



IOWA SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

**Iowa Society Respiratory Care Board of Directors Meeting
February 5th, 2021 9AM-1PM
Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams**

Meeting called to order at 0901 by Colleen Reiland, IaSRC President

1. Approve November 2020 meeting minutes
 - a. Motion to approve November 6, 2020 minutes as written: Julie Jackson. Second: Curtis Clark. All approved, motion passed.
2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum
 - a. 9 to make a quorum – quorum met.
 - b. Present: Colleen Reiland (President -Year 2), Cindy Duncan (Past President & Lung Conference Committee), Curtis Clark (Vice President -Year 2), Dinah Crees (Treasurer – Year 3), Jamie Bute (Secretary -Year 2), Julie Jackson (Senior Delegate HOD-Year 2), Mica Spicer (Junior Delegate HOD-Year 2), Peg Volk (Director-at-Large Year 2), Joel Meredith (Director-at-Large Year 1), Ashley Moser (District 1 Director 2020-2021), Victoria Hardy (District 4 Director 2021-2022), Nicole Bradley (District 5 Director 2020-2021), Larry Wagner (District 6 Director 2021-2022), Matt Eide (Lobbyist), Kate Walton (Lobbyist), Paige Neel (President Student IaSRC), Olivia Harkness (student).
 - c. Absent: Whitney Clausen (President Elect), LuAnne Heemstra (PACT), Sydney Barker (District 2 Director 2021-2022), Chad Kalkbrenner (District 3 Director 2020-2021).
3. Guest Introduction (if appropriate) - Introductions done by all.
4. Consent Agenda
5. Reports
 - a. Eide/Walton
 - i. Legislative Update
 - ii. State RRT – many states are going to RRT only. About half now. Once at least half of the states requiring RRT, the NBRC said they would consider getting rid of the lower cut score for CRT credential. Need support from everyone in the state to become an RRT only state. If move forward, there will for sure be a grandfather clause for those who are CRT so they can stay employed.
 - iii. Telehealth update. 2020 Telehealth Bill passed the House. At the Senate it was changed to 95% behavioral and 60% physical reimbursement, which killed the bill. Substantial resistance to any telehealth bill in the Senate.
 - iv. Licensure HF131 – prohibit continuing education in person. All virtual. Has not passed out of subcommittee. Not likely to move forward.



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- v. SSB1046 – from Americans for Prosperity. No subcommittee scheduled. Will keep an eye on. Regarding Scope of Practice changes and adds lots of steps for anyone unlicensed to earn licensure.
- vi. FF163 – don't have to prove hardship for extensions.
- vii. Licensure Boards discussing fees. Sleep technologists have argued they have paid their dues with the increased fees and now want their fees lowered.
- b. Medical Director
 - i. Introduction –Unable to attend.
- c. President (Collen Reiland)
 - i. Subcommittee report on Emergency Grant. Will send report out prior to next meeting. \$500 per year cap, award prorated on years as AARC/IaSRC member. Potential to add a "Donate Now" to website for additional money to be earned. There will be a 3% fee deducted for all money earned. Still questions on what to include. How many will apply and if we can sustain this.
 - ii. PACT report. No PACT meetings. Vaccine report coming up later.
- d. President Elect/Past-President (Cindy Duncan)
 - i. AARC Meeting. How do we recruit members? Good representation for diversity? AARC/NBRC/CoARC are working on a media campaign together for recruitment. Time frame was for summer completion. Bad publicity for AARC through Respiratory Therapy Breakroom on social media. Contact Amanda Fell for her to address any issues that need clarified. Temporary President of AARC is not RT. He does have experience with respiratory from a family member being a patient. Not sure if he qualifies for permanent appointment.
 - ii. Question about those leadership changes. The former President had a closed session vote for lack of confidence. Executive Director was also removed and replaced with a temporary person. Most controversy came from videos for other healthcare workers to touch ventilators.
- e. Treasurer (Dinah Crees)
 - i. 2 shirts still unpaid. Dinah will reach out to those members after today's meeting.
 - ii. Cannot cancel auto-insurance even if we do not hold a conference.
 - iii. Post Office issue with returned check. Julie has post office box key and will go talk to postmaster. Do we still need this box? The only time they really get mail is around the Lung Conference time for people who could not register online. Need to check with AARC policies (may need a physical address)(used to use current President address, but that got confusing as Presidents change)



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- iv. Conflict of interest form. May need ad hoc committee. Julie will discuss further with HOD.
- v. \$18,735. Savings ~\$25,000. EdgeBox took a small loss (\$23.45). Less than PayPal, but still have to watch.
- f. Delegates (HOD) (Julie Jackson)
 - i. HOD Business.
 1. National search happening for AARC President. But probably not permanent until 2022.
 2. Quarter report pushed back from 2022 to 2023. Bylaws due at that report. Need an ad hoc committee – President, VP, Delegates, and Treasurer to get ahead of it. To ensure we have all documentation. Julie will set up.
 3. Avenue Revenue Agreement has been signed.
 4. AARC wants to find a way to help State societies with virtual conferences. Use the same platform as Virtual Congress. Lots of positive feedback so they will move forward with this plan.
 5. Leadership Bootcamp was postponed. Hoping to do something virtual in the fall.
 6. Promote upcoming webinar on safe and effective staffing. Uniform reporting manual. First one in February, then once a quarter (there are 4 total).
 7. Will meet with President Tooley in February to discuss her goals.
 8. Some states have issues with Oxygen shortages and patient's not being able to go home with Oxygen. Not a shortage in Iowa (shortages reported in California). Survey just closed so report will be coming soon.
 - ii. Vaccine – who can and who cannot vaccinate. There are not enough nurses and physicians to deliver vaccinations once the major rollout happens. All state members had been asked to reach out to their respective State licensure Board to see if RTs can become a provider to deliver vaccines. Julie has researched and she doesn't see anything that says RTs cannot, but will discuss with the Licensure Board in February (16th). RTs would probably deliver these vaccines at public health clinics, not necessarily through employers. Just an FYI, dental providers have been added to the Governor's list on who can deliver vaccines. Motion to move forward with reaching out to Tony Alden to put on the agenda for discussion. If approved, there are more things that need discussed, like training for drawing up, staying viable, and delivery. Report from Kate – some physicians (Dentists, Podiatrists) are being blocked by Medical Boards. She has



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more investigation to do, but feels our start with reaching out to licensure board is a good start. Thought: maybe adding “under the supervision of a physician” will increase the success of getting RTs approved. Motion to move forward with writing a letter to Iowa Licensure Board to assess if RTs can deliver vaccine: Julie Jackson. Second: Larry Wagner. All approved, motion passed.

- g. District Directors/Directors at Large
 - i. Nicole Bradley (District 5): Lung Conference update shown below.
 - h. Vice President (Curtis Clark)
 - i. Nothing to report
 - i. Secretary (Jamie Bute)
 - i. Clarified the name of the payment system.
6. Old Business
- a. Conference Update – Nicole Bradley. Tentative Friday June 11 at FFA building on the Des Moines campus. 6 speakers. Speaking valve w mechanical ventilation, Covid, patient perspective post-Covid, vaping, evidence-based medicine. Vender hall over lunch. Only one vendor has declined face-to-face. Sputum bowl not decided. Student session being looked at. Will look at the option of people joining online if uncomfortable in person. Also, the consensus is that things won’t get back to normal until fall.
7. New Business
- a. No new business
8. Actions
9. Adjournment / Next Meeting: April 30th @ 0900 via Microsoft TEAMS
- a. Upcoming meetings for 2021 are: August 6th, October 29th.
 - b. Motion to adjourn at 1054: Larry Wagner. Second: Joel Meredith. All approved, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Jamie Bute, 2020-2021 IaSRC Secretary