

**Oregon Society for Respiratory Care
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2007
Salem, Oregon**

Present: Nancy Lapka, Joe Dwan, Norm Kerr, Tim Hutchison, Will Lutsock
Jim O'Brien, Debi Corah, Craig Van De Walker, and Peter Miller

A quorum was established

Called to order at 10:30 am on Friday September 14th 2007, by President Nancy Lapka.

Approval of agenda: Moved and seconded to pass the agenda. *MOTION PASSED*

Approval of Minutes: Moved and seconded to pass the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting from the June 15th 2007. *MOTION PASSED*

Directors Report:

Eastern: Norm Kerr reported on the attached report.

Northeast: Jim O'Brien reported on the Northeast Hospitals and that he has a new job.

Southern: Peter Miller reported on southern hospitals.

Delegate Report: No Delegate Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Education Committee:

Tim Hutchison reviewed a list of conference needs/assignments for next year's conference. After review and discussion we still are looking for a few more sponsors and one or two more presenters.

Chris Sorensen resigned his position on the board as Education Director

PACT Report:

Joe Dwan reported that Sue Pfanner was going back to Washington DC to continue to voice the need for support for pulmonary rehab.

RT Public Relations Report:

Debi Corah is working on RT promotional T-shirts and has some ideas for an art contest.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Will Lutsock RRT, OSRC Secretary

Oregon Society for Respiratory Care
Eastern Region Report
Norm Kerr RRT, RDCS
September 15, 2008

Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise has moved into a brand new facility and has been a little slow this summer. They are actively working with a sleep physician providing CPAP as needed in the community. As with many of us, competitive bidding and further changes in the home care market are issues of concern for them.

In Hermiston, Tony Garberg reports receiving new MedGraphics PFT equipment including body box which is a big improvement in service for them. They have been busy with both IP's and OP's . ACLS is going on there as I write this so Tony is staying busy as an instructor.

St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker City has no news other than things are going well in their department. They would like to see if there's a possibility of license reciprocity between Oregon and the state of Idaho. I think that's a good topic to bring to the licensing board.

Blue Mtn. Hospital in John Day reports a steady workload, they've added another therapist, bringing the total up to three. Sign of the times as the baby boomers are aging!!

They also have implemented a new computer system and are looking forward to EMR at some point in the near future.

Here at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande we continue to be busy with inpatient and outpatients. We've had the good fortune to be able to replace some aging equipment this year. New Holter, PFT, Echo and a pasteurizer....our first ever. Quite nice to dump the Gluteraldehyde, literally.

Holy Rosary in Ontario reports business as usual with outpatients keeping them very busy. A new sleep lab is keeping them up at night and they have a couple of night shift positions open....a shameless plug by Jonny Mayberry to recruit staff.

Once again summer has blown by and we're into our traditional busy season. As fall and winter approach, remember your flu shots, give your patients plenty of tips about caring for themselves during our winter weather and hug your kids....or grandkids as the case may be.

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Kerr RRT, RDCS