



Dear MSRC members,

I am very honored to share that the MSRC has been awarded as the recipient of AARC's 2013 Summit Award!

The Summit Award is given annually to the AARC's Top Chartered Affiliates as determined by its House of Delegates. State Societies are reviewed for their performance in 7 categories and the top performing state is given the award for that year (April 1st 2012 - March 31st, 2013).

The categories are:

- Education/CRCE activities (we offered 62 CRCE opportunities to our members)!!
- Membership recruitment and retention
- Legislation/Advocacy efforts
- Promoting public/lung health awareness
- Member benefits
- Collaboration with other health care organizations
- Students activities, such as scholarships, Sputum Bowl, etc.

The winning of this award is a combination of the efforts of MANY members and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to our profession and patients.

A very special THANK YOU to the following who, without you, this award would never have been within our reach:

- 2012/13 Spring and Fall Conference committees for offering amazing educational programs year after year- Program Chairs: Michelle England & Alicia Wafer (Spring), Jessica Cusac (Fall)
- 2012/13 Legislative/Advocacy Committee/PACT for their efforts at the state and federal levels (especially over the past couple of years in the fight to maintain our licensure-PACT members: Jeremy Bainbridge & Laurie Niemer

- District 2 conference: this educational program has been offered for MANY, MANY years under the superb guidance of Karen Kain and continues to be a success year after year!
- District 7 for offering an educational opportunity to your district members
- District 10 for coordinating/offering/promoting AARC's Professor Rounds- Mary Alstead and Linda Zimcosky
- 2012/13 Asthma Section for continuing to off the Asthma Information Review (AIR) course-Chair: Laurie Niemer
- Pulmonary Rehab Section: this section is one of the most active sections within the MSRC, meeting every other month with members from across the state to provide the best standard of care to our Pulmonary Rehab patients. Thanks to Valerie MacLeod for coordinating efforts with the COPD Foundation to provide a wonderful COPD Community Education Workshop last Fall in the Flint area.
- 2013 MSRC President-Steve Hamick: your dedication, passion, guidance and leadership was the driving force behind our success-THANK YOU!!!

****I apologize in advance if I have forgotten anyone!!!****

As you can see, this is a group effort and everything that we do for our profession and for our patients adds up and provides us the opportunity to be a strong contender for this award.

I am very proud to be part of this organization and you should be too! If you are just as impressed as I was to see all of the great things that we are doing, and would like to become involved with the MSRC please let me know!

The 2014 Summit Award application will be due in the Spring of 2015. We will be looking for any and all educational opportunities, public health awareness events, etc.....that you may have participated in or have offered during the timeframe from April 1st 2013 - March 31st, 2014. Please let me know! I am sure that our members are doing many great things out there and we need to know about it!

Moving forward, if you have any ideas for future Summit Award activities, please let me know and we can offer assistance to place your plan in motion.

Thanks again for everything that you do!

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MSRC 2014 President