



# House of Representatives Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, March 14, 2026  
**Location:** Radisson, Kalamazoo, MI  
**Time:** 17:00 p.m.

## Agenda

- 1. Call to Order: 17:03** **Steve Hamick**
- 2. Member/Guest Introductions and Roll Call** **Steve Hamick**
  - See attendance log
  - Notify Mandy if you find an error and you are not recorded on an attendance log. Thank you!
- 3. Approval of Agenda** **Steve Hamick**
  - Motion to approve: Nick Prush
  - Second: Sarah Parker
  - Discussion: none
  - House approved agenda
- 4. Approval of 2.6.26 Minutes** **Steve Hamick**
  - Motion to approve: Duane Croel
  - Second: Kathy Gurin
  - Discussion: none
  - House approved minutes
- 5. Treasurer's Report** **Kelly Fiorino/Chris Culter**
  - Chris: Kelly unable to attend, no big updates- see budget report attached. Numbers from Spring Conference will be reflected in the June house meeting report.
- 6. Legislative Report**
  - Bret was not in attendance- See attached Legislative report/updates.
  - Additionally, Nick Prush, Chris Culter, and Steve Hamick provided updates: As of 9:34am today, HB 5150, fought against fee increase for licensure. Will be no increase and this will be stripped out. Nick/Chris helping draft compact licensure language for the Senate version of our Bill. Met with each group to review roadblocks and see what they could do to remove. HB 5150 is going to house on Thursday 4/16/26 for vote. After approved- our group/profession/members will need to hit the pavement and make the push. 2 separate Bills will be out there. Thank you from Alicia- many others reciprocated thanks. Nick and Steve met with group, helped answer questions, and opened eyes. AARC allows us to use advocacy programs when it goes live to send email blasts.
- 7. Committee Updates**
  - **2026 Spring Conference** **Carissa Novak**

Carissa: Many thanks shared for everyone's help and efforts. Great turn out- biggest #'s since covid. Tues ~369, Weds ~361. Save the date for 2027- we'll be back in Lansing March 22-24. Feedback received from exhibitors was a lot of the traffic at tables is students, want time with decision makers.

Alicia: Gave some examples of responses that could be given to them and in addition we do have the management mingle we added a few years back and this year we added the sheet for attendees to get stamped (turn in to be placed in raffle) to help increase facetime and traffic at the tables as well.

Renee: Also, an exhibitor each year and shared great feedback that she had lots of traffic this year.

- 2025 Golf Outing** **Lindsay Greenstein**  
 Sarah: Event is Friday- Friday, July 31st. Help is needed for event- both golfers and volunteers. Historically there are not a lot of MSRC representation. Reach out to Lindsay, Connie, and/or Sarah if you can assist. The student team competition was added this year as well.
- 2025 District 2 Conference** **Duane Croel**  
 Duane: Planning is underway and looking for sponsors. Same location in Cadillac, MI as last year- Weds 10/28/26
- HOSA** **Connie Lane/Lindsay Greenstein/Sarah Parker**  
 Sarah P: Michigan HOSA (11/12<sup>th</sup> grade) event starts tomorrow (Traverse City, MI). All 3 (Sarah, Connie, Lindsay) attending and Rena will be in attendance as well as a guest judge. Encouraged others to reach out to local career centers about having a Respiratory section.
- Sputum Bowl** **Dave Panzlau/Kathy Gurin**  
 Kathy: We ended up having 18 teams for competition. This year was Mardi Gra theme to align w/Congress in New Orleans in November. New this year- raffle tickets at door...if tickets are pulled, guests could answer trivia questions and have the chance to win a prize. Will be doing some recordings of different elements of competition to help AARC build a sputum bowl Q & A.
- Fall Conference** **Mandy Ausmus**  
 Mandy: Save the date: 10/5 & 10/6 in Frankenmuth. The Committee has been working to secure speakers- schedule filling up. IR committee has been busy making calls and marketing. Tiers- 5 Gold, 22 Silver, 1 Bronze, and 1 Education (GOLM) so far. Registration prices will stay the same. Looking at ideas for optional social event outside the river boat this year. Also, request to have Educators meeting during sessions so will assign to a room not in use at the time.
- Nominations and Elections** **Erica Basile**  
 No updates today

## 8. Membership Sections Update

**Chris Culter**

Chris: Membership numbers are down overall. Talk to people you work with- many lapsed. Share what you value in being a part of MSRC. Many drop off after 2 years. Early professionals get discounts for the first 4 years. Helpful for Directors to encourage/help support.  
 Brian and many others: mentioned it's helpful to make it part of clinical ladder.

## 9. Old Business

- Policies and Procedures Update** **Chris Culter**  
 Chris: Requested feedback (so far none), plan to have updates next meeting (June). From there we'll vote on a the house and then put out through AARC connect for comments. After receiving feedback and making changes if needed, we'll put it out again and put it to a vote. Plan to put out through AARC connect w/deadline.
- 2026 MSRC Strategic Goals Plan** **Steve Hamick**
  - HB51050- Licensure Update Passage** Steve: pushing forward
  - RCIC- Compact Licensure** Steve: pushing forward
  - APRT Ad Hoc Committee** Nick Prush: Workings now are building committees, and a competency exam has been created. AARC has the APRT fund (~\$30,000) available for states
  - Reactivating Advocacy Fund (reinforce HB 5150)**  
 Steve: Donation was made to Representative Thompson. ~\$30 remaining in the fund.  
 Rick: Inquired if a link or some way to make donations on the webpage or publicly would be possible.  
 Keeli: Likely, not a feasible option. Note that if someone is interested in making a donation, have them get in contact with her as there is certain data and info needed to do it.
  - MSRC Webpage** Chris: Up to date
  - EBM Disease-Specific Care Plans algorithms/education** Steve: Professional practice committee is chipping away at this.
  - MSRC Life Membership Award** Kathy: This went away when dues went away. Committee working on policy. Currently ~15 ppl hold this title, and one benefit would be no cost for conference registration.
  - Student Member Committee** Steve: Pizza with President went well and this was one of things discussed. Suggestion for 1-2 representatives from each program. Historically, involvement has come and gone as

people move on from programs. Previously, part of the budget was to send student rep the house of delegates meeting Congress to see what it's all about. Plan to meet with the education section to work out something to encourage future involvement.

## 12. New Business

- **Update MSRC Logo**

**IR Committee**

Linda: The IR committee is looking at refreshing the MSRC logo AARC did this as well recently. Looking for volunteers as well to help with this process.

Motion to update the MSRC Logo: Tony Iannetta

Second: Rena Laliberte

Discussion: Alicia & others suggested making it a competition

House approved, IR committee plans to send out communication through AARC connect

- **Industry Partner Awards**

**IR Committee**

Renee: Many exhibitors & sponsors have supported MSRC year in and year out. Award would be something to show our support and help keep them motivated to stay involved

- **Procedure for Swearing-in House Members**

**Steve Hamick**

Steve: Table till next meeting

## Open Forum

- Chris: Pay attention to emails for AARC election email blast- can vote!
- Teena: Mentioned, our state is full of talented people. Encourages members to nominate some people for AARC awards. Plans to post on AARC connect, but goal is to take at least 1 name forward.

## 13. Call for Motion to Adjourn: 18:04

Motion: Chris Culter

Second: Renee Sorovetz

House approved

**Next Meeting:** Friday June 5- virtual

### 2026 meetings:

*February 6 (virtual); April 14 (Radisson-Kalamazoo); June 5 (virtual); August 14 (virtual); October 5 (Bavarian Inn); December 4 (virtual)*