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A Message from the President

Angie Haugen

There sure has been a lot of excitement since the last issue of the Flowmeter! South Dakota kicked off efforts towards promoting the national Drive4COPD campaign in August. Our Co-captains, Ashley Herron and Lacy Wilder, distributed surveys, brochures, give away items and other campaign items in attempt to meet the Drive4COPD campaign's goal to screen one million adults over 35 for COPD by the end of the year. With the assistance of several colleagues, the Respiratory Therapists of South Dakota are promoting this multi-year public health initiative. Its aim is to help people identify symptoms of COPD and then take action by talking to their doctor if they are identified to be at risk. It's time to raise awareness about COPD, which the CDC recently upgraded to America's 3rd leading cause of death. Although the AARC's state challenge wrapped up on November 22nd, the campaign will continue throughout 2012. Please consider sponsoring a

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Rae O'Leary
SDSRC 2010

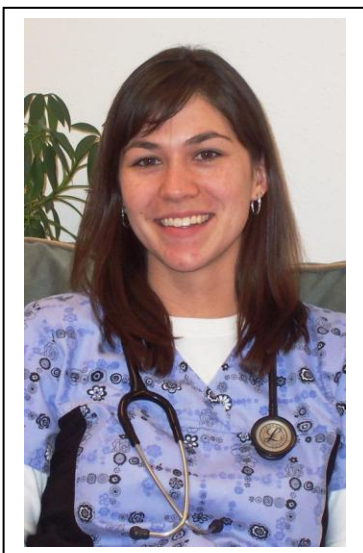
Therapist of the Year

2010 Therapist of the Year

Rae O'Leary strives to make a difference in her career and profession. She started her Respiratory Therapy journey as a student at Dakota State University (DSU). In 2006, she was a DSU student representative on the South Dakota Society for Respiratory Care (SDSRC) Board. She received her Bachelor's degree and became a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

Following graduation, she worked with Dr. James Wallace, a Pediatric Pulmonologist, to write a grant for the BREATHE Asthma Education Program. With their efforts, the BREATHE program—which stands for "Breathing Relief Education and Tribal Health Empowerment"—went into operation. They were successfully granted funding for the program where Rae became the program coordinator. This program was aimed at providing Native American families of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe with the information they need to better manage their asthma.

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2010 Outstanding Exhibitor Award



Pictured: Rich Sachse, Teleflex Medical and Angie Haugen, SDSRC President

SDSRC

2010 Outstanding
Exhibitor/Sponsor
Award

Rich Sachse

Teleflex Medical

By Marilee Sage

Teleflex Medical has developed comprehensive education programs for respiratory therapy which is designed by a panel of leading authorities in Respiratory Care. The company understands continuing education is a major challenge for respiratory care departments, particularly those that cannot afford an education coordinator.

Rich Sachse, Teleflex Respiratory Sales Specialist, earnestly sought out the SDSRC to offer Teleflex's programs for our state convention. Rich whole-heartedly believes in these programs and graciously sponsored one of their programs. Rich is always pleasant and customer service oriented making each business interaction a pleasure.

On behalf of the SDSRC, I am pleased to announce Rich Sachse and Teleflex Medical as the 2010 Outstanding Exhibitor.

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Drive4COPD event in your community. Contact the South Dakota Co-Captains for more information.



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The SDSRC had a successful business meeting and educational conference in Rapid City in September. We offered 13 AARC-approved continuing education credits, 84 conference attendees and 38 Exhibitors/Corporate Sponsors. Thanks to all the therapists and Corporate Sponsors that attended the event. Enjoy a few snap shots throughout this issue of the Flowmeter from this year's conference.

November was election time! The voters approved the Smoke-Free law to protect workers and the public from the serious health hazards of secondhand smoke. Now, along with many other states, citizens of South Dakota can go to work, take in fine dining or enjoy a night out in a smoke-free environment. I applaud the persistence of the many individuals and organizations who have championed the ballot measure.

As we round into December, I think about the anticipation and excitement of the holiday season—a time known for giving back to our community and building special memories with our families and friends. We take that extra moment to brighten the day of our patients and their family members. By bringing the holiday cheer to the people around us, we serve our patients, their families, other providers, and the profession as a whole. Our contributions also continue to promote Respiratory Care. There is no better time to focus on our professional service as well as our community service. Please join me in a quest to get involved by expanding your service and finding new ways to promote yourself, the profession you enjoy, and the healthcare mission that benefits all of us. Thanks for all you do! I look forward to continuing to serve the SDSRC membership in 2011!

“South Dakota voters approve Smoke-Free Law in Historic Win for Health.”

Matthew L. Myers,
President, Campaign for
Tobacco-Free Kids

SDSRC Election Results:

The following are the results for the 2010 Annual SDSRC Board elections. The ballots were tallied by Mary Reinesch (SDSRC Member) and Carleen Waltner (PACT) and certified by Peter Winder (Past-President SDSRC).

There were 113 total ballots received, with 16 being disqualified for improper completion: 7 had no AARC number, 9 had too many selections marked.

Results of this year's election were:

President-Elect: Sandy Brown

Director at Large: Jessica Livesay

Newly elected Board Members will start their term January 1, 2011.

Due to the vacancy of the Immediate Past President position, the SDSRC BOD has elected Pete Winder to continue to serve as SDSRC Past President.

Welcome New Board Members!

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Her community involvement has been exemplary. Rae was elected and served as a Director-at-Large for the SDSRC in 2008 and 2009. March 2010, Rae was recognized by the Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics as being an advocate who helped them to get the legislation passed that allows students to carry and self administer prescribed asthma and anaphylaxis medication. Passed February 26th, this bill helps keep kids safe at school. In June of this year, she was featured on the cover of the AARC Times and has been featured in their "Good Press" web stories on the AARC website. She was also a recent presenter at the National Native Commercial Tobacco Abuse and Prevention Network conference for the Tribal Institute on Commercial Tobacco held in New Mexico on June 2nd, 2010.

Rae O'Leary is a Registered Respiratory Therapist and a Certified Asthma Educator from Timber Lake, SD. She has been an active member in the AARC since 2005, participant in Asthma Camp for children with asthma, an advocate for respiratory patients and has put into action several initiatives to promote an increased awareness of pulmonary disease. In turn, she is making a true difference. Her advocacy to put measures in place to save lives continues to be recognized both locally and nationally.

For all of her commitment, the SDSRC Board of Directors is proud to present the South Dakota Society for Respiratory Care's 2010 Respiratory Therapist of the Year award to Rae O'Leary.

**Election Results are IN!
Congratulations to the
New SDSRC 2011 Board
Members!**



Rae O'Leary is working to increase awareness of pulmonary health.

Teleflex from page 2

Dear Angie (SDSRC),

I would like to offer my sincere thanks from all of us at Teleflex Medical for bestowing the Vendor of the Year award from the South Dakota Society of Respiratory Care to Teleflex and Rich Sachse at your annual conference last month. Teleflex Medical strives to be a partner and trusted resource for our customers, providing quality respiratory care products under our Hudson RCI™ and Rusch™ brands. This award is particularly meaningful in that it is given based on service levels and education involvement, and it was significant that Rich was recognized for his outstanding customer service to South Dakota Respiratory Departments. At Teleflex, we strive to demonstrate our commitment to patients and clinicians through our well-respected clinical education programs that focus on best practices across the respiratory pyramid of care. Thank you for your business as we fulfill our mission to provide products that help clinicians protect against infection and improve patient and provider safety.

All the best,

Cary

Cary G. Vance
Executive Vice President
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SDSRC Raffle Benefiting the ALA

The results are in, the winners of the 2010 SDSRC raffle ticket fundraiser benefitting the American Lung Association are:

1st Prize (Black Hills Rapid City Get-Away)
Darcy Torpen

2nd Prize (Black Hills Deadwood Get-Away)
Demi Thompson

3rd Prize (\$50 cash)
Lynn Ketelsen

A special thank you to everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets, the SDSRC was able to raise \$877 for donation to the American Lung Association.

SDSRC 2010 Annual Meeting and Conference



DSU RT SCHOOL NEWS



The Fall Semester has come to an end. Finals are upon us this week. Everyone is anxious for Christmas break to celebrate the holidays. Each of us, faculty included, can return next semester refreshed and ready to start the final semester for this group of students graduating in May of 2011.

I had the opportunity of reading all of the Observation Practicum papers this year. The students returned from Observation Practicum amazed at what they can learn from that rotation. Every year it is interesting to hear how valuable this rotation continues to be for this group. It was more interesting for me to read the detail from each student's perspective. They all had great experiences to share and certainly learned how important respiratory care practitioners are in any size hospital. They could see how all of the skills they are learning will help no matter what size hospital or what area of the country the hospital will be located. This rotation is usually one of our greatest teaching tools. Thanks to all the hospitals that participated. Once again the students and the program appreciate your time very much.

As the fall semester finishes the students will have much of the respiratory equipment and theory covered. The Spring semester will put the concepts and equipment together. The spring semester can be spent with decision-making and how to make changes for patient care. We are making decisions every day in the care we provide so we will work on helping the students with that too. These decisions are one of the most difficult to learn. Not everyone has the decision making skills needed so we will be practicing this skill with each clinical we have scheduled.

Thanks to all for the continued promotion of the profession of respiratory care. We have a record number of students enrolled in our program for the campus portion. There will be a new twist for these students - No Physics in the spring semester. The physics that has been available on campus has not fully fit our needs in respiratory care. We have replaced physics with a RESP 105 which is a respiratory science class. This class will include some elementary concepts to respiratory care and when they arrive on clinical it will assist the student in the clinical portion of the curriculum. We are all hoping this will be a pleasant change for the entire curriculum. So please keep up the good work of promoting RT. We need the students in the program to fill the jobs we have open each year.


Another change we made this fall is the requirement for Clinical in our 4th year of the BS degree. This clinical requirement in the past has been, 320 hours (down last year to 260 hours). If there are any of you out there that have experience in many areas of the hospital, RRT and write a portfolio explaining your experience, this clinical can be granted to you. Most of the classes required for the 3rd and 4th year are on line and now with this clinical granted you could complete this degree where ever you live. A great change for the staff wanting to move to a BS. Contact us if you have questions.

As always, by the time you get this it will be close to the holidays. I hope everyone travels safely and has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Mary Reinesch



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Pictured: Tom Kallstrom, MBA, RRT, FAARC and conference attendee, Ashley Herron, RRT

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SDSRC Meeting Minutes

**South Dakota Society for Respiratory Care
Pre- Board Meeting
Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center
Sept 20th, 2010 at 1700**

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:58 pm by Angie Haugen. Motion made to amend the agenda for Marilee Sage to speak, motion seconded (see 2010 Committee Report).
- II. Role Call
Angie Haugen, Don Anderson, Marilee Sage, Eve Minkel, Tom Cahill, Melissa Metzger, Lora Bornhoft, Carleen Waltner, Pete Winder, Sherry Shangraw and Patrice Jerke
- III. Secretary's Report - Patrice Jerke
Minutes stand as printed in the summer 2010 Flowmeter. The date of the BOD meeting was June 16th. Don made a motion to approve the minutes, Tom Seconded. Minutes approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Eve Minkel
- a. Investment Policy - Eve reviewed the financial statements. In addition, the SDSRC Investment Policy was provided and discussed. Eve had discussed with Dave Brouwer and he had recommended changes. After discussion, Pete made a motion to transfer 100 shares from the asset allocation fund to the bond fund. Tom seconded. Motion carried. Tom made a motion to modify the wording. Pete Seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Committee Reports:
- Membership / Directors at Large - Don Anderson, Melissa Metzger
Don reported that the AARC website does not give a live update of membership but does update monthly. There are currently 266 members. In the month of September we will have 16 members lapsing. Cards go out quarterly. 15 members renewed in the month of July. Melissa reported that the license list that we purchased was not a complete list. They will discuss with Mary Reinish. Membership is up from last year. 58% of SD licensed therapists are AARC members. Tom and Pete said they will investigate buying AARC Membership Coupons to get a reduced rate on Membership. No further discussion.
- Budget and Audit Report - Eve Minkel
- Eve provided The Accountant's Compilation Report which is a summary of our receipts. In addition the budget report was provided which will be presented at the annual meeting.
 - The 2011 budget has been emailed out to BOD members and was published in the SDSRC Summer Flowmeter.
 - Angie initiated discussion on donations made during the meeting and if they should be more general.
 - Discussion of conference oversight was discussed, which is supposed to be the past president's duties to oversee the conference. In addition, the SDSRC is responsible for checks written on the Rapid City or Sioux Falls accounts.
 - Question arose regarding requirements for 1099 forms to be completed for services paid at or above \$600. Eve will get more information regarding this. We do not need to file a 990T for advertisement income.
 - There was further discussion on charging sales tax and what paperwork we need to keep.
 - Angie discussed that there are recommendations from the AARC that the President and Treasurer should be bonded, at a minimum, and the BOD as well depending on how much money the society has.
- Elections and Nominations - Sandy Brown
Nomination forms have been placed in the packets for the Conference attendees. There is a president - elect opening (six year term) and one director's at large opening.
- Program and Education -
- a. 2010 Committee Report - Marilee Sage Pre Board report, 34 booths total, expenses - paypal expenses are not included. Eve will look at those numbers and will be provided in the final report. Summary of budget for 2010 for the SDSRC budget was provided in a handout. Budget was met. Did have to pay for a power drop which was \$45.00 each for electricity (19) wanted electricity. Attendance is down and concern for the future since CEU's are much easier to get. Angie said the program committee did an excellent job. ALA raffle was postponed. Will continue to get prizes and get team captains and kick off during RC Week. Marilee said they have tools/handouts that they are willing to share to assist others with future meetings. Discussion as to whether combine with other states. May need to have a task force. Need to draw in more people. Angie willing to have discussions with ND (Mike). Pete has had discussion with NE.
- b. Bid for 2011 Conference - (Sioux Falls) Angie asked if we had a bid for the 2011 conference. Seeking chairperson for 2011 Program committee.
- Bylaws Review - Carleen Waltner
Provided were the bylaws with the marked changes. Carleen explained the proposed revisions and lead the discussion. At the post board meeting we will vote on the bylaws going to the AARC. After the approval from the AARC, the SDSRC membership will be provided the opportunity to vote to approve the revised document.

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Publications and Chapter Affairs - Jill Fischer, Teresa Roling

Request for advertising form provided to the vendors at the SDSRC. They wanted an advertising form to put out to perk some interest. Teresa reported to Jill that there has been some renewed interest in advertising. Teresa provided Angie with a report of the number of advertisers that we have had and she also resigned from doing the Flowmeter. Need a new person to be on the Publications and Chapter Affairs Committee. Discussion of possibly changing the face of the Flowmeter. Tom Striplin asked it to not be in a PDF format due to possible need for formatting changes when uploaded to the website. This discussion on the Flowmeter will be taken to the post board meeting.

Public Relations- Pete Winder

Pete will be asking tomorrow for RT departments across the state to get the Year of the Lung and Respiratory Care Week.

Legislative Ad Hoc - Smoking Legislation - Dan Wagner

Dan reported to a BOD member his concerns that our lobbyist is the same one for the bar owners association. Dan was getting updates until recently.

Delegates Report - Lora Bornhoft, Tom Cahill

Report provided as published in the Flowmeter. Encouraged everyone to get involved with politicians, be politically active, get our faces out there, Drive for COPD, virtual lobby days, need to stimulate people to be more politically involved, Respiratory Care bill would like to be tied to other larger medical bill. Lora asked about AARC connect being discussed during the annual business meeting.

- VI. PACT Report - Carleen Waltner - Carleen did agree to do PACT this year. Carleen asked if we would consider sending two people to PACT - the budget is \$700. Angie asked her to submit a proposal inclusive of expenses for 2 people.
- VII. Unfinished Business:
- a. Website - Angie Haugen/Eve Minkel
Discussion took place of the PayPal account for registering for the conference. It will raise our rates but the BOD felt we needed to move forward with PayPal. Melissa will make attempts to make contact with the person possibly interested in working on our website. On PayPal site we need to put our refund policy and if they register early they need to pay. Pete made a motion that in certain unforeseen cases of an attendee needing to cancel registration that are approved by the BOD, we refund half the registration back. Eve seconded, no further discussion, motion carried.
- VIII. New Business:
- a. Consider Orientation Book for new SDSRC BOD - Patrice made a motion, Tom Seconded motion carried.
 - b. Develop a reference book with information on conference program planning.
 - c. Discussion regarding the SDSRC recommendation for replacement for Kristi Specht on the ALA advisory board. The ALA should contact the candidate.
 - d. Licensure Report - Mary Reinesch - A licensure report was provided to the BOD by Mary. The RCP licensure renewal will be electronic this year. Respiratory Care Practitioners will want to get their renewal in by December 1st to be guaranteed their license will get to them in the mail on time or before the December 31st deadline. In addition there is a reminder for the NBRC renewals. Anyone graduating since 2002 must renew their credential with the NBRC.
 - e. Vendor of the Year - Pete made a motion to make TeleFlex the vendor of the year. Patrice seconded, no further discussion, motion carried.
 - f. Therapist of the Year - Discussion of Candidates - Pete made a motion to select Rae O'Leary, Don Anderson seconded, motion carried.

Adjournment - Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pete seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1942.

**South Dakota Society for Respiratory Care
Annual Board Meeting
Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center
Sept 21th, 2010 at 1200 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 12:16 pm.
- II. Role Call - Tom Cahill, Lora Bornhoft, Peter Winder, Angie Haugen, Eve Mikel, Don Anderson, Patrice Jerke, Melissa Metzger and SDSRC Members.
- III. Secretary's Report - Patrice Jerke - Minutes stand as printed in the Flowmeter.
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Eve Minkel - Eve provided the checking, savings and investment balances. No discussion following the Treasurer's report.
- V. Delegates Report - Lora Bornhoft, Tom Cahill - Tom reported on the Marco Island meeting that Lora and Tom attended. Presentation provided had four points which included Membership, Project 2015, Patient Protection Act and Drive 4

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COPD. Tom reported that in April the AARC had a membership of 48,000 members. There are 150,000 working therapists in the United States. We need to get to 75,000 active therapists nationwide to meet that goal and have political clout in the nation's capitol; Project 2015 they have had two conferences with published results which will be in white papers. Discussed Patient Protection Act, reimbursement, becoming politically active (HR 1077/S343 bill). Drive 4 COPD aims to screen 1 million people by 2010. It was encouraged to participate by offering the screening at the local level. AARC Connect Website was demonstrated by Tom.

VI. Committee Reports:

Membership - Directors at Large - Don Anderson, Melissa Metzger - Discussion of role of recruitment for the AARC.

Melissa showed the different cards that are sent out quarterly. Informed of the report that we receive quarterly. 266 active members of this month. Encouraged therapists to become AARC members.

Budget and Audit - Eve Minkel - The treasurer reported on our 2009 Budget and Revenue for 2009, Operating expenses for 2009 and what is budgeted for 2011. Discussion of lobbyist and PACT expenses, and CPA. Provided a summary of revenue and expenses. No questions and further discussion. Dan Wagner made a motion to accept the budget and it was seconded by Marilee Sage. Motion Carried.

Elections and Nominations - Sandy Brown - Sandy reported to Angie the descriptions of the different board positions and a nomination form which was included in the packets at sign in. Therapist of the Year. Angie discussed that Rae O'Leary is the Therapist of the Year. All Rae's contributions to the profession and pulmonary patients were shared. Refer to the 2010 Winter Flowmeter publication for full description.

Program and Education -

- i. 2010 Committee Report - Marilee Sage - Provided update of 75-80 attendees and 34 vendors. She reminded us that our exhibitors pay for the entire conference. They sponsor our speakers and provide the meals. We have met our budget so far. Discussion of ALA ticket sales team leaders needed to kick off during RC Week. Planning on selling until the last weekend in November. We have pledged to donate the proceeds of the raffle to the ALA.
- ii. Bid for 2011 Conference will be held in Sioux Falls SD, dates will be posted on the website once it is defined.

Publications - Jill Fischer, Teresa Roling - report was submitted to Pete, which he shared with us.

The Flowmeter currently has 6 ads in which two of them are new. \$670 dollars worth of revenue is received from those ads. We are looking for someone who would be interested in helping with the Flowmeter since one of our editors has resigned from this position. If you are interested please speak with a BOD Member. In addition we are always looking for articles to publish in the Flowmeter. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help in outlying areas to get respiratory news in their local paper. Need contact information and Peter will email the information. There is no cost involved just take it down to the paper for public interest.

Bylaws - Carleen Waltner (sub-committee representative) - Carleen reported on the proposed changes in the bylaws and the updated wording. She explained the process to get the approval of the proposed changes in Bylaws.

PACT - Carleen Waltner (Report in the Flowmeter) - Carleen provided the PACT Report. Thanked for the opportunity to represent us on Capitol Hill. Carleen will be going back to Capitol Hill in March of 2011.

Legislative - Dan Wagner

Smoking Ban - Dan provided the Legislative Report. One is the HR1077/SB343 AARC federal affairs person informed Dan that you can go into AARC website with search box - type in virtual lobby to see the virtual lobby information and where we are at with these bills. Dan asked if you want to get involved to let him know. November 2 we have a referendum number 12 (Eric G. from the ACS) Yard sign day state wide to vote yes on 12. All the polls show overwhelming support for this bill but we need everyone to get out and vote. Go to Smokefreesd.com hit the button and get involved.

VII. Old Business:

- b. Website - Eve Minkel - We are working on updating the website to improve the process of getting information on the website more efficiently. There has been an addition of online registration with PayPal which we have received positive feedback.

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- VIII. New Business:
- c. Licensure Report - Mary Reinesch - This is the renewal year and the deadline is going to be Dec. 1st so the license will get to Respiratory Therapists by Dec. 31st. Make sure your address is current. Application will be electronic on line and available October 1st. Twenty CEU's are required which do not have to be submitted, however if you are audited you will need to provide proof. We were reminded that 2002 graduates or sooner have to renew their credential with the NBRC. If they find out that someone has expired their NBRC credential their license will be revoked. There is new legislation this year to do background checks for all new applicants. If passed this will begin in 2011.
 - d. Angie opened up to the floor anything that the membership would like to bring to the board. No discussion brought forward by the membership.
 - e. Pete Winder reminded everyone that the AARC provides access many free CEU's for members.
- IX. Adjournment - Jane Smith made a motion to adjourn, Marilee Sage seconded, motion carried meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

**South Dakota Society for Respiratory Care
Post- Board Meeting
Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center
Sept 22th, 2010 at 12:15 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order at 12:15
- II. Role Call - Melissa Metzger, Don Anderson, Eve Minkel, Pete Winder, Tom Cahill, Lora Bornhoft, Angie Haugen.
- III. Secretary's Report - Patrice Jerke - No report
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Eve Minkel - No report
- V. Committee Reports:
- Membership / Directors at Large - Don Anderson, Melissa Metzger - No report
 - Budget and Audit Report - Eve Minkel - Updated expense voucher was presented to board and will be posted on the website. No vendors were able to commit to advertising in the Flowmeter without approval. Follow-up email will be sent to all vendors.
- VI. Elections and Nominations - Sandy Brown - One nomination received for president-elect, still receiving nominations for director-at-large. Deadline is October 1st. Don made motion for Pete Winder to remain past-president, Tom second, motion approved. President notified RT of the Year Rae O'Leary.
- Program and Education - Discussion of non-member registration fees. Next year we will post policy that SDSRC will not coordinate AARC memberships for non-member registrants. We can add link on our website to the AARC website.
 - Refund policy should also be posted. VA agreed to help with speakers for next year's conference.
 - i. 2010 Committee Report - Marilee Sage - Final report to come
 - Bylaws Review - Carleen Waltner - No report
 - Publications and Chapter Affairs - Jill Fischer, Teresa Roling - No report - Board will notify members through AARC email list when Flowmeter is published. We should look into AARC connect for SDSRC website options. Deadlines are posted in the Flowmeter for submissions. Treasurer will send Flowmeter bills. President requests to review Flowmeter before it is published. Discussion of forming a Flowmeter committee.
 - Public Relations - Pete Winder - No report - Discussion to promote Drive for COPD
 - Legislative Ad Hoc - Dan Wagner - No report
 - Delegates Report - Lora Bornhoft, Tom Cahill - No report
- VII. Old Business: Conference call planned for January. Election results will be emailed in December.
- VIII. New Business: Discussion of request for student scholarship in recognition of distinguished therapists.
- Board members to review Robert's Rules before next meeting.
 - Adjournment - Lora made motion to adjourn, Pete second, motion approved.

House of Delegates Report
Fall/Winter HOD Meeting Las Vegas, Nevada
December 4th - 5th 2010

What's the AARC doing for you? (Highlights of the Fall/Winter 2010 AARC reports to the HOD).

Sam Giordano and Tom Kallstrom addressed the HOD regarding;

Project 2015 and beyond - The third conference has occurred and we are taking this information and reviewing it for implementation. Recommendations are being drafted by the project committee.

Membership is over 51,000. A membership strategy for 2011 will be completed in January and actuated through 2011. It will focus on retention of existing members. Part of our messaging will also be to differentiate member benefits from non-members.

Hawaii has now obtained licensure and Alaska is the last state that does not require licensure.

The newest International Member to the AARC is the Saudi Society for Respiratory Care. There are now 4 international affiliate members including; Mexico, United Arab Emirates and Italy.

AARC projects include the Patient Aerosol Book which is available for patients at AARC.org. The complete link is listed below.
www.yourlunghealth.org/healthy_living/aerosol/Patient_aerosol_guide.pdf

VAP Expert Workshop will be presented at the Wi/Mn 2011 meeting and may have room for one more live presentation. It should also become available on line in 2011. Office Spirometry program has been launched and is designed for non-RT office employees and after completion of the course a certificate is available. An In-house COPD education kit is being put together and will be available soon.

Drive 4 COPD numbers: Pennsylvania had the highest number of screeners; West Virginia had the highest number of screeners in relation to those over the age of 35 living in that state. West Virginia also had the highest number of screeners in relation to number of AARC members in the state.

AARC President Tim Myers led joint reporting from the Executive Board to the House of Delegates. The 2010 current financial performance and 2011 budget were reviewed, questions were answered and the budget was passed by both bodies as proposed. The American Respiratory Care Foundation is our philanthropic arm as with many things seen a reduction in unrestricted giving which significantly limits the foundations ability to fund programs that have seen a reduction in the amount of giving that is specific to that topic. In response to this you will see in 2011 when you renew your AARC membership a line item where you may elect to give money to the American Respiratory Care Foundation. AARC member growth in 2009 was 3 - 4%, 2010 an additional 4.5%. The AARC Board of Directors and the Executive Office are developing an age related discount membership for older "Retired" Respiratory Therapists who want to stay active in the profession.

Bill Dubbs of the AARC Management and Education spoke briefly. There will be 6 new Professors Rounds available this year. Webcast attendance has been 300 to 500 per webcast. Webcasts are free to members and there is no longer a limitation to the numbers who can view a webcast. Live webcasts count as traditional CEUs. Viewing past webcasts can be used for CEU's if you take a posttest afterwards or you can view it just for the information. There will also be a review of the Uniform Reporting Manual for Acute Care Hospitals.

Bylaws committee report:

AARC is developing a policy on how to handle situations where affiliate bylaws are in conflict with AARC bylaws. The state society presidents will be contacted for input on this issue.

Billy Lamb the Bylaws Committee chair reaffirmed our direction in our bylaws review to such that we are taking policy issues out of the bylaws so that issues of policy can be changed without needing a change of bylaws. An example was that one state society specified that the annual meeting be conducted in the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year. As dynamics change, you could find yourself in violation of your own bylaws if you felt a need to move that meeting outside of the 2nd quarter. The 2011 bylaws chair will be Gary Wickman.

Legislation:

HR1077 /S 343: Medicare Respiratory Therapy Initiative will revise the Medicare Part B statute that regulates the "medical and other health services" benefit. This revision will permit Respiratory Therapists with the RRT Credential and a bachelors degree to deliver respiratory care services without the physician being physically present when the services are being furnished (that is under "general" physician supervision rather than "direct" physician supervision which requires the physician to be on site at the time of service.

Update: This bill will again need to be re-introduced in both houses and will get new numbers. We need your help to encourage our delegation to sign on as sponsors to this bill.

You may contact our Congressional delegation about any of these issues and others as they arise through the AARC website link Capitol Connection under the Government Affairs page.

<http://www.aarc.org/advocacy/>

International Fellowship Committee report:

John Hiser spoke on the International Fellowship Program. 4 Fellows have been selected for this year's International Fellowship Program; Guillemo Carlos Conteras Noglaes, MD from Lima Peru, Micheline Gmeiner, MD from Graz Austria, Hui-qing Ge who is a Respiratory Therapist and holds Doctors License in China, and Adil Al Otaibi, MSRT, RRT from Saudi Arabia. Host cities include Dallas, Denver, Miami, Charlottesville, Boston, Tampa, Durham and Rochester, Mn.

CoARC report:

CoARC accreditation standards went into effect as of June 1, 2010 and are no longer using the CAAHEP standards for accreditation of Respiratory Care Education programs. A document comparing the 2003 CAAHEP standards to the new CoARC standards is available on their

website (www.coarc.com). This March CoARC was accepted into membership in the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (www.aspa-usa.org). Under the new CoARC accreditation guidelines 100 level programs (Non-Associate Degree Granting) will not be able to graduate students after December 31, 2012 and are being asked to not enroll students after July 1, 2010.

New Resolutions:

Resolution 87-10-07

Resolve that the AARC revise its disaster relief policy to allow the AARC President to consider activating the fund upon request of an affiliate president in the event of a state or local governmentally proclaimed state of emergency or disaster

Resolution was passed in the house and sent on to the Executive Board.

This resolution was passed by the Board of Directors and is forwarded onto the executive office for implementation.

Resolution 36-10-08

Resolve that the AARC consider writing a position paper to assist state affiliates work towards a provision in licensure language to allow for temporary license reciprocity for RT's transporting patients via an air or ground ambulance service.

The resolution was passed and referred to the Board of Directors for consideration.

This resolution was accepted by the Board for information only and is also being addressed by the Transportation Section led by Steve Sittig

Resolution 43-10-09

It is proposed that additional criteria be added to the Quality Respiratory Care Department recognition. Specifically, the criteria should include criteria for management standards which state that the Respiratory Care Department Director / Manager is a qualified Respiratory Therapist.

The resolution was passed by a placard vote of 29 - 19.

The Board of Directors defeated this resolution after significant discussion.

Tom Lamphere the Membership Committee reported there are now 4 states that have surpassed the 50% mark of Active and Life members. South Dakota is at 58%, New Jersey 57%, Pennsylvania 55% and North Dakota at 53%.

As always these are highlights of things presented at the House of Delegates meeting. If you have questions about these or other issues please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Cahill
Lora Bornhoft

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