

# Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care – Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – Q1  Q2  Q3  Q4

Date: June 6, 2025 – Virtual and Live

\*Asterisk – indicates an Action Item due to be reported at the next meeting.

## Call to Order – Eileen Censullo

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am by President Eileen Censullo and request was made for Secretary Clark to call role.

## Roll Call:

### **Board of Directors:**

<b>President</b>	Eileen Censullo	Present
<b>President-Elect</b>	Jerin Juby	Present
<b>Vice President</b>	Hernan Alvarado	Present
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tony Ruppert	Present
<b>Secretary</b>	Myava Clark	Present
<b>Senior Delegate</b>	Gail Varcelotti	Present
<b>Junior Delegate</b>	Jefferson Mixell	Present
<b>District Director-East</b>	Melissa Ash	Excused Absence (Tony Ruppert had her proxy)
<b>District Director-East Elect</b>	Stephen Biehl	Present
<b>District Director-Central</b>	Sheila Merrill	Present
<b>District Director-Central Elect</b>	Ryan Christensen	Present
<b>District Director-West</b>	Tom Monahan	Present
<b>DAL-Neonatal-Pediatrics</b>	Jenn Mahone	Present
<b>DAL-Acute Care</b>	Brad Rogers	Present (Jerin Juby had his proxy after 11:00 AM)
<b>DAL-Management</b>	Anoop George	Excused Absence (Hernan Alverado had his proxy)
<b>Medical Advisor</b>	Jessica Boehmler, MD	Excused Absence
<b>Director of Operations</b>	Linda Cornman	Present

### **Committee Chairs:**

<b>Audit Committee</b>	Tony Ruppert	Present
<b>Awards Committee</b>	Hernan Alvarado	Present
<b>Budget Committee</b>	Tony Ruppert	Present
<b>By-laws Committee</b>	Gail Varcelotti	Present

<b>Education Committee</b>	Christine Gluvna	Present
<b>Election Committee</b>	Hernan Alvarado	Present
<b>Investment Committee</b>	Tony Ruppert	Present
<b>Judicial Committee</b>	Jerin Juby	Present
<b>Leadership Committee (LARS)</b>	Sheila Merrill	Present
<b>Legislative Committee</b>	Jefferson Mixell	Present
<b>Membership Committee</b>	Brad Rogers	Present (excused early)
<b>Public Relations</b>	Brad Rogers	Present (excused early)
<b>Research-PRRC Committee</b>	Ann Donnelly	Present
<b>Sputum Bowl</b>	Melissa Ash	Absent

Secretary Myava Clark verified, to President Censullo, a quorum was present.

### **Opening Remarks:**

President Censullo requested all BOD members to update the Officiary when any changes of the contact information occur prior to the BOD meeting. Ms. Censullo also asked the BOD to check the column if it is okay to share their information with McNees Group. Ms. Censullo asked if everyone has signed the Conflict-of-Interest Form and if not to please do so.

### **Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Agenda**

President Censullo discussed additions for in today's agenda and requested any additional changes from the BOD at this time:

- Old Business: discussion about Garry Kauffman coming in to lead a two-day session about a PSRC business plan for the future.
- New Business: Ms. Linda Corman requested to discuss the social media policy (rules and regulations) for job postings.
- New Business: Ms. Varcelotti suggested discussing whether we need to contact any BOD member who give proxies if an unexpected vote or one not presented priorly needed to be made since we see proxy used more frequently. Ms. Censullo said it to be unnecessary as the proxy votes would be used secondarily since we had a quorum present today.
- New Business: Regarding students providing patient care at hospitals will include discussing the position statement and if an update is needed. Mr. Rogers mentioned Ohio and West Virginia having student licenses instead of temporary licenses. This will also be discussed in the section of New Business.

President Censullo requested a motion for acceptance of the amended agenda.

**Motion:** Approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Agenda as amended.

**Motion By:** Ms. Gail Varcelotti

**Seconded By:** Dr. Jerin Juby

**Discussion summary:** None

## **Motion Carried**

President Censullo welcomed our guests from the **McNees Group – Angie Armbrust and Natalie Cook**.

Ms. Armbrust reported that many things are occurring, and each side has competing priorities. The House and Senate are working on a general fund deal by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Senate is concerned with overspending. House Democrats want to pick and choose the initiatives. There is \$11 billion budget to spend.

A bipartisan bill proposing to legalize recreational cannabis-use for adults in PA is forthcoming. The Senate Republican Campaign Caucus (SRCC) on May 6<sup>th</sup> was attended by Ms. Censullo and Mr. Jefferson. It was a good event and included facetime for the PSRC and McNees Group. SRCC does not have the votes philosophically to get enough votes to approve Recreational Marijuana the idea is to allow for recreational marijuana to be sold through private industry, like its medical counterpart..

There has been much work being completed surrounding Compact Licensure. We have secured a Republican sponsor. McNees Group is trying to get a House Democrat and a House Republican to sponsor the bill as well. There is a meeting scheduled to secure both House Democrat and Republican sponsors. Once the language is finalized by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the cosponsor memo is circulated, the PSRC needs to ask the membership to reach out to their House members to sign on as sponsors. Several other healthcare professional's Compacts are starting to move in bill format. Bill's will then be passed to the Council State Governments.

Ms. Censullo inquired about the use of Epi pens being available in schools and with police officers. Ms. Armbrust was not aware of the Epi pen bill House Bill 928. The opinion is, Kim Ward and Pittman's Chief of Staff will be totally behind the bill once it is approved.

There is a secondhand smoke bill which the PSRC will be supporting. House Bill 1657 Protecting Workers from Secondhand Smoke Act is amending the act of June 13, 2008 (P.L.182, No.27), known as the Clean Indoor Air Act, further providing for title of act, for definitions, for prohibition, for signage, for enforcement, for preemption of local ordinances and for repeal; and making editorial changes.

Ms. Censullo thanked Ms. Armbrust and Ms. Cook for their attendance and the updated report.

**Update of PSRC Officiary/Conflict of Interest Forms:** Secretary Clark distributed forms for the attending members to complete if they have not done so already. No changes were made

**Approval of Phone/Email/Executive Committee Votes. Secretary Clark report** no E-Votes occurred since the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting

## **Director of Operations Report:**

Ms. Linda Cornman reported (in addition to her sent report)

- There was only one Webinar held since the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting and Dr. Juby was the moderator.
- Central Conference scheduled June 26, 2025, and is being chaired by Christine Gluvna
  - All speakers for Central Conference have been secured.
  - The 6 CRCE application for the Central Conference was sent and approved by the AARC
  - Ms. Cornman is working with Jefferson Mixell on securing the Exhibitors but he is leading the charge.

- Jen Mahone is currently working on a 1-hour CRCE for Neo/Peds Section members.
  - The registration will be open soon. Neo/Peds members will get in for free, AARC members will pay \$10, and non-AARC members will pay \$15.
- Ms. Cornman is working with Ms. Gluvna on a half-day live CRCE event at UPMC-Hamot on October 18. Ms. Cornman will not be traveling but she will be available for questions via a Zoom link. Gail Varcelotti will assist with the conference if possible.
- All prior Webinar videos have been uploaded to YouTube and all the non-traditional CRCE events have been approved for CRCE by the AARC.
- Ms. Cornman and Treasurer Ruppert have been trying to have Q monthly and prn meetings to go over all the conference and PSRC expenses and settle the budget from the live events as they are received. She is currently working with Mr. Ruppert to wrap up the West Conference. She is also updating the inventory list to see if more swag needs to be ordered for the fall.
- Ms. Cornman continues to attend Taco Tuesday when available.
- The current membership at this time was 2718. An email has been sent to members whose membership recently expired or their membership will expire this year asking the members to renew.
- Ms. Cornman is working with the PRRC to update the PRRC web pages on [psrc.net](http://psrc.net).
- Receiving and uploading photos from the West Conference, Awards, and the student conference is ongoing.

## **Officers Reports –**

### **President's Report:**

Ms. Eileen Censullo verbal report included the following activities for this quarter:

- Attended Career Days for three High Schools, visited three hospitals, and went to McNees (Senate Republican Campaign Committee at West Shore Golf Club with Jefferson Mixell and McNees Group).
- Attended, presented a lecture, and judged at the Student Sputum Bowl.
- Multiple phone calls, conference calls and emails.
- Reviewed all legislative emails.
- Continued work updating, editing, correcting, and adding new materials to the policy and procedure manual.
- Met with Melissa Ash and Tom Monahan to see what assistance has been needed.
- Recorded and had a video placed onto the PSRC website with updates.

Ms. Censullo has been in conversations with UMPC February 22, 2025, a mass shooting and hostage situation took place at UPMC Memorial Hospital in Shiloh, Pennsylvania. Three RTs were working in the ICU when the shooting occurred. One therapist returned to work shortly after the shooting. However, the other therapists recently returned to work, but they are still struggling. The department knows that they have the support of the PSRC, and they are appreciative of that. The department head wants to make sure that these two RTs are okay before she orders the food provided by the PSRC. Once she orders the food she will submit the invoice to Ms. Cornman to be reimbursed. Ms. Censullo sent a written card on behalf of the PSRC.

**Vice President:** Dr. Jerin Juby verbal report included a summary about:

- Pennsylvania HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) State Leadership Conference (SLC) in 2025 will be held at the Wyndham Resort and Convention Center in Lancaster, PA, from March 26-28, 2025
- The event was extraordinarily successful. They had over 1,000 students from across Pennsylvania for leadership development, networking, and competitive events. In addition to the students, many high school counselors were present.
- During the 2026 meeting HOSA is they planning to do a respiratory therapy corner to bring all together as a RT focus area. This year's event included breakout schedules and many students from Pittsburgh that were engaged in activities and competitions.
- Mentioned the lack of space within the space and actual hotel rooms had to be used for the competitions, which was not acceptable in the judges opinions.

### **Treasurer's:**

Mr. Tony Ruppert reported that the PSRC has finally acquired a newer treasurer laptop. He has transitioned to QuickBooks online and the software already is saving the PSRC money. Mr Ruppert requests anyone who submits a request for reimbursement or payment to please use the [treasurer@psrc.net](mailto:treasurer@psrc.net) and attach the request form. If you have general information, you may email Mr. Ruppert using his personal email. He added the Director of Operations to the credit card approval to eliminate payment steps/delays. Mr. Ruppert discussed the 2024 taxes with the accountant. The report/tax filings are to be completed by the end of June.

The YTD budget update of the expenses and income was provided.

### **Delegates Report:**

Ms. Gail Varcelotti and Mr. Jefferson Mixell will be attending the 2025 Summer HOD Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, on July 15-16 as the PSRC Delegation. Activities so far this year have included:

Both Delegates attended the Spring Virtual Meeting on March 21, 2025. A resolution was prepared (by Jefferson Mixell and discussed with Gail Varcelotti) and a decision was made to ask added questions to the RC Journal prior to sending the resolution. The resolutions received for consideration during the summer HOD meeting. They were reviewed by the HOD Resolutions Committee and were sent to the HOD Officers for review, the delegates do not have permission yet to discuss with the PSRC BOD at the June 6 meeting. There are five Resolutions and they will have to be send to the PSRC BOD for each one to be voted upon, Mr. Mixell and Ms. Varcelotti are available to answer any questions

PSRC Delegates were sent a last minute request to co-sponsor another delegation's resolution (Minnesota) prior to the May 1st deadline, the PSRC Delegates confirmed they would cosponsor the Resolution as it directly relates to a topic discussed by the President, Jr. Delegate, PSRC Lobbyists with Breathe Pennsylvania (this meeting was held on April 16). Breathe Pennsylvania is seeking legislation in Pennsylvania about quick relief medicines, such as albuterol inhalers and related equipment to be used in emergencies by appropriately training school personnel in school systems. Minnesota is working with the AIR group, and they are having success with different states concerning the inhalers. Minnesota wants the AARC to partner up with the AIR group to get this resolution passed. They are not looking for money from the AARC. AIR just wants to use the AARCs name. PSRC agreed to Co-sponsor with Minnesota.

Ms. Varcelotti has attended virtual meetings as required and met expectations/assignments as the Co-Chair of HOD Resolutions Committee and Chair-Elect for AARC Elections Committee. Mr. Mixell is a member of the HOD AFAC Vision/Planning Committee. Explanation and summary of Summer

Meeting will be prepared for PSRC website "Article" after returning from the meeting and will submit a formal report at the 3rd Quarter PSRC BOD meeting to be held on July 12, 2025.

Additionally, Ms. Varcelotti attended the West Conference April 2-3, Both Mr. Mixell and Ms. Varcelotti will attend the Central and East Conferences during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

### **Vice President:**

Vice President Hernan Alvarado verbally reported he and Dr. Jerin Juby have scheduled, with local department RC leaders, a coffee and chat session at one of their staff meetings. The first session is with Mr. Alvarado has a tentative date scheduled with St. Christopher's hospital at the end of this month.

As Chair for the East District CRCE Live Conference has been coordinating and working with the committee to finalize all speakers, topics, and exhibitors. Mr. Alvarado is still waiting for some of the Jot Forms for the speakers. \*Mr. Alvarado will follow up with the speakers to complete the Jot Forms. He noted Ms. Varcelotti has secured the venue and Mr. Ruppert paid the required fees.

### **Secretary Report:**

Dr. Myava Clark reviewed her activities during the quarter. She submitted the 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter BOD Meeting minutes and the 2025 Annual Business Meeting minutes to the Director of Operations to place into the Google archive storage and on the PSRC website. Dr. Clark sent out reminders 30 days before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter along with the Action Items. The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting minutes were sent to the President for review within two weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting and were sent to the rest of the BOD to make comments and corrections. Then, they were sent to the BOD for a vote approval at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter BOD Meeting. The Quarterly Reports were sent to the BOD members. Once they were received back, the reports were compiled. The compiled reports were sent to the BOD to review before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting. Dr. Clark also submitted two nominations for the DAL- Neo/Peds position.

### **District Director East –**

Ms. Melissa Ash noted in her report the student conference/Sputum Bowl was held back in April at Gwynedd Mercy University. They had 3 speakers- Karen Kofalt, Eileen, Randy Solly and then a panel of recent graduates. Eight hospitals/health networks rented tables to interact with the students. The Sputum Bowl was in the afternoon. Six teams competed. One of the West Chester University (WCU) teams won. Ms. Ash emailed a survey after the conference and received valuable feedback for next year. The PSRC needs to purchase new buzzers before the next Sputum Bowl. Ms. Ash distributed a survey to collect updated contact information for the hospital department directors so she can revise the list. She is also planning on scheduling an East Directors managers meeting in the fall. Currently, she is working on the East CRCE Live Conference and Sputum Bowl for next year.

### **District Director Central-**

Sheila Merrill reported.

- She is planning the Central District CRCE Live Conference meeting with the committee for June 26, 2025.
- Ms. Merrill continues to collaborate with Central District-Elect. They have been meeting every other week, and they are trying to get more members to register for the conference.
- Ms. Merrill is working to get a list of managers for the Central District. \*Ms. Cornman will reach out to Heather or Elizabeth to see if she can get the job titles for the membership. \*Ms.

Cornman will create a Jot Form to send to each DD. Each DD will send an email to their membership to determine the leadership/managers in each district.

**District Director West-** Tom Monahan reported for the West. He continues to collaborate with Ms. Merrill for LARS – topics and speakers. The Western District Conference was successful. There were 30 vendors, 170 attendees, 50/50 raffle which raised \$ 246 (donated \$148 to AARC disaster relief in Natalie’s name); and recognized current & former military service members during the conference. Mr. Rogers had a poster board for everyone to sign. Ms. Merrill and Mr. Monahan have all the speakers for the seminars. Mr. Monahan continues to participate in Taco Tuesday when possible.

**Director-At-Large Neonatal/Pediatrics:** - Jenn Mahone submitted the required report. She is a member of PSRC Eastern Conference Planning Team. Assisted in securing speakers for conference and future webinars. Ms. Mahone attended the PSRC Western Conference. She is finalizing a Neo/Peds Webinar. The Webinar will be on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at noon. The topic is Nitric Oxide, and the speaker will be provided by Vero. She sent an email out to respiratory therapists. Ms. Mahone attended Berks Earth Day in April and hosted an Asthma table. She also spoke to high school students about being a respiratory therapist in April to bring your child to work day at Reading Hospital.

**Director-At-Large Acute Care-** Mr. W. Brad Rogers reported that he still must work on the journal club. He will tap into the people who have them up and running. Mr. Rogers is working on an email blast to send to all current ACCS members to gain support.

**Director-At-Large Management- Report** not received, excused absence of the DAL Anoop George

#### **Committee Reports - \* Standing Committee**

**Audit\*** -Treasurer, Tony Ruppert, Chair reported that the audit was done this past week and there was a discrepancy of a penny found. The deposit showed \$0.01 more than the bank statement. The budget requests are due within the next couple of weeks.

**Awards –** Vice President, Hernan Alvarado, Chair, The Awards committee met and reviewed submissions. The chosen Awards recipients were notified, and the Awards will be presented at the conference closest to where the recipient lives. The Awards have already been printed.

**Budget\*** - Treasurer, Tony Ruppert, Chair stated that we are on target with the AARC Revenue and the All-in-One Program. The vendor (Exhibit) sponsorship policy includes webinars, LARS, etc. allows vendors to sponsor. Currently, we do not have any. The west made approximately \$11,000 and fell short approximately \$13,000. Originally, there were no funds allocated for Legislative Services, but the BOD approved 30,000. We went over \$375 for fees that we were not anticipating for the attorney. We are looking into the cost of Cvent. PSRC does have insurance now. The student buzzers but it has not been reflected into the budget yet.

Discussed why the West fell short and if other conferences were assumed into the budget proposal forms due now, should be acutely reflective of 2026 plans.

**Bylaws\*** – Ms. Varcelotti, Chair reported that we are still awaiting the AARC Bylaws to be presented and voted upon at which time, if approved by AARC Membership, the PSRC Bylaws will be compared to the “new AARC Bylaws” and altered appropriately, approved by PSRC BOD and sent to Membership for Approval. The vote should be sent out to AARC Membership by the end of the year. \* BOD granting proxy. Robert’s Rules states to follow your Bylaws. Robert’s rules do not state that E-votes need to be ratified. Ms. Varcelotti will add this to her things to do on the Action List.

**Education** – Christine Gluvna, Chair, and moderated West District Seminar in April. She will be chairing and moderating for the Central District in June. The Educator list updates are ongoing. The coordination of the Annual Educator Meeting is in progress, and they are planning to meet sometime after the Summer Forum at the middle or end of July. They will coordinate with the CoARC and NBRC on the meeting date. There were not any endorsement/sponsorship requests this quarter.

**Elections/ Nominations\* -**

Nominees for the upcoming election were discussed after the close of nominations.

Review of eligibility of the nominees followed the requirements set by the PSRC Bylaws.

- It was determined that Mr. Tony Ruppert can be placed on the ballot for PSRC Treasurer according to the bylaws.
- Ms. Kelley Clark was verified to be an active member of the AARC, and she is currently a member of the Neo/Peds specialty section. Ms. Clark switched her AARC membership from New Jersey to Pennsylvania to avoid any conflict as she lives in New Jersey, but she works in Pennsylvania.
- Melody Sidor was found to not be a member of the AARC or the Adult Acute Care specialty section. Since there are no other nominees and after the board discussed the situation, the board agreed to offer Ms. Sidor the opportunity to join the AARC and Acute Adult specialty section and then accept the nomination by June 20<sup>th</sup> or she will not be eligible to be on the ballot.
- The Nomination letters were then sent out to nominees, with instructions to accept or decline the nomination.
- The following nominees declined their nomination or did not complete requirements to be placed on the:
  - Hernan Alvarado: declined position of Treasurer – Elect
  - Melody Sidor: was removed from consideration for DAL AAC Position as she did not complete the requirements to remain on the 2026 ballot.

The following nominees accepted their nomination and the ballot for the year 2026 is as follows and requires BOD approval:

1. **Vice President:** *Brad Rogers, Melissa Ash, Christine Gluvna, Terrence Comiskey.*

**Motion:** Approve Brad Rogers, Melissa Ash, Christine Gluvna, Terrence Comiskey nominees for the Vice President on the 2026 ballot

**Motion by** Tony Ruppert  
**Seconded by** Dr. Myava Clark  
**Discussion:** None  
**Motion Carried**

2. **Treasurer Elect:** *Tony Ruppert*

**Motion:** Approve Tony Ruppert as the nominee for the Treasurer-Elect on the 2026 Ballot

**Motion by:** Jefferson Mixell  
**Seconded by:** Dr Jerin Juby  
**Discussion:** None  
**Motion carried.**

3. **DAL-Adult:** *Melody Sidor* – see above discussion and requirements to be placed formally on the 2026 Ballot.

**Motion:** Approve Melody Sidor as the nominee for the DAL – Acute Adult Care specialty section position only if she becomes a member of the AARC and the AAC Specialty Section prior to June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Motion by** Jefferson Mixell

**Seconded by:** Tony Ruppert

**Discussion:** (Friendly Amendment changing the date from June 20 to June 25 made and accepted by the original author J. Mixell)

**Motion carried.**

4. **DAL-Neo Peds** *Kelley Clark*

**Motion:** Approve Kelley Clark the nominee for the DAL – Neo/Peds specialty section position

**Motion by** Dr. Myava Clark

**Seconded by** Jefferson Mixell

**Discussion:** Regarding being verified as eligible

**Motion carried.**

5. **DAL-Management:** Hernan Alvarado Jackie Oravec

**Motion:** Approve Jackie Oravec as the nominee for the DAL – Management specialty section position

**Motioned by:** Dr. Jerin Juby

**Seconded by:** Jefferson Mixell

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Carried**

The 2026 Elections will open on June 30<sup>th</sup> with the following ballot if Melody Sidor completes the requirements listed above.

Position	Nominee
Vice President	Brad Rogers, Melissa Ash, Christine Gluvna, Terrence Comiskey
Treasurer-Elect	Tony Ruppert
Director at Large: Adult Critical Care Specialty Section	Melody Sidor
Director at Large: Management: Specialty Section	Hernan Alvarado, Jackie Oravec

Director at Large: Neo/Peds Specialty Section	Kelley Clark
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## **Investment\* -**

Tony Ruppert reviewed and discussed notes from the report. Committee members: Tony Ruppert, Jason Lake Lincke, Brad Rogers, and Linda Cornman.

## **Judicial –**

Dr. Juby realized that the Judicial Committee was not utilized properly and has altered the review of Disciplinary Actions from the Medical Board and the Osteopathic Board.

No judicial issues were presented to the PSRC.

Review of PA Board of Medicine and Osteopathic Board of Osteopathic Medicine Respiratory Disciplinary Actions: August 2024 – April 2025

August 2024 - None

September 2024 - None

October 2024 - None

November 2024 - None

December 2024 - None

January 2025 - None

February 2025 - None

March 2025 - None

April 2025 - None

## **Legislative Committee-**

2025 Committee which includes Jefferson Mixell- Chair, Brad Rogers, Gail Varcelotti, Jerin Juby, Hernan Alvarado, Eileen Censullo, Linda Cornman, Karsten Roberts, and Tom Monahan. The committee meets on the third Friday of the month after LARS from 1:15p-2:15p.

The committee has:

- Worked on RRT for licensure with McNees.
- Discovered:
  - The NJSRC recently was notified the legislation (Public Law 2023, c. 176 (formerly Assembly Bill No. 4616 and Senate Bill No. 3157), expanded the previous RRT minimum to allow individuals to qualify for licensure by passing either the RRT or the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) examination offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).
  - Changes in West Virginia legislation concerning the minimum credential for respiratory therapist licensure have eliminated prior date-based distinctions and temporary permit language.
    - Effective May 1, 2025, applicants can now qualify for licensure with either a Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) or Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential, regardless of the date the credential was earned.
    - This new rule supersedes previous emergency rules and eliminates the need for temporary permits for Certified Respiratory Therapists (CRTs).

- On May 1, 2025, all temporary CRT permits were converted to Licensed Certified Respiratory Therapist (LRTC) licenses with an expiration date of December 31, 2025.
- Furthered the work through the Compact Licensure webinar held on 5/21 with the Department of Defense (DoD), Council of State Governments (CSG), and Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) Service.
- Mr Mixell met with Mindy Fee and Rep Exec. Director of Professional Licensure. They are in strong support of Compact licensure, but they believe the PSRC needs a committee member sponsor. More member meetings are scheduled with Rep. Smith-Wade
- Fielded scope of Compact licensure question from LVHN about placement of PICC.
- Members of the PSRC Legislative Committee met with Breathe PA to discuss albuterol access in school legislation.
- Mr. Mixell and President Censullo attended McNees GR social event with Senate leadership, including the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Kim Ward, CRT.
- Mr. Mixell also:
  - Developed and sent a survey to the state membership on state priorities.
  - Sent out letters of support for legislation protecting healthcare workers from violence and improving access to epinephrine in the community were also sent out.
  - Plans to attend the Compact licensure meeting in August.

## Leadership LARS-

Ms. Sheila Merrill reported that Mr. Monahan and she meet every Tuesday, and all the committee meets monthly regarding the topics and speakers for the LARS monthly presentations scheduled through 2025.

Currently, June is open discussion, July is staffing education, August is patient safety, September is patient transport, October is Artificial Intelligence, and November and December are pending.

Mr. Monahan will be moving into the Committee Chair spot next year and they would like to request assistance in finding a co-chair. \*Mr Alvarado stated he would speak with Anoop George about the Co-chair position. Ms. Merrill agrees to serve as lead on the Steering Committee. The entire committee is working on recruiting new members for the leadership section.

## Membership –

Brad Rogers- Chair, Christine Gluvna, Linda Cornman, Jerin Juby, Melissa Ash, Tom Monahan, Erin Merh, Natalie Napolitano. The committee held a meeting on June 3. Items discussed included.

- Collaborating with a large employer to incentivize their staff to become and stay members.
- Produce ways to increase membership.
- Ways to help people who say that membership is too expensive and how the PSRC might offset the cost. For example: offering something like CRCE dollars to offset the cost.

## Public Relations –

Brad Rogers- Chair, Christine Gluvna, Linda Cornman, Jerin Juby, Melissa Ash, Tom Monahan, Erin Merh, Natalie Napolitano. They want to talk to group members to see what ideas might help promote awareness of the profession. The coin idea is cost prohibitive for us to do and the AARC coin has not taken off. He discussed selling T-shirts in the past but there are many logistics and costs involved.

## **Research PRRC –**

Ann Donnelly reported that Cheryl Dominik, Linda Cornman, Amanda Nickel, Ann Donnelly, and Phillip Stark have been meeting to update/overhaul the PRRC portion of the PSRC Website. An in-person meeting was held 3/19/2025 at Hershey - Collaborated with several RT Program Directors to discuss the research educational needs of their programs. Working on 5 different research education presentations/activities for students or anyone else that may be interested in learning more about research.

## **Sputum Bowl –**

Melissa Ash could not attend the BOD meeting, her submitted report was reviewed and discussed by the BOD. The student conference/Sputum Bowl was held in April at Gwynedd Mercy University. There were 3 speakers- Karen Kofalt, Eileen Censullo, Randy Solly, and a panel of recent graduates. 8 hospitals/ health networks exhibitors available to interact with the students.

The Student Sputum Bowl was held in the afternoon with 6 teams competing. The West Chester Students won and will move on to the AARC Student competition in Phoenix, AZ in December 2025. Ms. Ash emailed a survey after the conference and received feedback for use if it is held next year. Ms. Ash would like volunteers to help her plan this again next year!

\*Ms. Ash has been requested to have the winning students sign an agreement they will spend any received PSRC funds on the Sputum Bowl and to include a statement that if a student does not attend/participate in the AARC Sputum Bowl, they are required to refund the money to the PSRC.

Further discussion is found in the New Business portion of this BOD meeting regarding a different buzzer system being needed for future competition. The system purchased for this year has been returned to the maker as it was not acceptable.

At this point, President Censullo then requested to move onto the PSRC Old Business

## **Old Business:**

- Student Sputum Bowl: the BOD discussed the fact the old buzzers used for Sputum Bowl competitions have not been located. Discussion led agreeing the BOD needs to seek a solution and build the cost for the buzzers in the 2026 budget. The discussion continued with the idea of a Student Conference and Sputum Bowl to occur in both the East and West Districts (and potentially the Central District participating too?) so any group of students will receive the same opportunity without the trip being so great and costly. The committee needs to discuss solutions so both winning teams may compete (at the Central Conference if possible) and the winning team will then hopefully attend the 2026 AARC Congress Student Sputum Bowl Competitions in New Orleans, LA.
- Garry Kauffman –the conversation was reintroduced to have Garry Kauffman (acting in the role of an AARC consultant he AARC) to lead a workshop with the BOD about PSRC’s mission as so many of the BOD were not around when this was originally developed in 2007. The discussion resulted in agreement since this year is scheduled too tight to have all board members present and spend 1 ½ to 2 days in a working session to postpone until 2026. We need to consider the overnight needs and meals affecting the PSRC budget.

## **New Business:**

- Lottery Calendar – Central District will be doing a fundraiser for the AARC Disaster Relief using total of \$100 of lottery scratch off tickets attached like a wreath.

- o A request was made to the BOD for cash donations to the purchase.
- Election Ballot- The nominations and the resulting ballot was approved during the Election Committee report held earlier in this 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. BOD Meeting. The Election will open on June 30, 2025.
- Agenda Directors at Large- Need to discuss the role of the DAL and see what they would like to accomplish in the upcoming year besides growing the membership of the PSRC and Specialty Sections. Review the job duties of the positions.
- Budget Requests- these are due now and need to be submitted to Tony Ruppert.
- AARC Boot Camp- The Leadership Boot Camp will be held virtually via Zoom on August 12-13, 2025, from 1 to 5 PM Central Time each day.
  - o This event is open to all Affiliate board members and representatives.
  - o Day 1 includes leadership role discussions and keynotes, while Day 2 focuses on governance, leadership styles, and advocacy updates. It is a fantastic opportunity for networking and learning. Resolutions

### **Education/Conferences/Webinars**

- Webinar Update- Ms. Cornman submitted the report and provided an update to her verbal report earlier in the meeting.
- Western Conference- The Western conference was held on April 2-3,
  - o The PSRC is considering hosting a HOSA Event in the West. Discussed potential for coordinating with a Student Conference. More information to come.
- Central District Conference- Ready to take place on June 26<sup>th</sup>, we still need more registrants, and we require to hit 119 to break even with the catering requirement and 5 more hotel rooms need to be consumed to meet the block requirement.
- Eastern Conference dates September 22-23, need to get it online and all speakers done so 10 CRCE can be submitted. Safety and Ethics is included in the agenda.

**Other Business:** No other items were brought forward for consideration.

President Eileen Censullo requested a motion to adjourn and reminded everyone to place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter BOD Meeting on their calendar.

**Motion: Vote** to adjourn the 2025 2nd quarter BOD meeting.

**Motion By:** Mr. Tony Ruppert

**Seconded By** Mr. Hernan Alvarado

**Discussion summary** None

**Motion carried.**

**Time of adjournment** 1:37 PM

The next meeting will be held on September 12, 2025. This meeting will be a virtual format and will run from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, please plan to attend the entire meeting.

**Minutes submitted by:**  
Dr. Myava Clark, PSRC Secretary

**Minutes approved by:**  
Date Minutes Approved: September 12, 2025