

**House of Delegates Meeting
Ponte Verde, Florida
June 2016**

Gary Smith and I once again thank you all for the opportunity to represent our state at the HOD meetings. Below is some take away information from the meeting in June.

HOD Big List/To-Do - June 2016

Omitted from November 2015 Big List

F.A.C.E.S. Foundation – Phil Award - Sharman Lamka, President & Founder of the F.A.C.E.S. (Family And Caregiver Education and Support Foundation created an award in honor of her late husband Philip C. Lamka who passed away from Interstitial Lung Disease. The award recognizes the outstanding respiratory therapists who provide exemplary care and treatment for patients with respiratory illnesses. Affiliates were encouraged to partner with the F.A.C.E.S. Foundation.



<http://www.thefacesfoundation.org/phil-award/>

Action Items:

- Deb Skees – AARC Military Liaison Update
 - Affiliates are asked to identify an RT who has served our country to serve as their Military Liaison. 11 currently have an active military liaison.
 - Coordinate Affiliate meetings with Military Liaison with presentation of colors at Affiliate state AARC meetings.
 - Promote membership of Military Roundtable. 60 members currently.
 - Contact Deb Skees if you have questions or need assistance. Joe B. Haines of MN is the chair of this for the AARC.
- Frank Salvator - President
 - Promote our profession!
 - Create a document that supports improving access to RC.
 - Demonstrate to state agencies value of RT.
 - Show value of RT on the level of your state.

Information to share with State Society:

Summit Award – Texas Society for Respiratory Care

Bill Lamb Award - Anthony Everidge – Nevada
Outstanding Affiliate contributor- Sherri Tooley- New York

Best Practice Presentations

1. COPD Transitional Care for the Underserved - Ed Fluker (FL)
 - Demonstrated how collaboration and volunteerism can bridge the gap providing low cost healthcare to the working poor and underserved patients in the Orlando area.
 - See HOD CONNECT for PowerPoint.
2. Student Mentoring – ED Borza (HI)
 - KCC started RT program in 1978/AS degree w/95 credits.
 - Student sits on HSRC Board – nonvoting member.
 - Began HOD Internship in 2007 / Scholarships now \$1,500/yr.
 - HSRC Student Delegate 2007-2015 out of 10 students, 7-9 served on BOD.
 - See HOD CONNECT for PowerPoint.
3. Student Scholarship Program – Sheryle Barrett – (FL)
 - In honor of Dr. Ethyl E. Johnson, Ethyl's sister Mikki Thompson and family donated initial funds of \$25,000 to the scholarship. \$500 is given to at least 1 student in their senior year.
 - Since 2008, 17 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$8,700..
 - 42% are AARC members.
 - See HOD CONNECT for PowerPoint.
4. Graduation Toolkit – Angel Daves-Janes (FL)
 - The graduation toolkit was developed to encourage, empower, engage, and support the student.
 - Assists the student in navigating through the process of license application, interviews, and job placement launching their career.
 - Bridges the gap from student to professional.
 - See HOD CONNECT for PowerPoint.

Committee Reports:

International Report – John Hiser

- 25 applicants 10 host cities 10 countries Top 2 are China and Nigeria.
- HOD contributed \$7,550 in 2015 \$57,000 in past 9 years.

Membership

- 38,794 active members as of December '15.
- Membership is down 6% but revenue up 6% due to increase of annual dues.

Government Affairs – Ann Marie Hummel

- New lobbyists are Katie Schubert and Erika Miller of CRD Associates.
- 3/1-6/20 - 41,496 emails to Congress.
- HR 2949 has 60 cosponsors from 29 states.
- Working to combine our Telehealth Bill with the CONNECT Bill, need to work to keep RRT's on the radar screen. Need to work to get us

added to the CONNECT ACT so encourage your senators and delegates to add us to the ACT.

Policy and Guide – Joe Goss/Brian Cayko

- Resolutions 1 and 5 tabled.
- Resolutions 2, 3, and 4, passed. 5 passes for information only (See Agenda Book page 72)

Bylaws

- The 5 recommendations to amend AARC Bylaws passed.
- AARC will present changes to membership.

Elections Committee – HOD Nominations

- Speaker Elect – Meg Trumpp (KS) Teri Miller (GA) Kari Woodruff (CO)
- Treasurer – Dana Evans (MO) Joe Goss (NJ)
- Secretary – Kerry McNivin (CT) Ed Conway (OH)
- AARC Bylaws Committee – Kelvin Dwello (ID) Raymond Pisani (LA) Brian Cayko (MT) Pam Artibey (AZ) Virginia Forster (MD/VT)
- AARC Elections Committee – Jennifer Anderson (TX) Ed Borza (HI) Sheia Guidry (LA) Carl Hinkson (WA) Kevin Fischer (CO)

Student Mentorship – Dana/Evans

Deadline for student application for attendance at HOD meetings in fall is 45 days prior to meeting thus this year is September 1, 2016

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Specialty Sections

Adult Acute Care – Keith Lamb

- 1600-1800 members
- Section bulletin is now biannual,
- AARC Connect list serve very active.

Home Care – Kim Wiles

- 625 members – steadily dwindling – trying to invigorate.
- Many are transitioning from critical care to home care.
- Discussions ongoing combining home care section, long term care and continuous care – to better facilitate the patients transition from hospital to home.
- Worked with APRT group to incorporate home care competencies.

Education – Ellen Becker

- 1023 members
- AARC supports AAS programs in good standing.
- Work toward transitioning to BS programs with mentoring from CBGRTE.
- APRT – working on developing a needs assessment.
- Will first target AS programs within 4 year universities.

Management – Cheryl Hoerr

- In 2018, 50% reimbursement will come from ACO bundled payment model.
- Managers are being pushed forward to change
- Still in a fee for service environment.

- Encourage managers to join book club on Connect.
- Bulletin is now biannual.
- Note that CAP surveyors for ABG lab analysis competencies are now checking on the rule for having a BS degree in biology, clinical lab or Respiratory Therapy needs to be in place.

Neo/Peds – Natalie Napolitano

- Working on AARC NPS course
- Journal Club will close soon. Will use main Neo/Peds community.
- Job survey for NPS conducted by Brad Kuch.
- Assisting with abstract admissions with mentors.
- Continuing to work with international members. Recently traveled to Egypt.

AARC Update – Tom Kallstrom

- Our new lobbying group, CRD and Associates were very impressed with the organization and professionalism of the PACT on Hill Day!
- They are working with specific states Senators and Representatives to push HR 2948 forward.
- Strong alliance with Alpha 1 Foundation, Allergy and Asthma Network, COPD Foundation, and BOMA.
- Toolkit - Guide for RT's working in physician practice available on website.
- AARC/CDC partnered on several projects – see AARC website
- ARCF - \$30,000 grant awarded to post grad. \$7,500 came from AARC/Alpha 1.
- ARCF Non Endowed Donor Designated Funds. Minimum of \$7,500 to initiate fund.
- Patient Advocacy Summit – John Walsh Focus on COPD and CF Billy Dawson will perform.
- ARCF Fundraiser – “Night In The Grotto” 10/14/2016 San Antonio.
- Raised \$40K in 2015. Goal is \$50K this year.
- Tickets are \$150.
- 2016 Congress – October 15-18 , San Antonio
Keynote speaker – JR Martinez – DWS winner.
Closing speaker – FDNY Chief Richard Picciotto.

AARC President Report – Frank Salvator

- **Key Issues: Promote, Advance, Advocate**
- **Promote-** AARC is working with Institute for Patient Access- to create a document that supports “ improving access to Respiratory Care for patients”, continue to work with state affiliates to demonstrate the impact RT can have on patient outcomes and patient safety.
- AARC working with Lenard Nemoy family to increase awareness of COPD- documentary and includes RT.
- State affiliates to funnel positive stories of RT for News now feed

- **ADVANCE** -APRT – Working on gap analysis. CoArc has a matrix in place. Working on state and federal levels.
- BS Entry – There are 17 states that have no form of BS degree. 65 programs do offer BS degrees, where 88 AS programs do not. The AARC will gather data to assist the 88 schools to move toward transitioning to bachelor degree.
- AARC White Paper is now AARC Issue Paper. Fact and evidence based.
- **ADVOCATE** –Get RT added to the new Connect Bill
- Enhanced communication via AARC Connect Community per each state. Affiliate Boards will have direct email communication with their members to push messages out via moderator. Soft rollout to start. Will try going live by Hill Day 2017.
- NIH- we had 2 representatives in March help to create the National COPD Action plan being created by the NIH.
- Affiliate support AARC Exec. Office Survey asking if the Affiliates are willing to pay for Executive Board Services. Cost study will be out in the October meeting.
- 46,000 AARC members with 170,000 RT's national.
- RT REAL LIFE HEROS is the theme for RC week

HOD Contributions:

- Disaster Relief - \$3,950
- International Fellows - \$2,600
- ARCF Bill Bitzel - \$250
- ARCF Billy Lamb \$200
- ARCF - \$500

Toni Lovio- presentation to help each Affiliate- see power point on website

- **Know what to do to maintain non-profit status- pay taxes on time**
- File 990 by May 15, if pay speakers greater than 600.00\$ must file a W-2 and need the speakers 1099 first
- **Insurance- bond your board or at least your treasure**
- General liability for meeting to cover workers comp.
- **Protect critical documents**
- Know where they are all kept- articles of incorporation, by laws, IRS tax exempt letter, past financials, minutes, bank resolutions, insurance policy
- **Internal controls**
- Accounting system to help be organized, tax reporting, accountability, deposit checks ASAP- especially your revenue sharing checks.
- Checks and balance system need 2 different signatures
- (sox law) - Requirements for NFP – need all policies in writing- need a whistleblower policy.
- **Use a budget**

Next HOD Meeting - Oct. 13-14, 2016
2016 International Congress —Oct. 15-18, San Antonio, TX