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## CoARC E-Newsletter

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Greetings from CoARC:

On this last day of summer, we are pleased to bring you the latest news and information about the CoARC and the accreditation process. We will send you an update after each of the three Board meetings each year.

If you have any ideas about how we could make the newsletter better, please let us know!

Summer/Fall 2017

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CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS

CoARC Board meetings are scheduled for **November 9-11**,



Progress Reports were due  
**September 20th**  
for those programs that received a

2017 and March 8-10, 2018 both in  
Bedford, TX.

## CoARC-Related Activities at the AARC International Congress

Indianapolis, IN

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Presentation of the CoARC Site  
Visitor of the Year Award at the  
AARC Awards Ceremony

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Exhibit Halls D-E/CoARC booth  
(Stop by our newly updated booth  
display and schedule time to speak  
with a program referee or CoARC  
staff member)

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The Advanced Practice Respiratory  
Therapist (APRT): Exploring the  
Potential

John Wilgis MBA RRT, Orlando FL  
Robert L Joyner Jr PhD RRT RRT-  
ACCS FAARC Salisbury NY  
Shane Keene DHSc RRT-NPS  
CPFT RPSGT FAARC Cincinnati  
OH  
Brian K Walsh PhD RRT-NPS

CoARC Action letter indicating your  
program is on the November Board  
meeting agenda.

If you haven't done so already,  
Please submit your progress report  
and related documentation to [Shelley  
Christensen](#).

### Call for Comments Regarding Accreditation Standards for Degree Advancement (DA) Programs in Respiratory Care

The Commission on Accreditation for  
Respiratory Care (CoARC) is in the  
process of revising its Accreditation  
Standards for Degree Advancement  
(DA) Programs in Respiratory Care,  
which were initially adopted on July 1,  
2015.

The CoARC Call for Comments  
invites all communities of interest\* to  
use the [web-based survey](#) to submit,  
from now until **October 1, 2017**,  
comments or suggested  
changes/deletions regarding the draft  
of the proposed Accreditation  
Standards for Degree Advancement  
Programs in Respiratory Care which  
includes Evidence of Compliance,  
and Interpretive Guidelines. Your  
comments will be an essential part of  
the revision process. Please Note:  
Since Survey Monkey only displays a  
clean version, it may be helpful to

FAARC Boston MA

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AARC-CoARC;NBRC Student  
Survivor Hour

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Lambda Beta Society Awards  
Ceremony & Reception  
(Invitation Only)

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Best Practices in Competency  
Assessment  
Sarah M Varekojis PhD RRT  
FAARC, Columbus OH

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AARC/NBRC/CoARC Agency  
Update

SPOTLIGHT ON A  
NEW  
COMMISSIONER

view the PDF version as you  
complete the survey so all  
modifications can be easily identified.  
([Click Here](#) for the PDF version).

The revision of the DA Standards will  
be a continuing item on CoARC  
meeting agendas until their approval  
and implementation. Following any  
revisions related to these comments,  
the Standards will be sent to the  
CoARC's collaborating organizations  
for their acceptance prior to  
implementation.

Comments may be sent electronically  
by emailing [shelley@coarc.com](mailto:shelley@coarc.com) or by  
regular mail:

**Commission on Accreditation for  
Respiratory Care  
Attn: Degree Advancement  
Standards Revision  
1248 Harwood Road  
Bedford, TX 76021-4244**

Questions about the Standards  
review process should be sent to the  
Associate Executive Director, [Shane  
Keene](#).

You may complete the entire survey  
or limit your participation to a  
Standard or Evidence of Compliance.  
Note that once you begin the survey  
you cannot save it and return to it  
later. You can, however, re-do the  
survey later to add additional  
thoughts or concerns.



**Bill Galvin**

Bill is an Assistant Professor in the Frances M. Maguire School of Nursing and Health Professions and Program Director for the Respiratory Care Program at Gwynedd Mercy University. He holds a bachelor's degree from La Salle College in political science and a Master of Science Degree in education from St. Joseph's University. He is a registered respiratory therapist, a certified pulmonary function technologist and a certified asthma educator.

He has significant publishing experience - article reviews, abstracts, and contributing chapters for Springhouse Corporation, Delmar, FA Davis, CV Mosby, Williams and Wilkins, W B Saunders, Elsevier and currently author and editor for a 62 chapter textbook entitled, Respiratory Care: Principles and Practice, in its third edition and published by Jones & Bartlett.

Bill has been an active member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) since 1974 serving on numerous committees and task forces. He has presented at the local, state and national level on a wide variety of topics, most notably; forces and trends shaping health care practice, accreditation and credentialing issues, outcomes

We greatly appreciate your time and input.

\*Communities of interest include: All the bodies within the CoARC organizational structure as well as related organizations (the American Association for Respiratory Care, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the American Thoracic Society, the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, the National Network of Two-Year Community Colleges, and the National Board for Respiratory Care); RT educational program representatives (CEOs, Deans, Program Directors, Medical Directors, Site Visitors, and Advisory Committee Members); respiratory therapy educators; practitioners; As well as: consumers, employers, regulators (licensure boards, state higher education commissions), recognition bodies (Council for Higher Education Accreditation), accreditors (regional, national, and specialized accreditors); students; and the public.

**Trajecsys Announces Support Agreement with the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)**

Trajecsys, a leading provider of online and mobile-friendly clinical record-keeping solutions for Allied Health

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and Nursing programs, is pleased to announce its newly formed relationship with the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), the accrediting body for professional practice programs in respiratory care at the Associate, Baccalaureate, and Master's degree level in the United States and its territories.

As part of this newly forged relationship, Trajecsyst was the supporting sponsor of CoARC's Annual Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Awards reception preceding the 2017 AARC (American Association for Respiratory Care) Summer Forum held in Tucson, AZ, June 25–27, 2017.

“We are pleased to have this opportunity to support CoARC, especially during the AARC Summer Forums,” remarked Trajecsyst CEO, Brian Bright. “Given that we currently work with a large number of respiratory care programs across the country, it is a perfect fit. We are looking forward to a long, productive relationship with CoARC, and this relationship will further our ability to support the respiratory care education community as a whole.”

“The CoARC Awards Ceremony held at the AARC Summer Forum is our premier event for publicly acknowledging programs and educators that continue to promote

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excellence in the provision of respiratory care through education of future respiratory therapists,” remarked CoARC President Brad Leidich. “We are fortunate to have industry leaders such as Trajecsyst support our continued efforts to recognize individuals and programs whose exemplary performances help advance high quality respiratory care education.”

#### **About Trajecsyst**

Trajecsyst ([www.trajecsyst.com](http://www.trajecsyst.com)) was founded in 2005 by two educators who designed an online system featuring clinical recordkeeping for Program Directors, Faculty, Clinical Education Staff, and Students.

Trajecsyst provides reports with multiple filtering options, tracking of clinical hours, and management of assessments/evaluations in a single online system. Since its inception, the Trajecsyst Report System is now used by nearly 1000 programs nationwide in thousands of clinical sites. Its flexibility enables Trajecsyst to support over 45 unique modalities, including such diverse program specialties as respiratory care, radiography, sonography, nursing, surgical technology, veterinary technology, and many others.

**Kettering National Seminars  
Announces Sponsorship**

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Bill will begin his 4-year term as AARC representative to the Commission at the close of our November 2017 Board meeting. Congratulations, Bill!



**Lambda Beta Society**



**The Society promotes achievement of high scholarly standards within the schools and chapters through the encouragement of membership and graduation with honors.**

**Membership benefits and advantages include the recognition of individual achievement and scholarship. Individuals' achievements are recognized by having their name entered into a permanent "Roll of Excellence",**

### **Agreement with the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)**

Kettering National Seminars, the leading review for health care credentialing exams, is pleased to announce its sponsorship of the George G. Burton, MD Scholarship Award presented by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

Kettering National Seminars provided the sponsorship funds to CoARC at the Annual Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Awards reception preceding the 2017 AARC (American Association for Respiratory Care) Summer Forum held in Tucson, AZ, June 25–27, 2017.

graduating with honors by displaying a ribbon on their graduation gown during commencement, graduation with honors noted on their official transcripts, wearing and displaying the Lambda Beta insignia, and the right to list honor society membership on their curriculum vitae. In addition to recognizing the achievement of students, Lambda Beta chapters may choose to participate in other activities promoting leadership and scholarship within the profession including social activities (i.e., annual luncheons, recognition dinners, or graduation breakfasts), scholarship fund raising and distribution, as well as special fund raising and research.

Lambda Beta Chapters may be formed by one or more accredited respiratory care programs.

**Proposal for Membership and Membership Applications can be obtained by calling the Executive Office (913.397.7398)**

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**Inquiries related to this E-Newsletter can be addressed to:**

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