

## **KANSAS RESPIRATORY CARE SOCIETY**

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11:00 pm

Newman University

Wichita, KS

### **Members present:**

Don Carden, Terri Lesser, Melanie Asmussen, Ed Anderson, Rusty Taylor, Meg Trumpp, Dan Conyers, Curtis Kidwell, Nancy Jones, Deb Fox, Jana Cox (via Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro – Chat), Pat Patterson (Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro – Chat)

### **Members absent:**

Mark Brady, Donna Johnson, Pam Brown, Bev Urmey, Karen Schell, Jon Finnegan, Regina Chard, Leona Evans, David Mantz, Troy Gooch, Pam Brown, Chris Fulwider, Stacia Nordyke, Suzanne Bollig, Bill Rea

**Welcome:** Ed opened the meeting at 1110 and welcomed everyone. The minutes from our December 3rd meeting in Wichita were sent out. A quorum was not present to approve the minutes initially. Discussion started about the possibility of using alternative measures to hold the meeting without everyone convening every time especially during time of treacherous roads. Rusty suggested that a trial of “Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro-Chat” since it was already on his computer at the meeting. Discussion bounced around between using that (academic license for \$150/yr) for the future or conference calls or “Go to Meeting (\$468/year)” without being cost prohibitive. Rusty set up a meeting to try it out and invited Jana and Pat who were unable to attend. They accepted the invitation and joined the meeting. The recommendation was set forth to try to offer this as an alternative for anyone that can not make the meeting in Topeka, February 24<sup>th</sup> and possibly for the summer meeting. Once Jana and Pat connected to the meeting through their computers, the minutes were approved. Local Chapter 7 position is vacant. Meg will compile a list of willing candidates and forward that list to Ed.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Pat sent out report to everyone prior to the meeting. No additional information was given regarding the change of banks. The shortfall of funds for the reimbursement from the KSBHA with the impaired provider was noted and was likely due to a delay for it being sent to Donna to be sent to the KSBHA. Further discussion ensued about the history of how KRCS’s contract started with this bill and who the bill should be sent to, if it can be sent electronically, and where the reimbursement check is sent. Ed will check with the committee chairperson (Bev) to find out additional information. Dan will have this topic added to the Respiratory Care Council’s meeting agenda for February 10<sup>th</sup>. Don will fax the current contract to Ed and Dan. Dan will also invite the KSBHA to the Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> KRCS meeting at approximately 1400 in Topeka. Pat inquired about replacing the KRCS laptop. That was postponed until the budget is finalized.

**Delegates Report:**

Terri Lesser sent out the House of Delegate report from the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting in San Antonio. There are currently 548 active members with grand total of all members at 655. Cam McLaughlin (VA) gave a status report at the HOD meeting. His 6 goals include working with the chartered affiliates to focus on membership and participation in the AARC and to improve communication and relationships between the affiliates and the AARC. Terri reported that Sam Giordano talked about health reform and the need for RT's to be involved in RT and Pulmonary Rehab and the Spirometry Protocol.

Tom Kallstrom gave an update that membership is close to 50,000 which is an all time high. The ventilator survey had a 75% response rate with 11 states reaching above 95% - Kansas was one of them with 100% compliance! AARC elections results: President Elect is Karen Stewart and Director at Large –is Frank Salvatore. Kansas has won the Summit Award! The 2010 National Meeting is in Las Vegas with the 2011 Meeting in Tampa November 5-8 and again in Tampa in 2015 for November 7-10. Summer Forum 2010 is July 10 and 20 in Marco Island. AARC is scheduled to lay a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier during PACT meeting in Washington DC, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 1215. Terri reported that the liveliest discussion was the conflict of interest statement at the meeting. The first resolution about the AARC exploring implementation of a new discounted membership category for members who are over the age of 65 carried with a few word changes. The second motion about the AARC consulting with the affiliates prior to offering programs that may duplicate or compete with programs offered by the state failed.

**Director's Report:**

Rusty is working on Legislative Day and will set up an email meeting for those to connect to the BOD meeting that can not physically be present in Topeka that day. Legislative Day will be meeting in the Docking Building-Conference Room B and C. Ed will work with his contact to meet with the governor.

Curtis is working on updating the website and looking at setting up Pay pal for registrations for seminars. If anyone finds a broken link on the website, please send him an FYI email. The number of hits on the website is up.

Nancy is working on a 6 CEU Seminar at NW Tech College 2/27. An article will be included about it on the newsletter at the end of February. Chris Fulwider would like a notebook that details his responsibilities. Terri already has 18 notebooks to place copies of the bylaws with chapter separation map and responsibilities.

**Chapter Report:**

Dan- Chapter 1- Continue to have CEU presentations once a month every other month. Chapter 1 is co hosting a seminar with the Missouri chapter on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. No election has taken place as no one will commit. Dan will continue to look for a President-Elect. Jana-Chapter 3- No report.

**Committee Reports**

**Bylaws:**

Terri reported that 2011 is the year to take the KRCS Bylaws to the AARC for the 5 year check up. Therefore, she asked that everyone take a look at them prior to the Feb. meeting so there is time for any amendments and let the membership vote on the changes fall of 2010 with elections.

**Chapter Affairs:**

Meg did not have anything to report.

**Education:**

Terri has the deadline of Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> to have everything to Suzanne for the brochure for the spring meeting. Terri has submitted the proposed budget to Ed. A total of 12 CEU's will be offered and all but one speaker has been confirmed. Registration fees were discussed and they will remain the same as the fees for the spring seminar in 2009. Objectives need to be to Mel A by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be submitted to the AARC for approval in time to prevent a late fee. Ben Wano is working on the vendor list. Deb is checking with Haley Busch to see what the status is of the cumulative vendor list from the spring meeting that Don asked her to put together. Dan will verify with Ben the vendor list. Meg reported that Allan Thomas has accepted to chair the education committee for the spring seminar in Wichita for 2011. Those dates are April 13-15, 2011. Terri will include Dan in all emails to Ben regarding the vendors. Per the earlier email discussion/vote, CEUs will be given to all attendees. Terri will remove the line on the brochure that students will not receive CEU's. Nancy reported that Leona's entire class are student AARC members. WKS in 2010 is in Hays.

**Legislative / PACT:**

Deb Fox reported that Karen has the displays and back drop for Legislative Day. Terri has the food planned and Rusty is coordinating the entertainment. Deb reported that although she has enjoyed the role, it is time to start looking for a new PACT coordinator. The individual should have the energy to do the leg work required, knows how government functions and is interested in that process. It does have a 3 year commitment. Deb is willing to help/mentor the new recruit for the role. Deb reported that PolySom has begun their technical review. The Kansas Practicing Perfusionist Society (KPPS) is applying for licensure and they have completed their technical review which recommended them for licensure. An earlier email that Deb passed out discussed the bill and she had asked that the bill have a specific exclusion for Respiratory Therapists regarding ECMO Denny Coyne and Susan Englert joined the meeting at 1400 in order to discuss the bill and ask for the KRCS' support. . They had a paper copy of the bill with the new exception statement reading, "(c) The person is trained according to ECMO specific guidelines of the ECMO and operates an ECMO circuit under the supervision of a licensed physician." The bill is ready to go to the legislature and will present in the Public Health and Human Well Being Committee chaired by Jim Barnett. The KRCS fully supports the KPPS and commends them for their professional approach. When the official electronic version is submitted, a copy will be sent to Deb. At that time, Deb will draft a letter for Ed to sign stating the KRCS support. Denny reported that

