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The mission of the Indiana Society for Respiratory Care is to provide proactive leadership in the delivery of Respiratory Care and to promote professionalism among Respiratory Care Practitioners.

Note from the ISRC President - Craig Traxler

The ISRC has been very busy working to best serve you! Susan VonTobel and I went to Washington DC this past May to meet with members of Congress. Our trip was to discuss reimbursement for home liquid oxygen, reimbursement for pulmonary and cardiac rehab via telehealth, and funding for new respiratory therapists in rural areas. It is imperative we personally meet with members of congress to ensure our collective voices are heard. While written correspondence with delegates is always welcome, personal meetings work to improve visibility, reinforce our message, and allows them to hear directly from voters. This whirlwind trip was very much worth the time to help support causes so important to our patients and communities.



In other news, during our last meeting, a new logo was approved for the state organization. The new logo is similar to the branding the AARC has recently adopted. As an affiliate organization of the AARC we felt consistent branding would be beneficial for all. Additionally, we are working on an online ISRC store where you can purchase items promoting respiratory care. The revenue generated from the store will be utilized by the organization to help support our mission.

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As we look to the future, board member elections are fast approaching. Please note a few changes to the election process. First, in a change approved last year, only electronic ballots will be accepted. Second, we have adopted a modified timeline for voting. Members will be allowed to begin voting in early October in hopes of increasing engagement and participation in elections. Finally, those running for an executive office must have previous officer experience as an executive or director within the last 10 years on the ISRC Board or an AARC chartered affiliate. The executive offices consist of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Delegate roles. We felt this change is important to ensure executives on the board have the experience necessary to be good stewards of the organization's resources.

Finally, I hope to see you at the 61st Annual ISRC Conference. This seminar is such a great way to earn continuing education credits while networking with others in our field. You can register through the website or the link on the ISRC Facebook page (Please see "Upcoming Events" section below for more information).

Thank you for being a part of an organization that strives to support you, and the lifesaving working you do!

A Life Remembered

Johanna Libbert, RRT went peacefully to her eternal slumber July 18, 2024. She was an amazing respiratory therapist for many years. She also had cystic fibrosis. She never let this bring her down and never complained about her disease. She worked many years as a registered respiratory therapist, running circles around most of her coworkers. Twice she was a speaker at the ISRC annual conference. First speaking on living and coping with cystic fibrosis in which she received a standing ovation for her story telling. Then speaking a second time providing her personal experience receiving a double lung transplant in 2014.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Phil Libbert, her parents, sister and several nieces and nephews.



Upcoming Events



ISRC 2024 Fall Seminar

Save the date for the 61st Annual ISRC Conference on October 3rd and 4th, 2024 held at Embassy Suites - Plainfield, Indiana. Conference, which is themed "Driving for Success," offers opportunity for 12 CEU/CRCEs and will boast an exhibitor hall, food bank drive, silent auction, trivia night, and networking.

Scan this QR code to register or visit in-isrc.org:



AARC 2024 International Congress

AARC's 2024 International Congress will take place in Orlando, FL, Nov. 20–23 at the Orange County Convention Center. Don't miss your chance to see colleagues from around the world, while networking and learning about the latest in respiratory care. Take advantage of all the fun in the Orlando area and schedule a visit to say "Hi" to Mickey Mouse, Harry Potter, or even a dolphin.

Registration details can be found by scanning this QR code or by visiting aarc.org:



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