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Chair's Report – Shelley C. Mishoe, PhD, RRT, FAARC

Staff Appreciation

I would like to acknowledge Dr. Tom Smalling, Executive Director, and all of the staff at CoARC, for their genuine support, contagious energy and true dedication. It is hard to believe that Dr. Smalling has been the Executive Director for less than one year, given the amount of work accomplished since April! Jana, Lisa, Bonnie and Shelley provide exceptional support not only to our educational programs, but to the entire board of directors. Thank you!

New Members

I would also like to welcome the new members to CoARC! **Kathy Rye, EdD, RRT** joined CoARC in July, 2008 as an AARC representative, filling Tom Smalling's unexpired term. Since November, **Diane Klepper, MD** of Albuquerque, NM joined the Board as the physician-at-large member and **Becki Evans, MS, RRT** of Tulsa, OK joined the Board as the therapist-at-large member. Both individuals are former Board Members and experienced site visitors, giving CoARC much needed expertise in serving as referees for handling the large numbers of programs seeking re-accreditation as their 10 year cycle ends. **Sherif Affifi, MD, FCCM, FCCP** from Chicago, IL joined CoARC at the March meeting, as a representative of the American Society of Anesthesia (ASA). Please refer to the roster with this newsletter or to our website at www.coarc.com for a complete listing of all board members.

Returning Members

David Bowton, MD, FCCM, FCCP is returning to the Board for another four-year term, representing ATS. And, **Jolene Miller, MEd, RRT** is returning to the Board for another four-year term, representing the National Network of Health Career Programs at Two Year Colleges (NN2). CoARC is grateful to have their continued service and dedication.

Outgoing Members in 2008

In November, **Manuel Castresana, MD** completed his four-year term, representing ASA. On behalf of CoARC, I extend sincerest appreciation for his dedicated service and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

Special Recognition of Board Members

It is truly a privilege to serve as chair, working with such a distinguished and dedicated group of colleagues from all around the country. Please take a moment to look at the CoARC Roster for the Board of Directors, which includes designation of the officers elected in November. This year, several specific honors have been bestowed on our Board Members:

Will Beachey, PhD, RRT, Greg Paulauskis, PhD, RRT and Steve Mikles, EdS, RRT were all recognized as 2008 Fellows of the American Association for Respiratory Care (FAARC) during the AARC awards ceremony in December. Also, **Kathy Boggs-Rye, EdD, RRT** was recognized as the 2008 AARC Education Section Practitioner of the Year. And, **Jolene Miller, MEd, RRT** was recognized by NN2 with the Distinguished Service Award during the 2008 Annual Meeting. Congratulations to all five of our Board Members for these national awards. What a terrific group of professionals!

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Continuation of Chair's Report – Shelley C. Mishoe, PhD, RRT, FAARC

National Presentations and Meetings

In addition to agency updates provided at the AARC meetings, CoARC provided *Meet the Referee Sessions* and *Site Visitor Workshop* during the 2008 AARC Summer Forum. The *Meet the Referee Sessions* will occur again in 2009 during the Summer Forum, along with a *Key Personnel Workshop* for program directors and directors of clinical education.

CoARC also sponsored the annual Fred Helmholtz Jr. MD Educational Lecture Series during the Summer Forum, which was presented with enthusiasm by **Jeff Ward MEd, RRT** from the Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN. For the terrific presentation and handout of *Viva La Experience: Theory and Practice of Experiential Learning in Respiratory Care* see <http://www.coarc.com/meetings.htm>

On behalf of CoARC, I participated in the first AARC meeting of *Creating a Vision for Respiratory Care in 2015 and Beyond* that was held last March. Dr. Smalling and I, along with additional board members, are planning to participate in the next session to be held in April, 2009.

Look for further details about CoARC presentations and workshops during the upcoming year!

CoARC Reception and Excellence Award

CoARC held its second annual reception in conjunction with the 2008 AARC Summer Forum. At the reception, CoARC recognized the BS in Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Program at Youngstown State University as the recipient of the **2008 CoARC Award for Excellence in Respiratory Therapy Education**. Congratulations to Program Director Terry Volsko, immediate past program director Dr. Louis Harris, all of the faculty and the students! Special thanks to the **Krupp Family Foundation** for their generous gift of \$2,500 to offset the expenses associated with this award and reception. Please see the separate article on the 2009 reception.

Looking Ahead

I am happy to report that the CoARC is a strong, financially viable organization, even in these troubled economic times! I look ahead with dedication and enthusiasm as CoARC continues its strategic planning and pursues independent accreditor status. Consequently, an Ad Hoc Committee has been working on developing new standards and bylaws, along with establishing policies and procedures independent from CAAHEP. Along each step of the way, you will be informed and involved. It is a pivotal time for CoARC and for the accreditation of respiratory therapy educational programs. Please check the website frequently for announcements about upcoming meetings the CoARC plans during the 2009 AARC Summer Forum and other updates.

I am grateful for the support from our sponsors, the executive office, the educational programs and the many volunteers who serve as site visitors, referees, officers and board members. Thank you! And, thank you again and again!

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Executive Director's Report – Tom Smalling, PhD, RRT, RPFT, RPSGT, FAARC



This is my first annual report as Executive Director and I'm very happy to be a part of this organization during these exciting and transformative times. My transition to this position since coming aboard last April has been made seamless due to the tremendous help from a dedicated staff as well as from the wisdom and experience of current and past Board Members—many of whom have mentored me in my new role. The staff in Bedford provided yet another year of hard-work, energy, and commitment to support all the accreditation activities: the many telephone inquiries; the processing of accreditation documents, such as self study reports, progress reports, and Reports of Current Status (annual reports); the preparation for CoARC meetings, and gearing up for our transition to freestanding accreditor status.

In the past year, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Office staff have been realigned in an effort to improve operations and the services we provide to programs. One individual will be joining the staff as of January 2009 as a replacement for Mallory Nutt– Shelley Christensen, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. Shelley's primary responsibilities include coordinating the flow of documentation for the many personnel changes and providing meeting planning support for the Committee. Please welcome her.

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of CoARC currently has a total of 372 accredited Respiratory Care programs as of December 31st. An additional 52 programs hold a Letter of Review (LoR) which is a CoARC status signifying that a program seeking Initial Accreditation has demonstrated sufficient compliance with the accreditation *Standards* through the Letter of Review Self Study Report (Letter of Review SSR) and other documentation. A LoR authorizes the sponsor to admit its first class of students. A LoR is recognized by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) toward eligibility to the Respiratory Care credentialing examination(s). Thirty of those programs are Certification-level (100-level) and 342 are Registry-level (200-level). CAAHEP upon the recommendation of CoARC also accredits polysomnography programs as add-ons to accredited Respiratory Care programs. There are currently 10 such accredited Polysomnography programs. There are also a total of 9 domestic satellite campuses and 1 international satellite (Riyadh, SA), 3 evening formats, and 1 distance program.

Based on analysis of the 2008 Reports of Current Status (the annual reports that were submitted on September 19, 2008):

Total combined enrollments for 2007 for all programs	= 8861 (6.7% decrease from 2006)
Total combined graduates for 2007 for all programs	= 6762 (5.8% increase from 2006)

This past summer, CoARC began the review process for its accreditation Standards, which occurs every five years. Since CoARC is expected to separate from CAAHEP in January 2010, the Standards and other policy documents will undergo revisions to allow CoARC to function effectively as an independent accreditor. CoARC will be working with its sponsoring organizations and the respiratory therapy education community to develop progressive drafts over the next several months. In addition to the input from CoARC sponsors, open hearings will be scheduled on the proposed *Standards* to permit consideration from all applicable communities of interest regarding what should and what should not be included in the new *Standards*. Once the final draft is reviewed and approved, it will be sent to CoARC's sponsoring organizations for formal endorsement.

Over the past year, we have made a number of revisions to our website. The News and Announcements were updated. The resource surveys were converted to a PDF fill-in format. The Self Study Reports were updated to make sure that information can be inserted in all of the appendices. A newly created Complaints Reporting Form was added to facilitate handling the complaints process. There have been both cosmetic changes as well as updated information, such as links to the surveys for referees and site visits. We are in the process of having the website completely redesigned. Changes following this redesign will include, among other things, the ability to access an annual reporting database and complete online forms from our website directly. We anticipate rolling out the new website at the end of the year. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit the website periodically and take advantage of the resources we have to offer.

In the short time I have been with CoARC, I am increasingly impressed with the talent and dedication demonstrated by Jana, Lisa, Bonnie, and Shelley that have made my job so much easier. They are all wonderful to work with. On behalf of the staff, we look forward to a renewed focus on the mission of CoARC as we embark upon the new year.

Tom Smalling

CoARC Seeks Independent Accreditor Status

The Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) has taken formal steps to establish itself as a freestanding body, separate from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Currently, all respiratory therapy (RT) education programs are evaluated by the CoARC, which then forwards its recommendations to CAAHEP for formal action.

CoARC initially formed an Ad Hoc Committee in July of 2008 to conduct a detailed assessment of its current relationship with CAAHEP, as well as to determine the advantages and disadvantages that such a decision might have on our communities of interest and the profession. CAAHEP is an umbrella organization that includes accreditation committees for 16 allied health occupations as well as respiratory therapists. With almost 40 years of operation, first as part of the AMA's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), and then under the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) system, the CoARC has gained the maturity and experience to function as a freestanding organization.

Following its November 14th Board of Directors meeting, CoARC presented a letter to the CAAHEP president and board of directors outlining its plan for a January 15th, 2010 target separation date. This decision has been made after a thorough review and consideration of the pros and cons of pursuing independent accreditor status. We anticipate a seamless transition. Timely steps are already being taken to assure recognition of the CoARC as the official accrediting agency for RT programs by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC), state licensing boards, and other appropriate organizations. Dr. Mishoe explained that, "The separation is part of the maturation process of the CoARC and the respiratory therapy profession." The CoARC's separation from CAAHEP is an organizational and procedural issue.

The CoARC's sponsoring organizations, which include the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP), the American Thoracic Society (ATS), as well as the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), are expected to continue their participation on the committee. In addition to the sponsoring organizations, the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) and the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2) will continue to provide representatives to the CoARC's governing board.

The CoARC, in its new configuration, will continue to foster excellence in RT education. It will continue to hold programs to uniform national standards as part of a private, voluntary, non-governmental accreditation system. The CoARC intends to seek recognition from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and participate as an active member in the Association for Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA). As CoARC moves closer to the separation date, we will continue to keep our programs, sponsoring organizations, and the public informed of the status of the transition. In addition, CoARC will provide, in several venues, retraining to key personnel, site visitors, and others on the new accreditation standards and other policies and procedures that have been revised as a result of the transition.

Additional Summer Forum Presentations

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED NEW ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

CoARC will hold a public hearing on the proposed new Accreditation *Standards* at the AARC Summer Forum on July 18, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. at the Marco Island Resort and Spa. Please check the hotel event board when you arrive for the specific location within the hotel.

MEET THE REFEREE SESSION

CoARC will once again host a "Meet The Referee" session prior to the beginning of the Summer Forum in Marco Island. It will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2009 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marco Island Resort and Spa. If you wish to schedule an appointment, please e-mail Shelley Christensen at the CoARC Executive Office at shelley@coarc.com or call her at 817-283-2835, ext. 100.

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CoARC Meeting Dates

... July 15-18, 2009 Marcos Island, FL

... November 12-14, 2009 Bedford, TX



Kathy Boggs-Rye (Right) , AARC Education Section Practitioner of the Year with Toni Rodriguez, President of the AARC.



Jolene Miller (Right) receiving the NN2 Distinguished Service Award from the NN2 Immediate Past President, Janelle Lang.



CoARC Board Members, Will Beachey, Steve Mikles, and Greg Paulauskis (Center) receive AARC FAARC recognition.

Get To Know New CoARC Board Members

Kathy Boggs-Rye, EdD, RRT



Dr. Rye of Little Rock, AR joined the CoARC in July, 2008 as an AARC representative, filling Tom Smaling's unexpired term. She has 20 years of experience as a respiratory care educator; currently she is an Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Education at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock, Arkansas. She has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the Baccalaureate Degree Program and Distance Learning in the Cardio-Respiratory Care Program at UAMS. Dr. Rye has been a CoARC (formerly JRCRTE) site visitor since 1996, and has been an active member of the Arkansas Society for Respiratory Care as Vice-President, President, and as Delegate to the AARC House of Delegates. She currently serves the AARC on the Public Relations Action Team and on the Education Section's Ad Hoc Committee for Preceptor Training and the Abstract Review Committee.

Becki Evans, MS, RRT



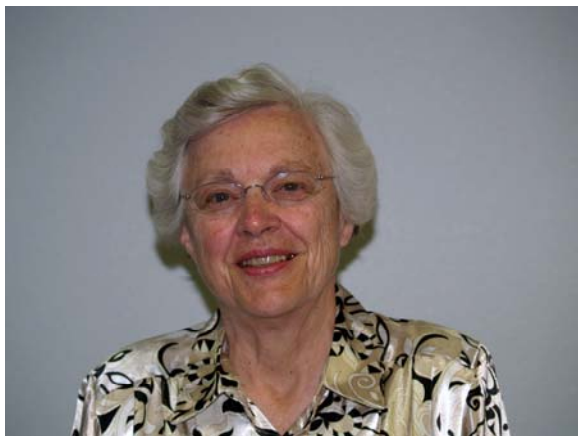
Ms. Evans of Tulsa, OK returns to the Board as the Therapist-At-Large member. Currently she is the Academic Division Administrator-Allied Health Services, and an Associate Professor of Respiratory Care at Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, OK. She was very active in the CoARC from 1999 through 2007, serving as the CoARC Chair in 2004 and 2005. Ms. Evans received her BA from Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, and her MS degree from Oklahoma State University, where she is currently a doctoral student in educational administration and higher education. Ms. Evans has been a member of the AARC since 1974, and was very active in the Nebraska and Oklahoma respiratory therapy societies. In 2009 she was a University Presidential Inaugural Scholar and an attendee of the inauguration of Barack Obama, the 44th President of the United States.

2009 CoARC Excellence in Education Reception

If you are a respiratory therapy program faculty member, plan now to attend the third annual CoARC Excellence in Education Reception on the evening of July 17 at the AARC Summer Forum, Marco Island, Florida. Programs demonstrating exceptional achievement in attaining educational outcomes will be recognized. The reception is a great time to renew acquaintances or make new friends and to socialize with your colleagues over hors d'oeuvres!

Get To Know New CoARC Board Members—Continued

Diane J. Klepper, MD



Dr. Klepper of Albuquerque, NM is returning to the CoARC as a Physician-At-Large member after having served a four-year term from 1997-2001 as an elected ACCP representative; she served as the chair of CoARC in 1999. She is an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and has served for over 20 years as the Medical Director of Respiratory Care at Central New Mexico Community College. Dr. Klepper completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Kansas, her MA in education from Columbia University, New York, and her MD from the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City.

Sherif Afifi, MD, FCCM, FCCP



Dr. Afifi of Chicago, IL joins the CoARC as a representative of the American Society of Anesthesia (ASA). He is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Surgery at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. He is the Chief of the Critical Care Division, Director of the Anesthesiology Critical Care Fellowship Program, and Medical Director of the Cardiothoracic Transplant ICU. Dr. Afifi completed his B.Sc. from East Tennessee State University, and his MD degree from Cairo University School of Medicine, in Cairo, Egypt. He spent two years in the Duke University Hyperbaric Center, and completed his training in Anesthesiology, followed by a Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. From 1995 to 2003 he was a faculty member of Yale University Anesthesiology Department, rising to the rank of Associate Professor of Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine. He joined the Northwestern faculty in 2005 following a brief position as Interim Program Director at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago.

www.CoARC.com : an Invaluable Program Resource!

Program directors and directors of clinical education will find the CoARC website a very useful resource for program planning, evaluation and improvement. A wealth of documents and forms are available, including Standards, self-study guides, evaluation instruments (CoARC surveys and resource assessment matrices), accreditation policies, annual report guides, site visit preparation guidelines, outcome thresholds, newsletters and much more!

2009 CoARC Presentations for Key Education Personnel

Since the CoARC will be separating from CAAHEP in January 2010, the AARC Summer Forum and International Congress present critically important opportunities to inform educators of the pending changes to CoARC policies and standards. To this end, the CoARC will sponsor presentations at both meetings.

Marco Island Florida, July 16, 2009

At the AARC Summer Forum at Marco Island, July 17-19, the CoARC will sponsor several presentations for key educator personnel (program directors and directors of clinical education). Topics will include: (1) How to Achieve Successful Program Outcomes; (2) How to Prepare a CoARC Self-Study Document; (3) How to Conduct Program Resource Assessment; and (4) How to Prepare for a CoARC Site Visit. Look for further updates on the CoARC website www.coarc.com.

San Antonio Texas, December 5-8

In conjunction with the AARC International Respiratory Congress in San Antonio, TX the CoARC plans to sponsor presentations on the following subjects: (1) Complying with the new CoARC Accreditation Standards; (2) CoARC Annual Report Compilation and Submission; (3) How to Conduct Program Resource Assessment; (4) Site Visit Guidelines under the new CoARC Accreditation Standards. More details will be forthcoming on the CoARC web site.

Recognition of 2008 CoARC Site Visitors

The following individuals have graciously contributed to CoARC's mission by volunteering their time and expertise as site visitors in 2008; team captains are designated by asterisks:

Larry Arnson, PhD, RRT	Shane Keene, RRT, NPS, RPSGT
Curtis Aumiller, MS, RRT, NPS, RPFT*	Bradley Leidich, MEd, RRT, FAARC*
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Will Beachey, PhD, RRT, FAARC*	Douglas Masini, EdD, RRT, NPS, RPFT, FAARC
Catherine Bitsche, MA, RRT, NPS	Kenney McCowen, BS, RRT
Janet Boehm, MS, RRT*	Stephen Mikles, EdS, RRT, FAARC*
Erna Boone, MEd, RRT*	Robert Milisch, MEd, RRT*
Ross Bowers, MHS, RRT	Jolene Miller, MEd, RRT*
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Self-Study Content Questions

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Questions about Annual Reports

Polysomnography

Standards & Guidelines Questions

Cormsortia Agreements

Change in Sponsorship

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Billing/Accounting

Submission of Annual Reports

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Site Visitor Applications/Inquires

Referee Communications

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