

Ohio Society for Respiratory Care

February 17, 2006

Call to Order-0945

Approval of Minutes

Corrections to minutes: Gene Andrews was reappointed to ORCB position. We still need a replacement for the Ms. George whose term is over and does not want to be reappointed.

The state meeting did not lose money as previously reported

Mr. Reinhart is not present the present mayor of Columbus, he is the past mayor. He is recommended for a position on the ORCB
OAMES report – the Federal Senate Budget Bill 1932 was reported as a state bill. It was passed. OAMES recommended a yes vote so we need to sponsor HR 3559...contact US representatives not the state representatives.

Motion was made to accept minutes with corrections: 1st - Ray Sibberson and 2nd by Bob Fischer. All were in favor and the minutes passed with corrections

Welcome and introductions

Old Business

Reports:

Treasurer's Report presented by Craig Black

Budget:

Revised budget was presented at the OSRC meeting and is projecting a loss of over \$10,000 for 2006. The amount included the proposed expense increases from \$2500 to \$4000 for each delegate. Each delegate is expected to attend the House of Delegates meetings prior to Summer Forum and the International Congress. The OSRC has historically paid for their other expenses such as conference registration and hotel stay throughout the rest of each conference. The delegates may need to decide between having funds for attending the actual Summer Forum education meetings and the International Congress. Other expense reductions could be made by sharing rooms at each conference if both attendees are either male or female. Ray Sibberson felt that each delegate could get by with \$2500.

In the budget, the amount designated for funding the PACT trip was also increased in order to eliminate personal expenditures by those representing the OSRC. Mary also suggested reducing PACT expenses by elimination of airfare, and having the two representatives drive together to Washington, since airfare is particularly expensive.

Reducing expenses and increasing money generated at the state meeting were also discussed. We did not generate as much profit at the state meeting as in previous years, but it was felt that the meeting went well. Mary felt that internet costs at the state meeting were not productive and could possibly be eliminated due to lack of utilization.

Election expenses went up. We need to be more conscious of our expenses this year. We also gave \$1,000 dollars to the AARC Disaster relief fund. Yes, we do have \$31,000 dollars in the bank and a CD for earning interest. But, we had to tap into our reserves and we do not want to make this a habit.

Our primary source of income is the revenue sharing from the AARC. Ray reported on the success of Pennsylvania, which doubled the number of AARC members (and their revenue sharing) in one year alone. Pennsylvania buys vouchers from the AARC and offers memberships at a reduced rate. This was suggested as a possible way for each district to participate in fund raising.

Gary reported that his hospital helped with payroll deduction in order to pay AARC dues for their entire department. A group rate was generated by AARC. This is another method for increasing revenue sharing and OSRC funds. The OSRC can buy a minimum of 15 vouchers in order to get a reduced rate at membership. Anyone can also renew membership using this system.

Tax filing:

The IRS communicated with the OSRC office stating we needed to file form 990EZ. It has been filed for the last two years without delay but it is now being requested. The copies from the last two years are attached to meeting minutes. Ed Orlett found no record that proved the OSRC filed the form in 2000. Jerry Edens had no recollection that it was filed when he was president.

When the ORSC was working the food stations in Cincinnati, the Bengal's organization requested proof that the ORSC was tax exempt. This may have generated the request by the IRS. Because of the request, Craig will send it the tax form with a return receipt requested in order to acknowledge the IRS received our paperwork.

Checking accounts

The Bank One office in Toledo has been closed, reducing the likelihood of Craig conducting business with Chase Bank (who has bought Bank One). Consequently, the Huntington Bank account should be kept.

Revenue Sharing

The 4th quarter revenue sharing check has been used for 1st quarter 2006 in the past. If the committee wants, those funds can be placed on the books for the year 2005. No decision was made. He also reported that Region II profit sharing was late in giving funds to the state societies. This money should count on the 2005 budget year.

Fund Raising

Debbie has asked each district to generate fund raising in order to help balance the budget for this year. Essentially, no specific amount was set but several activities were suggested such as bake sales, casino trips, working concession stands at sporting events, co-sponsoring conferences within each district, etc.. Any other fund raising activities were also welcome.

Web site – report by Ed Conway

Matt Zohlman and Ron Ivy from IZ Interactive have been paid and are now hosting our web site. Some changes have been needed since there were mistakes. Do we want email addresses added? If we want, the president's email address could be added in order to improve the ability to contact the OSRC or put the OSRC office and the phone number so they can contact Ed Orlett about issues.

Jennifer Laing asked about the number of hits to the web site. The webmasters can now provide this service since they are the official host for our web site. Ed Conway will also clarify the fees related to website costs.

Summit Award reported by Jenni Raake

There are specific categories that count towards the points generated for each state to qualify for the Summit Award. The categories are education activities, public relations, legislative efforts, affiliate newsletter, affiliate web site and membership increases. We will email all members and request information on the various activities that qualify for points.

PACT meeting in Washington DC

Joe went to the PACT meeting in DC; Mary could not due to her illness. We will get a report from him in the future.

OAMES Report by Mark Kemmerer

Medicaid(STATE of OHIO ISSUES (ODJFS)

OAMES would like to thank OSRC members who voiced concerns to Ed Amaya, at ODJFS, opposing proposed changes to Home Care and Long Term Care oxygen rules. Implementation of the oxygen rules has been delayed until 7/1/06 and currently there are no known new drafts of the rules.

Also, OAMES is currently working with ODJFS on the reimbursement for covered services rule. Proposed reimbursement for oxygen was being cut approximately 60% and approximately 75% for flows less than 1 LPM (pediatric pts) and all equipment would be capped (payments would stop) @ 10 months.

Federal issues

The **budget reconciliation bill, S.1932** would transfer ownership, to the patient, of all HME items after 13 months and transfer ownership of all oxygen equipment after 36 months. This would eliminate routine maintenance of equipment and especially for oxygen, would create a major patient safety problem. The AARC is working to help defeat this bill but you can help by **writing your congressman and asking him or her to VOTE NO on S.1932.**

The House of Representatives will be voting on this soon, so **YOUR HELP IS URGENT.**

The **Hobson/Tanner bill H.R. 3559** will amend the planned Medicare National Competitive Bidding Program to allow any willing provider to participate and continue providing patient equipment. Without this amendment the number of HME/Oxygen providers would be drastically reduced and most small businesses would be eliminated. **Ask your Senators and your Representative to VOTE YES on H.R. 3559.**

Legislative Update by Ed Orlett

Regulatory licensing board consolidation: will a Respiratory Care Board be in existence if this bill is passed? Currently, the ORCB has funding until June, and this is looming out there. **Continue to contact Ohio Senate to express concerns.** The Ohio Health luncheon is on February 22, and will be a good way to meet and greet political representatives. Thanks to John Servick and others for their diligent efforts in fighting this threat to our profession and to patients. Various health care professions have been meeting to try to eliminate the ORCB consolidation. When a hearing is held, two or three groups will get together to give a solid testimony to the state reps. Chris Logsdon continues to share his concern but with his job in jeopardy there are grave concerns over his ability to function at the state level.

Questions raised included: if there is no funding after June 30, what does this mean for licensing of RTs? Would it continue until the expiration date for 2 more years? Would our license go away or be under the umbrella of the Ohio health board? Ed told us there must legislation in order to insure health care providers are licensed by the state of Ohio. There is no legislation proposed at this point to cover this, only the consolidation issue. If attempts at resolving this issue fail, John Servick and other health care professions impacted by this bill may contact the media to alert them of this problem.

ORCB candidates

We need to have at least three nominees to the Governor. Gene Andrews name has been forwarded for reappointment. Miss George's seat is vacant, she did not want to be reappointed this will need to be filled. Craig recommended Pamela Jeffries, one of 3 educators for the Mercy Health Care System in NW Ohio to the Board. A motion was made to recommend Pamela to the board. Craig moved, second by Gary Halfhill; motion passed. Joe Huff (in absentia) recommended Gary Foreman to the board. A motion was made by Ray, 2nd by Mark; motion passed.

State Meeting

Registration packets for the state meeting have gone out to the vendors, and one has been registered already.

Delegates Report by Ray Sibberson

House of delegates will meet in July in New Orleans. Any recommendations are being accepted and should be sent to Ray Sibberson. An e vote process has been suggested by states, and bylaws would eliminate the word "mail" and allow electronic

voting. Early in March there will be a second reading of the bylaws (the first reading was passed unanimously).

Kevin Shrake resigned from his position at the AARC. A request for nominations for Director at Large (Board of Directors) can be submitted until March 6. Forward them to Ray Sibberson; we can submit as many as we like. Jerry Edens is willing to serve in this capacity.

Region II Report by Ray Sibberson

The dates for Region II are April 23, 24, 25. The days are different than in previous years: Sunday through Tuesday. Most people should have received their brochure by now. Encourage Ohio attendance since our state receives a greater share of the revenue from the conference.

Our meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon/evening. The location is yet to be determined but will be announced by email.

OSRC Annual Meeting

State meeting will be held August 28 and 29, and a golf outing on August 27th. Program planning discussion was centered on finances: reducing expenses and increasing attendance. Profit of \$5000 should be the goal for the OSRC state meeting. Local competition may have an impact on attendance so we should be conscientious of the cost for attendees. The state meeting expenses for this year are projected to be increased, and 4 – 5000 can be eliminated based on last year's meeting expenses. Has also requested a copy of the State meeting budget in order to continue to provide services related to state meeting.

Overall, our state had a deficit last year. If this year has a projected deficit of \$11000 deficits, some of the expenditures should be reduced in order to reduce the costs. Complimentary hotel rooms, gift certificates, internet usage, and facilities costs were partially responsible for budget constraints. Require committee members receiving free hotel rooms to share with others. We need to rethink giving out expensive door prizes for the state meeting. Have the vendors sponsor door prizes. Don't hand out cash, ipods, camping gear, etc...

The original goal of handing out door prizes was to provide an incentive to attract participants to come to the meeting at Easton. We need to create a state meeting budget and those on the committee should be held accountable for sticking to that budget.

Continue to provide some incentives but maybe use donations, not items that cost money. We have yet to make a philosophical decision about how we want to conduct our state meetings. Our first year, we made some money at the state meeting. And, the districts should have the responsibility for contributing to the ORSC coffers. The first year we made \$3600. The attraction was to try to do the same in order to improve our financial status...maybe have a goal of making a profit at the meeting

The 2005 attendance was 200 attended 184 paid, 43 exhibitors, 26 new members signed up at the meeting. Vendors fee is 650.00. If they sign up early it is \$550. We are going to try something new like Vendors sponsoring breaks. Hotel room rates are going to stay the same. Joe has a budget for the state meeting, and it is conservative.

Dates may create a conflict for many people due to the start of school for both college and primary schools. For future years, this may be problematic and should be reconsidered. Also, the budget should be assessed with having the conference at this time of the year. Possibly consider reserving the conference space for a couple years ahead of time so the space is reserved.

The executive board will meet immediately after the meeting to discuss the amended budget for the 2006 year.

District Representatives

Northwest District by Gary Halfhill

This year they will host a fall CEU event as they have done in past for free for OSRC with lunch included. OSRC members were given 3 CEUs. Non members paid \$30.

Eastern District Jr Rep - John Pritt

He suggested payroll deduction through various hospitals as a way to increase AARC membership. Also, he is looking for way to increase funds for J Robert education foundation. Possible way would include a fundraiser during RC week as a way of increasing membership. Tournament winner might get free attendance at the state.

Northeast District - Rick Rice

Educational meetings at local hospitals are harder due to the volume of hospitals in area. He suggested fundraising by working concessions stands for sporting events at the Cleveland Indians games but we may need liability insurance for volunteers.

Central District - Holly Wilburn

Possible ideas were bake sales at hospitals, dinner and CEU with MD to speak on various topics. This may mean having a vendor sponsor the cost of the dinner.

Western District - Anita Western

The district will hold their 3rd annual all day symposium. Last time 90 people attended from as far away as KY, IN, Toledo, Columbus, etc., and included both nurses and RTs. The symposium included breakfast, lunch, snacks, etc.

The district also had a raffle with prizes were donated by vendors and restaurants. District raised nearly \$2000 dollars with galvanized tub filled with gift certificates, hats, sports memorabilia.

Ray expressed concern over district representatives that did not attend meetings and what should we do about them. The Vice President has the responsibility for contacting and mentoring the district reps.

New Business

Debbie passed out charges for District Reps and board members including fund raising and education goals for this year.

Pat Roth - elections

With the new bylaws, the transition of officers will mean electing a secretary, a district, a delegate, and the junior district reps in this year's election. Seek out nominations for these positions and submit them to Pat Roth. He will get the ballot together May 1, and email the board for approval, hopefully it can be mailed by June 1. Recruiting people at last year's state meeting was successful. Last year's losing candidates could be contacted to determine if they would serve. Have junior reps to recruit for the next year. At the state meeting, try to fill in the ballot for the following year. Email a reminder to everyone...recruit for future elections.

Other business

Jerry Edens -

- Use the website to increase membership, improve communications, and public relations. Use web site for education
- Add pictures of our officers so people will know who they are.
- Improve communications using newsletters faxed to hospitals across the state.
- Various fax numbers are no longer in service and the listing should be updated. Every hospital contact name, phone number, and fax number needs to be acquired so communication can increase.
- Develop a mailing maybe 2 times per year in order to acknowledge those that are involved in the profession of RC.
- Increase visibility and awareness about legislative updates using email for your departments in the hospital. You should forward legislative needs to everyone in the department so that other RCPs can be aware of legislative needs and hopefully they will respond to the needs of the OSRC by contacting reps at the state and national levels.
- Create a president's state of the union letter may be helpful in notifying RCPs around the state about who you are, what we do.
- Create a business card for yourself with your contact information. This is helpful when visiting senators and other elected officials.
- Also, pay it forward...donate to organizations such as the campaign for tobacco free kids, stand, and other organizations such as the AHA and ALA so that we are recognized as a supporter for a cause...not necessarily a monetary donation, just recognition of the cause and support to others.

- Award at the state level should be created by the OSRC for hospitals in the state. Hospitals can be recognized for their outstanding efforts by having their RTs and their involved in a special status.
- Possibly have a casino night at the state meeting when the reception is being held.
- Hold a leadership conference for leaders, advanced practice therapists in respiratory care.

OSRC Foundation- is held in an account for us by the Marietta community foundation. We need to raise funds in order to earn interest and sponsor an annual scholarship. You can check on our funds by logging on to www.mariettacommunityfoundation.org. Look for OSRCFF.

Ed Conway

A fundraiser is being held at the end of February in Cincinnati called Climb the Carew. This benefits the American Lung Association. The Carew Tower is 804 steps. Contact Ed Conway for more information.

Ed Orlett

Seriously consider transition to a staff person replacing Ed by the end of this year or next year.

Location and date for next meeting- The meeting will be Sunday, April 23, 4 – 6 pm...at Region II. The Marriott will provide us with a room and dinner for 15.00 per person.. Check into renting a conference room for a little less money. Location and time to be determined.

Gary suggested a possibility of taking the various meetings to different districts in order to create exposure to our OSRC members.

Future meetings:

- . August State meeting August 28
- . December meeting 1st of month.