



MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: BOD's 8.24.07

Date: 08/24/2007

Next meeting: Sept 18, 2007 Kalahari Wisc Dells, WI 6 pm

Minutes By: Carrie Bourassa

Parliamentarian: Jessica Christopherson

Issue/Topic	Discussion	Conclusion/Outcome	Comp. Date
Call to Order	Laurie Tomaszewski, President		
Role Call	Secretary – Carrie Bourassa	We have a Quorum	
Disaster Planning Update: Nick Kuhnley	<p>MDH, RHRC, IRT distribution of 37 LTV 1200 ventilators statewide. MSRC partners with state for oxygen distribution. Districts need RCP volunteers in each district. Nick asking for MSRC help in locating district coverage in Twin Cities area as well as Northwest region of the state...</p> <p>Other Key hospitals in TC area indentified as Regions, HCMC.</p> <p>Formation of curriculum/educational network for LTV education. MN RT schools team with MSRC and MDH to develop curriculum.</p>	<p>Laurie to help coordinate finding Twin Cities volunteers. Jess to help with NW volunteers. 5 others are located in other districts. Complete list to follow.</p> <p>Oxygen Protocol to be placed on MSRC website when completed.</p> <p>Key people identified will be posted on MSRC website as program develops.</p>	
MSRC Web Update Laurie	Platform two updates for more interactive website in progress.	Derek and Laurie to continue to provide updates.	
Licensure Update Carrie Bourassa	MN will move toward licensure to be in legislative cycle in 2009.	Timeline and updates in each Bronchus and on website.	

	Further development of MN advocacy grassroots team. Call to ALL RCPs to be part of this team effort.		
HOD Report Jess /Deb	<p>Deb gave summary of AARC Presidents Report</p> <p>Jess informed BOD of future budget request to increase funds to AARC Disaster Relief Fund.</p> <p>Online voting possibilities through the AARC</p>	<p>See HOD Report</p> <p>Will be included in next year's budget requests.</p> <p>Directed at state presidents to review.</p>	
RCP of the Year Carrie	Call for nominees.	Deadline for RCP of the Year Sept 5, 2007. Winner receives MSRC/AARC membership for one year. Will be announced at NRRCC. Winner need not be member of MSRC.	
NRRCC Paul L	<p>Speaker changes addressed, NRRCC looking for a laptop to be used during conference.</p> <p>Looks to be a great conference things are in place and registration is strong.</p> <p>Board meeting at 6 PM on the 18th.</p>	<p>Contact Paul Lemere if you have a laptop that could be used during conference for breakout sessions.</p> <p>Pizza and Meet and Greet with WI/MS BOD to follow.</p>	
Committee Reports			
Budget and Audit Laurie	2008 Budget	Deb Breuer, Shelly Klein will provide Budget forms for next years budget request soon. Stay tuned.	
Elections Cheryl Sasse	Ballots out and good return so far.	Ballots must be post marked by Sept. 11, 2007. Results read at BOD meeting on Sept 18, 2007 Second year no glitches!	
Legislative	Restructuring of Legislative Committee	State Affairs: Carrie - Federal Affairs: Julie	

TO: MSRC Board of Directors

Date: August 24, 2007

RE: Delegates Report: Summer Meeting Sparks, Nevada

FROM: Jessie Christopherson Sr. Delegate

Debra Skees, Jr. Delegate,

Jessie and I attended the Summer HOD meeting on July 16th and 17th. The following is a summary of the discussion and actions that occurred:

Executive Committee Report:

AARC Executive Director, Sam Giordanno presented information on “RT2012 and Beyond”. The AARC has charged a committee, made up of a broad range of professionals and organizations that have an interest in the role of the respiratory therapist in the future, to identify future roles and responsibilities, the necessary training and competencies, and the strategy on how to get there. The work will take place in 3 separate conferences beginning in early 2008 and be completed within a year.

A guidance document has been created for the purposes of reviewing any new state proposed legislation on polysomnography licensure. This “Titmus test” has 3 goals: to assure that patient care and safety is first and foremost, to remain true to the historical path of the AARC and to maintain a good relationship between affiliates and the AARC.

AARC President Report

AARC President, Tony Rodriguez gave an update on the AARCs CMS initiative to pursue Part B coverage of the services provided by respiratory Therapists as well as pulmonary rehabilitation

Other activities of note:

- Although North Carolina Society for Respiratory Care was named the 2007 Summit award winner, Jessie and I were very proud to hear that Minnesota was named as honorable mention in 3 of the 5 categories (education, political advocacy and promotion of the profession).
- Discussion regarding potential conflict of interest for HOD members to “approve” the AARC budget. Because of the duality of interests (does the delegate represent the interest of the affiliate first or the AARC???) an audit subcommittee will work with the auditor firm used by the AARC to assure no violation of accounting rules or bylaws. More information to come.
- A schedule has been approved for a 5 year cycle for review of affiliate bylaws.
- Funding has been approved by the AARC for a consultant that will be available to affiliates for help in strategic planning or organizational development. Fee schedule similar to AARC subsidized speaker fees.

Update on the status of previous HOD passed resolutions:

House Resolution #22-06-02 (from summer, 2006 HOD meeting), which states: "Resolved that the American Association for Respiratory Care develop, in conjunction with the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), a standardized curriculum for training paramedics in the safe and appropriate use of ventilators for transport of patients outside the hospital setting". **Board Action: Defeated.** This resolution was defeated by the AARC board of directors as the AARC can not unilaterally force competency on any given group. The board did create a new resolution that would appoint a task force to develop a position statement on the desirable skill set required for pre-hospital ventilator competency.

HOD Resolution #94-06-19 (from 2006 HOD meeting), which states: "Be it resolved that the AARC develop the process for the Chartered Affiliates to have the option of on line voting for state (Chartered Affiliate) elections". **Board Action: remains open** - the Executive Office will survey state presidents to see what initial interest there is, assign a work group from the state presidents to pull together the specifics and to cost it out. A report on the findings will be given at the December HOD meeting..

HOD Resolution #94-06-22 (from 2006 HOD meeting), which states: "That the AARC investigate the feasibility of providing Internet Domain to each affiliate for the purpose of setting up and maintaining their web sites for the Affiliate". **Board Action: Defeated.** as not feasible to take on a major project at this time. It would require many additional resources and would be too expensive.

New summer 2007 HOD meeting proposed and passed resolutions:

HOD Resolution #29-07-07 which states: .Resolved that the AARC create and charge an ad hoc committee to include several members of the HOD to investigate the issues surrounding transition from two NBRC (CRT & RRT) credentialing examinations to one NBRC (RRT) exam for qualified applicants". **Board Action: Defeated.** It is expected that Project 2012 will address this

HOD Resolution #32-07-02 which states: "Be it resolved that the AARC develop Clinical Practice Guidelines for Delivery of Moderate Sedation." **Board Action: Defeated.** Rationale for this decision: There is an AARC position statement for the Administration of Sedative and Analgesic Medication by Respiratory Therapist. It also recently was revised to include that a physician need not be physically present during the administration and it also references transport.

HOD Resolution #32-07-04 which states: "Be it resolved that the AARC survey the membership to see if there is enough interest to proceed with the development of a roundtable group to support the Respiratory Therapist's Role in the delivery of Moderate Sedation.." **Board Action: Accepted for information only.** There was a proposed policy approved to assist with the development of Roundtables at this BOD meeting.

MSRC submitted resolution for December HOD meeting:

"Resolve that the AARC provide a internet based "blog" on the website for the purpose of posting relative and important information to submitted resolutions in advance of the HOD meetings."

Jessie and I are grateful for the opportunity to represent the concerns and ideas of the MSRC to the AARC. We invite your questions and input.

Respectfully submitted,
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Junior Delegate

