



House of Representatives Meeting

Date: Friday, February 7th, 2025
Location: MHA, Okemos
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Recorded by: Kelly Fiorino, MSRC Secretary

Agenda

1. Call to Order: 10:01 am Jon Vono

2. Member/Guest Introductions and Roll Call Jon Vono
• See attached attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda Jon Vono

Motion to approve: Jessica Cusac
Second: Steve Hamick
House approved with no changes

4. Approval of 12.6.24 Minutes Jon Vono

Motion to approve: Chris Culter
Second: Sara Parker
House approved with no changes.

5. Treasurer's Report Jessica Cusac

- Treasurer's Report was sent out prior to the House meeting by Jessica Cusac. It includes the complete 2024 financials.
- See attached Treasurer's Report

6. Legislative Report Bret Marr, MHSA

- Our bill has been redrafted and split into two bills. We need to split it to get a Republican sponsor; we need to identify a Republican. This doesn't change the content; it just splits it into separate bills.
- There will be a March or April hearing on the House side; when Bret gets a date, he will send it out to see who can join at that time.
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield: For the statement, a signature should come from board chair; working with the hospital association as well because they have concerns; we should have a decision next week on how to proceed.
 - Hospital association wants to go to DIF (Department of Insurance and Financial Services)
 - Hospitals are not yet willing to go the legislative route- we need to get information from DIF first.
 - If we must go the legislative action route, we need to know that going into a fight with BCBS is going to be a big fight.
 - Jon- are you speaking just about RT portion? Bret- Both. Trying to find out the scope.
 - Nick Prush- Alicia Wafer got a response from BCBS
 - Alicia- I got a phone call in response to my letter on Wednesday morning from a manager. We got managers together to meet and formulate an email response with questions that they may have not considered. We sent the final draft this morning to BCBS. We are asking about their thought process, and explained how this will impact patient safety. We are asking for the MSRC blessing to do this and hope we are not overstepping. I am sending the letter as a Michigan RT.
 - Bret recommends that it is on the MSRC letterhead

- Jon- Ask for everyone to tell 2-3 people and let them know what we're doing and why we're doing it as the MSRC. Encourage them to reach out to BCBS.
- Nick- Thank you to Alicia for taking charge.

7. AARC Delegates' Report

Chris Culter/Nick Prush

- No new updates or information from AARC
 - There will be a virtual meeting at end of March, so I will have more at the next House meeting.
- Emerging leaders program application is out again
 - They are also offering this time if you want to be a mentor, you can become a mentor and mentor emerging leaders as well
- Updating CEUs- cost increase to \$100 (previously free) for non-profits starting March 1st. This could change our budget for Fall Conference this year.
 - Shane- Is that \$100/CEU? Chris- per application, not per CEU.
- Email from AARC (news)- Members in the Press: Angie Prush is in there for doing CPR on a high school basketball coach, and she talks about the importance of AED use. Congrats!
- Chrysalis Ashton- I am encouraging people to apply for AARC Emerging Leaders. It might be different this year for travel expenses. I did a presentation at the Management Section meeting; we are looking to potentially support someone if a MI applicant is accepted. May not cover hotel for this cohort, just registration and travel costs.
- Rena Laliberte- Dana Evans posted a couple volunteer opportunities: Military Veteran Taskforce and the Clinical Educator Taskforce. Rena submitted her resume/volunteer interest. Feb 14th is the deadline for submission.
 - Military member taskforce gathers info and advocates for Respiratory Care services for veterans
 - Clinical educator taskforce- assess need to develop standards/tool kits for Respiratory Care development

8. Committee Updates

- 2025 Spring Conference- Carissa Novak
 - 17 people registered so far, spread the word to staff/friends!
 - CRCEs are approved
 - Thank you to IR committee!
 - Early bird ends March 18th, and the conference is on April 8th and 9th.
 - Jon- are things in a downturn? No, there's usually a lot of people who register later.
 - Student volunteers- Mandy will be sending out information to program leadership soon, probably today.
- HOSA- Connie Lane/Lindsay Greenstein
 - Connie and Lindsay met in January and reached out to those who are interested
 - 11 people on the committee; developing plans and goals
 - It is concluded for this school year except for the state competitions which we will be attending in March.
 - The large state competition is in Traverse City in April; request for amendment to budget to sponsor at the state level for travel and hotel rooms for Connie and Lindsay.
 - There are different levels of sponsorship; AARC sponsors at the diamond level. We want to get the exhibitor table which would be a table and website recognition. It is \$1,000. Travel would be \$500 for hotel rooms.
 - We have enough people interested in HOSA to cover all regions except for the UP.

- **Motion to request \$1500 for the state HOSA conference**- Lindsay Greenstein
 - Second- Sara Parker
 - Discussion:
 - Shane- Has there been a discussion of funding from AARC? Nick- no funding from the AARC, it is an expectation of the affiliates to have HOSA representation.
 - Chris- There is a grant that the affiliate president can apply for to use for HOSA activities; max \$200 grant; it has a booth kit that they can ship to us that has info to set up at the event. There is a \$50 fee to cover shipping costs for that kit. If you go to the AARC website, there is a HOSA link for the resources. Send it to Jon to apply for the grant.
 - **Call to vote (Jon Vono)- unanimous approval of the motion.**
- Annette will reach out to someone in the UP to be a representative

9. Membership Sections Update

- Nothing to report

10. Old Business

- MSRC Merchandise Store: Nick- Connie asked for DJ's contact information again, she is working with him directly. There is no movement otherwise.
- Chris- Please send events that qualify for the Summit Award to Chris or Nick!

11. New Business

- District 8 Alternate Nomination- Jon appointed David Kerr. Welcome, David!

12. Open Forum

- Nick Prush- We need nominations for the Homer Award.
 - Educators- Sputum Bowl registration will be live today.
- Mandy Ausmus- New members to Fall Conference Committee- I will be sending out expectations for new member. There will be a meeting on Feb 26th by zoom. If you need an invite, send an email to Keeli or Mandy.
- Steve Hamick- update on educational tool/protocol; we are still working on COPD policy
 - Position statements- we need a couple people to help with that because it needs to be renewed Q3 years. We need to look over it and see if we need to update them. They are due in Dec 2024. Do we need to do a position statement on the BCBS issue? Could be a question for Bret.
- Jon- we need to get the districts more involved and reach out to members. I want them to report off every meeting or every other meeting.
 - Chrysalis- we need an expectation list for district reps. Nothing has been sent out and we don't know what we're supposed to do. Leadership needs to send out expectations, any guidance, or some kind of contract/description of the role. Maybe a swearing-in for new members.
 - Shane- we would like to send the new members a formal paperwork about agreeing to their post and have a formal swearing in; nominations/elections committee would be a good place for this to be addressed.
 - Nick- This has been discussed at the Executive Committee level.
 - Chris- great idea- as membership chair and AARC delegate, I can get with other state societies and see what other states do; develop an orientation for new members. He would like to start working on that.

- Steve Hamick- ideally, district representatives should do one event a year, build relationships with hospitals, people in the district.
- Shane would like to partner with Chris on this.
- Duane- I agree that there aren't any expectations. Is there a way to send out who is a member in each district? We can set up a Zoom meeting with members and try to drum up interest. We need to give them tools as well to help District Representatives.
 - Chris- we can download the membership from AARC and give the lists of members.
 - Duane- should we only open the conference to members? Will that people will pay more to not be a member
 - Steve hopes that the bill that requires CEUs will motivate people to join the MSRC.
 - Barbara Reeves- is it possible to hold community events as an MSRC members and not a hospital affiliate? Yes. Mandy will connect with her for speakers for Fall Conference.
- Barbara Reeves- why does Medicaid make decisions on who gets what? There is poor education at the DME level for patients for their home equipment/reimbursement. RTs will start being utilized for compliance. At Henry Ford- Pas and NPs do compliance. Is there someone who is sleep chair that she can get with to get information about how sleep things work?
 - Chrysalis and Kelly Dey can help with the sleep section information

13. Call for Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Steve Hamick
- Second: Duane
- Adjourned at 11:15am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th (Kellogg Center, East Lansing)

Remaining 2025 meetings: April 8 (Kellogg Center); June 6 (MHA); August 8 (MHA); October 6 (Bavarian Inn); December 5 (MHA)

