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Note from the President... Cheri Bate, MA, RRT

I am excited to report that we passed Indiana's Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee (ROEC) hearing vote on 10/24/12! The ROEC committee voted 5-0 in favor of retaining of the following (they voted separately on each one):

1. Retain RCP License
2. Retain RCP Temporary License
3. Retain Respiratory Student Permit

This will go in their report to the General Assembly and Governor so, while we are not out of the woods yet, we can breathe easier than we have for several months.

I would like to thank Cheryl West of the AARC for all of her support and emails with suggestions and input as we journeyed through this process. Also, thank you to Pat Ingle for serving on the Respiratory Care Committee and the ISRC as the Governmental Affairs Chair (and Treasurer). Also, thank you to the IPLA staff (Cindy Vaught & Heather Hollcraft), and Gary Smith (RCC Chair) for present-

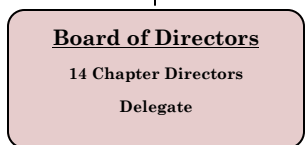
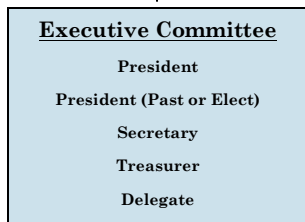
ing our information (as requested) to the ROEC. Thank you to Charity Bowling & Dave Burnworth as well as folks just mentioned for attending the final hearing. It was great to have support not knowing what was going to happen. I cannot stress enough the importance of knowing your legislators. Now that the elections are over, please take time to assure you know who represents you in the State of Indiana. If you don't know who these individuals are, you can find them easily at: <http://district.iga.in.gov/DistrictLookup/> Attending your area Town Hall meetings is a great way to find out who they are, what they are like, what they are interested in; and/or just to introduce yourself and shake their hand. When we need help in the future, you can remind them of who you are and when you met-it really does help AND it has helped us in the past. Your legislator might be a good person to help us sponsor a bill if needed in the future-you never know! Please feel free to reach out to anyone on the ISRC BOD with questions about this. We are here

to serve you!

On another note, please let me know if you are interested in participating in the ISRC in any way. We have been making changes and are trying hard to get other members involved. There are a lot of opportunities. One improvement we have made is to make it easier for people to ask questions of the ISRC when they aren't really sure who to contact. We now have a place on our web page where any question can be posed to the ISRC. It has only been up and running for a short period but in that time we have received several questions and have been able to provide answers.

If you have suggestions for improvement please let me know! Thanks for your diligence in improving our profession by being a member. **You are the true professionals!!!**

ISRC STRUCTURE



Old Respiratory Equipment... Where Does It Go???

Ever wonder where some of the "old" respiratory equipment goes? Yes some of it is well hidden in storerooms and basements at hospitals. While others are still using some of the equipment in respiratory schools. However, the Indiana State Museum is enhancing their collection of old respiratory equipment thanks to Joe Koss, M.S., RRT, FAARC. Joe has donated sev-

eral items such as a Morch Ventilator, Mira Oxygen Analyzer, Bennett IPPB Unit AP-4, and Bennett Mark 7 & 8. These items will go on display with an iron lung. The museum hopes to put our equipment on display but could use more donations of old equipment. If donating equipment, please provide a brief description of the equipment being donated. If you have

equipment to donate, please contact Todd Stockwell at :

TStockwell@indianamuseum.org. Todd will even pick up the equipment! What a great way to make our profession more visible!



ISRC Awards

The ISRC presented several awards at the annual conference in October. Chapter of the Year went to Chapter IV Jeff Hunsucker and Jeff Scott. Most Improved Chapter went to Chapter III, Greg Woodsmall and Karen Goldsmith. Therapist Choice Award went to Lincare and the ISRC Vendor Award went to CareFusion.

Four students were awarded scholarships at the conference as well. Daniel Gernhardt, Ivy Tech Community College-Fort Wayne won the Patrick Doyle scholarship worth \$1,000 for his paper on "Non-Cystic Fibrosis

Bronchiectasis." Amie Turney, Ivy Tech Community College-Fort Wayne won the ISRC Literary Award worth \$750 for her paper on "Treatment of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome: Protocol or Algorithm." Dorothy Bingham, Ivy Tech Community College-Fort Wayne won the Patrick Doyle scholarship worth \$750 on her paper "Diastolic Heart Failure." Tammy Lawlyes, Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington won the ISRC Robert E. Glass scholarship worth \$750. for her paper "Respiratory Syncytial Virus." Congratulations to all of our winners!



Jeff Scott and Jeff Hunsucker after receiving "Chapter of the Year" from President Cheri Bate!



President Cheri Bate congratulates Karen Goldsmith of Chapter III after being named "Most Improved Chapter".



President Cheri Bate and Program Chair Ross Havens present the Masimo staff the "ISRC Vendor Award" for being a faithful supporter of the ISRC.



"It is good to rub and polish our brains against that of others"
Michel de Montaigne



Student scholarship award recipients with Janet Sievers Award Chairperson and Chapter Director.



Lincare is presented the "Therapist Choice Award" from Program Chair Ross Havens and President Cheri Bate. Lincare had a Yabba Dabba Do Good Time!

Great New Opportunity for IU Health, Methodist Respiratory Therapists

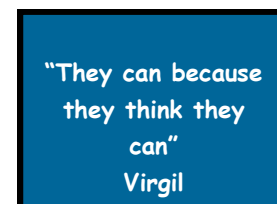
By: Jessica Hammons, RRT

In May 2011, IU Health, Methodist Hospital put plans in place to begin an Adult ECMO referral program. The team, which initially consisted of 12 people (Critical Care RN's, Educator, CNS and Program Coordinator) went to Michigan for ECMO training. By August 2011, 4 Respiratory Therapists became part of the ECMO team and went to the University of Iowa for training. By January 2012, all RN's and RT's involved in the ECMO program completed orientation and the "ECMO Clinician" position was finalized.

As of September 2012, we have 16 ECMO Clinicians who manage our ECMO patients. Our patient outcomes vary depending on the type of ECMO the patient is on.

For Venovenous (VV) ECMO, we have had 6 cases with 5 survivals (83.3% survival rate). For Venoarterial (VA) ECMO we have had 3 cases with 1 survival (33.3% survival rate). For ECPR ECMO we have had 1 case with 0 survivals. Our oldest ECMO patient to date was 68 years old and our youngest ECMO patient was 14 years old. Our longest ECMO duration is 32 days and that patient was successfully de-cannulated. Our shortest ECMO duration is 2 minutes which was our only ECPR ECMO case (meaning the patient is actively coding while ECMO is being initiated). Currently, our average duration for having a patient on ECMO is 7 days.

As we plan for 2013 and beyond, the goal is to continue to expand the adult ECMO referral program throughout Indiana providing ECMO transport services for patients needing to come to Methodist for treatment. As the program grows, more staff will be trained as ECMO clinicians.



ISRC Fall Conference

The IRSC held another successful conference at the Wyndham West Hotel, Indianapolis, IN on October 11 & 12, 2012.

Approximately 300 attended the conference. The ISRC would like to thank all of those who attended, as well as our vendors!

The ISRC collected non-perishable food items during the conference, which were donated to a local food bank. The

silent auction, which helps fund scholarships and other educational opportunities in the community, was a victory as well!

Thank you to Ross Havens who was the Program Chair for the conference. Pat Ingle will be taking over the reins of the Program Committee in 2013. The dates for the conference are **October 3 & 4, 2013 at the Wyndham West Hotel, Indianapolis, IN.** If you have

questions and/or suggestions for the program committee, please contact Pat Ingle at pingle@in-isrc.org.



ISRC Election Results

The results are in and here are your 2013 ISRC Board of Directors. Congratulations!



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2013 ISRC BOD MEETINGS

Ivy Tech Community College-(Fairbanks/Lawrence Campus)
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

April 26, 2013

12:30 P.m.

Phone Conference or local residents may attend at
Ivy Tech Community College-(Fairbanks/Lawrence Campus)
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

June 28, 2013

12:30 P.M.

Phone Conference or local residents may attend at
Ivy Tech Community College-(Fairbanks/Lawrence Campus)
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

August 9, 2013

12:30 P.M.

Ivy Tech Community College-(Fairbanks/Lawrence Campus)

October 3, 2013

Time TBA

Wyndham West, Indianapolis

Legislative Update... Lobbyist Mark Scherer

The Indiana General Assembly has convened for the 2013 Regular Session. Since this is a "long" or budget session, the legislature has until April 29 to adjourn. A total of 621 Senate bills and 615 House bills have been introduced. As expected, the top priority for this session will be jobs and economic development.

As always, the ISRC reviews each bill for its impact upon respiratory care. The bills that are most likely to impact respiratory care are then placed upon a bill track to watch for the entire session. This year's bill track can be accessed with this link:

<http://www.in-isrc.org/GovernmentalAffairs.html>

Two bills are of significant interest to respiratory care practitioners. The first bill is HB 1383, which as introduced would have licensed polysomnographic technologists. Because of the obvious interplay with respiratory care practitioners, the language in the bill has to be worded carefully. The ISRC has been actively engaged with the Indiana Society of Sleep Professionals to work out the wording and this process continues. Because of apparent opposition to the bill from other parties, the House Public Health Committee decided to urge that the bill be sent to a summer study committee. At this time the bill has been converted to a resolution, HR 29, so HB 1383 is no longer alive.

A second bill of significant interest is SB 520. This bill would create the Eliminate, Reduce, and Streamline Employee Regulation (ERASER) Committee to review professional and occupational licensure. As you know, Indiana already has the Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee (ROEC) to do the same thing. SB

520 would repeal ROEC, would establish 5 year review cycles compared to the 7 year cycle under ROEC, and would sunset each licensed profession after 5 years. This would require each profession to seek legislation to renew its licensure within the 5 year period. As introduced the review for respiratory care practitioners would take place in 2017 even though the profession was just evaluated in 2012. Due to significant opposition from most health care providers, the 5 year cycle and automatic repeal of licensure for most providers were deleted from the bill in committee. RCPs were included in this deletion, although the bill would still require a review of our profession at some point in time. On February 19 the bill passed the Senate 36-13 and now goes to the House.

If you would like to read the text of a bill, following is a link to the General Assembly website for bills:

<http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo>

Keep in mind that legislators won't know your opinions unless you make the modest effort necessary to contact them, so let them know what matters to you as a citizen and as a respiratory care practitioner.

If you want to express an opinion on a bill or an issue, the General Assembly has established a web site for you to contact them as follows:

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/contact/index.html>

If you don't know the names of your legislators, you can find them at this web site:

<http://www.in.gov/apps/sos/legislator/search/>