

NN2RC Newsletter

National Network for Associate Degree Respiratory Care

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Message from the President

by Carolyn O'Daniel, NN2RC President

The NN2RC Board has been busy during the six months following our annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Implementation of the strategic plan is progressing well, and I would like to share with you some of the progress that's been made under each of our 2016-17 goals.

➤ **Increase the visibility of NN2RC.**

The President has discussed NN2RC concerns with the AARC Education Section Chair. Additionally, several board members were in attendance for the CoARC hearing, which was held in conjunction with the AARC's Summer Forum in Florida on the proposed Standards change, and submitted questions on NN2RC's behalf. Over a hundred individual signatures were submitted to CoARC expressing concern with the original proposal to change Standard 1.01, which would have prevented future new associate degree programs from becoming accredited. A modified version of the proposed standard has been circulated for public review.

➤ **Increase NN2RC membership and activity.**

Thanks to Greg Wilson, our website has been updated and improved. Please visit the site, if you haven't done so recently.

Under Jim Matchuny's leadership, the Membership Committee has modified several membership policies and conducted membership recruitment efforts that are producing positive results.

Peggy Spears Davis and the 2016 Conference Committee provided an outstanding 2016 conference. Mary Beth Keffer and the Conference Committee are busy laying plans for the 2017 conference, once again to be hosted in Louisville. NN2RC conferences are recognized for high quality, reasonable cost, fun, networking and collegiality. (You can check out photos of previous conferences on the website: NN2RC.org).

Chandi Idicula organized an educational workshop in Dallas that resulted in strong professional development as well as many new NN2RC members. NN2RC members are encouraged to follow this example and replicate this model.

➤ **Move toward changing the organizational name of NN2RC.**

The Board has tentatively approved changing the organizational name of NN2RC to the National Association of Associate Degree Respiratory Care (NA2RC), and is taking steps necessary to implement that change. Our Webmaster, Greg Wilson has established the availability and reserved

the web domain for NA2RC.

➤ **Increase NN2RC influence by building partnerships to support advocacy.**

The President will meet with the NN2 Board in September to explore options for future collaboration. Additional contacts are being made with potential allies and friends of associate degree respiratory care.

NN2RC has asked that CoARC consider appointment of an NN2RC appointee to the CoARC Board.

➤ **Improve internal and external communication.**

The Board of Directors is conducting monthly conference calls to track activity within the strategic plan and conduct organizational business. This is our first newsletter, published to keep members better informed of our work on behalf of associate degree respiratory care entry-level, and an improved website also contributes to enhanced communication efforts.

There are many opportunities to become active with NN2RC and to help advocate for continuing a respiratory care career pathway that begins with the associate degree educational level. We invite you to join us in strengthening our voice. Please let us know if you can help.

*NN2RC Requests
Seat on CoARC
Board*



Carolyn O'Daniel, NN2RC
President, with Tom
Smalling, CoARC Executive
Director, at the recent NN2
conference in Grand Rapids.



NN2RC Annual Conference Coming March 2017

by Mary Beth Keffer, Conference Committee Chair

NN2RC is excited to bring to the Kentuckiana region the annual NN2RC conference. Where therapists are able to get together to further their continuing education and listen to timely topics that can help make them more effective and motivated at the bedside, everyone benefits.

The Conference Committee developing the 2017 conference is delighted to be reaching out to physicians, therapists, authors, educators we admire and work with, to be conference speakers.

This year's theme is "Navigating Change and Bringing Voice to Value".

The 2017 NN2RC Conference is March 16th & 17th at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville, KY. Please visit the NN2RC website (www.nn2rc.org) for additional details as they become available.

Confirmed Presenters are: Dr. Victor Van Berkel, Dr. Bousamra, Dr. Shaun Smith, Dr. Carolyn O'Daniel, Dr. Telly Sellars and Employee Panel

Tentative Presenters are: Dr. Skolnick, Grace Ng, Dana Oakes, Gary Persing, NBRC Representatives, CoARC Representatives, Dr. Kenneth Anderson

Topics to be Presented: Overcoming Negative Attitudes in the Hospital Setting, Lung Cancer Research, Pulmonary Hypertension, Lung Transplantation, Simulation in the Classroom, Inter-rater reliability, Board Exam Preparation

We look forward to seeing you in March! Be there!