

2023 USRC Delegate Report



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USRC Senior Delegate

- Credentials Committee
- Special Recognitions Committee

Term 2020 – 2023

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USRC Junior Delegate,

- Co-Chair Delegate Assistance Committee
- Orientation Committee

Term 2022 - 2025



What is the House of Delegates?

- 2 representatives from each affiliated society (50 societies and Puerto Rico)
- Meets as a HOD body two or three times yearly
- Delegates serve on committees to support the function of the HOD, AARC, and many strategic committees run year-round to accomplish the established objectives/goals
- Delegates serve to support 5 AARC committees, 9 HOD committees, as well as strategic and Ad Hoc committees aligned to AARC goals
- Develop resolutions to guide the AARC in the best interests of its membership
 - Resolutions passed by the HOD are sent to the BOD
 - 2022 Resolution example: Early professional leadership council- passed HOD and BOD

HOD mission

- “Serve as a representative body of the general membership and the representative body of the affiliate societies”

and to...

- “Participate in the establishment of the goals and objectives for the Association and participate in the governance of the Association”

Examples of HOD roles in the AARC

- Advise the Board of Directors(BOD) of the AARC
- Act as a liaison between the AARC BOD and the USRC membership
- Act as a liaison via the resolutions process, committee reports, and communication with house officers, committee chairs, or on the house floor regarding any matter of interest to the membership
- Evaluate for approval the AARC annual budget
- Evaluate for approval the slate of AARC nominees for officer and director positions
- Participate in projects and activities aimed at realizing the strategic plan and objectives

HOD Updates as of November 2022

- AARC Membership is 39,483 active members
- Membership has been slowly declining over the last several years
- Now more than ever, each of us needs to have a conversation with our fellow RT's about why it is important to have an organization looking out for members and the respiratory profession through many pathways and programs.
- The AARC has membership toolkits to help promote the professions and outline the benefits of membership
- The USRC membership committee needs volunteers!
- Please reach out to Kelly Rose, USRC Director, and current membership chairperson
- **At this point in time, we need more RTs, as you are aware, but we also need more members of the AARC/USRC to accomplish our current and future goals!!!**

HOD fundraising for AARC funds Disaster Relief as January 2023

- The disaster the application and approval process has been streamlined to get more money faster to AARC members that need it
- Respiratory Therapist helping Respiratory Therapists!
- In 2021 the eligible amount increased from \$500 to \$1000
- In 2021 and 2022 over \$84,000 was sent to RT's in need which is more than the previous 10 years!
- Affiliates donate to this fund, but donations are significantly lowered in recent years while more funds are being dispersed
- RT's can directly donate at <https://my.aarc.org/Donate>
- The Disaster fund was opened this last week for the RTs in Mississippi

HOD fundraising for ARCF funds

- ARCF
 - General
 - International Fellows
 - Programs not fully endowed (\$50,000)
 - Bill Bitzel Student Camp Grant: honoring an excellent student

Funds	Collected	Pledged	Total
AARC Disaster Relief	\$3,000	\$12,275	\$15,275
AARC COVID	\$250		\$250
ARCF Bill Bitzel	\$2,150	\$3,525	\$5,675
ARCF International Fellows	\$500	\$850	\$1,350
ARCF Research	\$300	\$750	\$1,050
General ARCF	\$200	\$100	\$300
TOTALS	\$6,400	\$17,500	\$23,900

AARC 2.0

- A reinvestment in the organization to refocus on the membership, the practice of respiratory care, and the promotion of the profession
- New executive and executive office leadership
- Defined areas of focus with measurable results
- Collaboration with other professional organizations to promote RTs
- Joined the collaborative with NBRC and CoARC to promote RT's through PSA and targeted advertising. "We need more RT's" (moreRTs.com), in addition to the "Be an RT" (be-anrt.org)
- The AARC BOD has approved 5 million dollars to modernize the society, fund the personnel, and develop the tools we need to move forward successfully
- That said, we need you, and we need more RTs to succeed

AARC Awards

- **Summit Award**– recognizes state affiliates for their efforts and achievements in promoting the field of respiratory care and promoting professionalism in Respiratory Care
- **Outstanding Affiliate Contributor Award**– recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions and provided dedicated service to their state society
- **Life Member Award**– recognizes an individual who has been a long-standing member of the AARC and has provided extraordinary contributions to the AARC
- **Honorary Member Award**– recognizes an individual who has made a special achievement, performance, or contribution to the AARC, its affiliates, the NBRC, ARCF, or the profession of respiratory care
- *Notify a USRC board member if you would like to nominate someone. Be prepared to submit a letter on why this person would be a great candidate for this award.*

AARC meetings in 2023

Ft. Lauderdale, FL, July 15–17



Nashville, Tennessee on Nov. 5–8



*** Ask about the Utah code before you register to save \$ and benefit your state's society**

USRC student HOD contest updates

- It will be held annually before the winter meeting
- Notifications will be sent out to the schools in the fall
- One student will be selected from the essays that are submitted
- The winner will receive reimbursement for up to \$1,000 to help with travel expenses associated with attending the HOD meeting in Nashville, TN
- Current students and recent students are eligible to submit an essay to the contest
- Winner will be required to attend 2 full days of the HOD meetings and is encouraged to attend the AARC congress immediately following the meetings
- Additional resources and financial support may be available for students

Many “Thanks” for your dedication and commitment to the patients we serve, your fellow RTs, and the Respiratory profession!

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and the USRC