, management skill sets and education curriculums and practices to meet the future demands of the profession.
6. Promote the access of quality continuing education to development and enhance the skill base of current practitioners to meet the future needs of our profession.
7. Maintain and expand relevant communication and alliances with key allies and organizations within our communities of interest.

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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. The Bylaws Committee may make recommendations regarding grammar, spelling, or internal inconsistencies but will not delay the approval process over such issues.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Affiliate Bylaws will be considered in conflict if Active members of the Chartered Affiliate are not Active members of the AARC.

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AARC Liaison: 2010 VP/Internal Affairs: George Gaebler, MEd, RRT FAARC

AARC Staff: TBD

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, 2010.
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.

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Jim Lanoha, RRT

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AARC BOD 2-yr Term – Debbie Fox, MBA, RRT-NPS
Suzanne Bollig, BHS, RRT, RPSGT

AARC Staff: Kris Kuykendall

Executive Committee

Objectives:

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

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Linda Van Scoder, EdD RRT FAARC – **(2010 Sec/Treas)**

AARC Staff: Sam P. Giordano, MBA RRT FAARC

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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Audit Subcommittee

Objectives:

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

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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.

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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.

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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 Spring 2009-2010 Board of Directors Meeting.
2. Recommend to the Board of Directors the future direction of the Association and the profession of Respiratory Care.

Chair:

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2009-2010 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 Program Committee by deadlines in Jan 2009 and Jan. 2010.
2. In cooperation with Executive Office staff, plan and produce four section bulletins, at least one Section Specific thematic web cast/chat, and 1-2 web-based section meetings.
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.

Adult Acute Care Section

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.

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Continuing Care Rehabilitation Section

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.
2. Develop a Pulmonary Rehab Business Plan Template and Program Implementation Toolkit for AARC and section members.

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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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Education Section

Additional Charges:

1. Implement the Specialty Section Charges as listed.
2. Develop a recruitment strategy directed at advanced degree or standing candidates (i.e. military personnel) as well as high-school students.

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Home Care Section

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.

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Long Term Care Section

Additional Charge:

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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.
2. Update the AARC Guidelines and Standards, Administrative Standards for Respiratory Care Services and Personnel.
3. In collaboration with the AARC Director of Management and Education, initiate planning for revision of the AARC Uniform Reporting Manual.

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Neonatal-Pediatrics Section

Additional Charges:

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Additional Charges:

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Surface & Air Transport Section

Additional Charge:

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Benchmarking Committee

Objectives:

1. The implementation of productivity metrics than include a common time factor for ventilator days and provision of educational material on the utility of this metric.
2. The implementation of the new outcome measure for ventilator duration and the provision of educational material on the utility of comparing this outcome. This includes what changes may need to be made in the department profile to better differentiate the types of ICU and patients and reasons for variation in comparative data.
3. Investigate, through client feedback, what other outcomes are important to compare and the feasibility of incorporating them in the program.
4. 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.
5. To provide proposals at both the 2010 AARC Summer Forum and International Congress on the value and use of Benchmarking and Best Practice.
6. To advise the AARC in the development of programs to retain the existing client base and attract new users.
7. To write a team publication for The Respiratory Care Journal regarding the use of benchmarking as a comparative tool and a mechanism to develop and adopt best practice.

Chair:

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Billing Codes Committee

Objectives:

1. Be proactive in the development of needed AMA CPT respiratory therapy related codes.
2. Act as a repository for current respiratory therapy related codes
3. Act as a resource for members needing information and guidance related to billing codes.
4. Develop a primer on the process of developing or modifying codes to include: definitions, development/review process, types and categories, reporting services using CPT codes and submitting suggestions for changes to CPT codes.

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Clinical Practice Guidelines Steering Committee

Objectives:

1. Continue to review and revise existing clinical practice guidelines that are greater than 5 years from their publication date.
2. Continue to update and revise the existing clinical practice guidelines from expert opinion to an evidence-based format, as appropriate.
3. Develop appropriate and new clinical practice guidelines, as dictated by current standards of practice, in the evidence-based format.

Chair:

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AARC Staff: Ray Masferrer

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.

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Federal Government Affairs Committee

Objectives:

1. Continue implementation of a 435 plan, which identifies a Respiratory Therapist and consumer/patient contacts team in each of the 435 congressional districts.
2. Work with PACT coordinators, the HOD and the State Governmental Affairs committee 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.

Ongoing Objectives:

1. Assist in coordination of consumer supporters

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International Committee

Objectives:

1. Coordinate, 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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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.

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AARC Staff: Asha Desai

Political Action Committee

Objectives:

1. Continue to provide funds for use in political support.
2. Develop a plan for promoting State Affiliate donation to the PAC.
3. Increase awareness of the Political Action Committee.

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Position Statement Committee

Objectives:

1. Draft 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.
3. Revise the Position Statement Review Schedule table annually in order to assure that each position statement is evaluated on a three-year cycle.

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AAARC Staff: Brenda DeMayo

Public Relations Action Team (PRAT)

Objectives:

1. Each member will agree to do interviews (radio) and provide information for the written press release that corresponds to the interview topic.
2. Continue to assist Your Lung Health (AARC's consumer website) with reading and editing clinical stories, messages, etc for the website. These will be assigned through the EO on a PRN basis.
3. Communicate with each State Affiliate encouraging the establishment of a public relations committee.
4. Update the current Public Relations material and develop a mechanism to make the PR “tools” more easily available to the State Affiliates.

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Objectives:

1. Assist the State Societies with legislative and regulatory challenges and opportunities as these arise.
2. Work with Federal Governmental Affairs Committee 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.
3. Assign each committee member a region of the country to serve as the key contact person for the states within that region.

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Asthma Disease 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.

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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.

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Disaster Response Roundtable

Objectives:

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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.

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3. Increase the Tobacco Free Lifestyle roundtable membership to section status in 2010.

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Military Roundtable

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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.

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Research Roundtable

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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.

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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 hyperbaric medicine.

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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.
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Objectives:

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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.

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Ad Hoc Committee on Cultural Diversity in Patient Care

Objectives:

1. 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
 - Linguistic/communication competence
 - Case studies in cultural competence
 - Workforce diversity
 - Disparities in healthcare
 - Cultural Competence
2. Develop a mentoring program for AARC members with the purpose of increasing the Diversity of the BOD and HOD.
3. The Committee and the AARC will continue to monitor and develop the web page and other assignments as they arise.

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Objectives:

1. Develop and document a process to review, catalog and collate existing protocols and ensure that the protocols correlate with standards of care and practice.
2. Based on the data obtained from Protocol Survey Project, in conjunction with the Executive Office, develop a comprehensive strategic plan to promote the use of protocols and other care delivery models (best practices) to management consultants and employers of respiratory therapists.

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 - b. Special standards as identified by specialty sections (i.e. Long-Term Care, Sleep, Children's Hospitals) for their unique facilities at level 2
 - c. And generic Pinnacle standards at Level 3
2. To research the cost of:
 - a. development of a "Center for Excellence" program
 - b. maintenance of said program
 - c. projected cost for program participants

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