

CTSRC 2024 Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th

Hosted at HOCC

CTSRC Mission and Vision

- **CTSRC Mission:** The society's mission is to support excellence in the practice of Respiratory Care through public and legislative advocacy, and through educational opportunities that are both innovative and evidence-based.
- **CTSRC Vision:** The Connecticut Society for Respiratory Care (CTSRC) promotes professional excellence among its members and serves as an advocate for patients and their families, the general public and Respiratory Therapists in the state of CT. The CTSRC is a non-profit organization and chartered affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). rev 2015

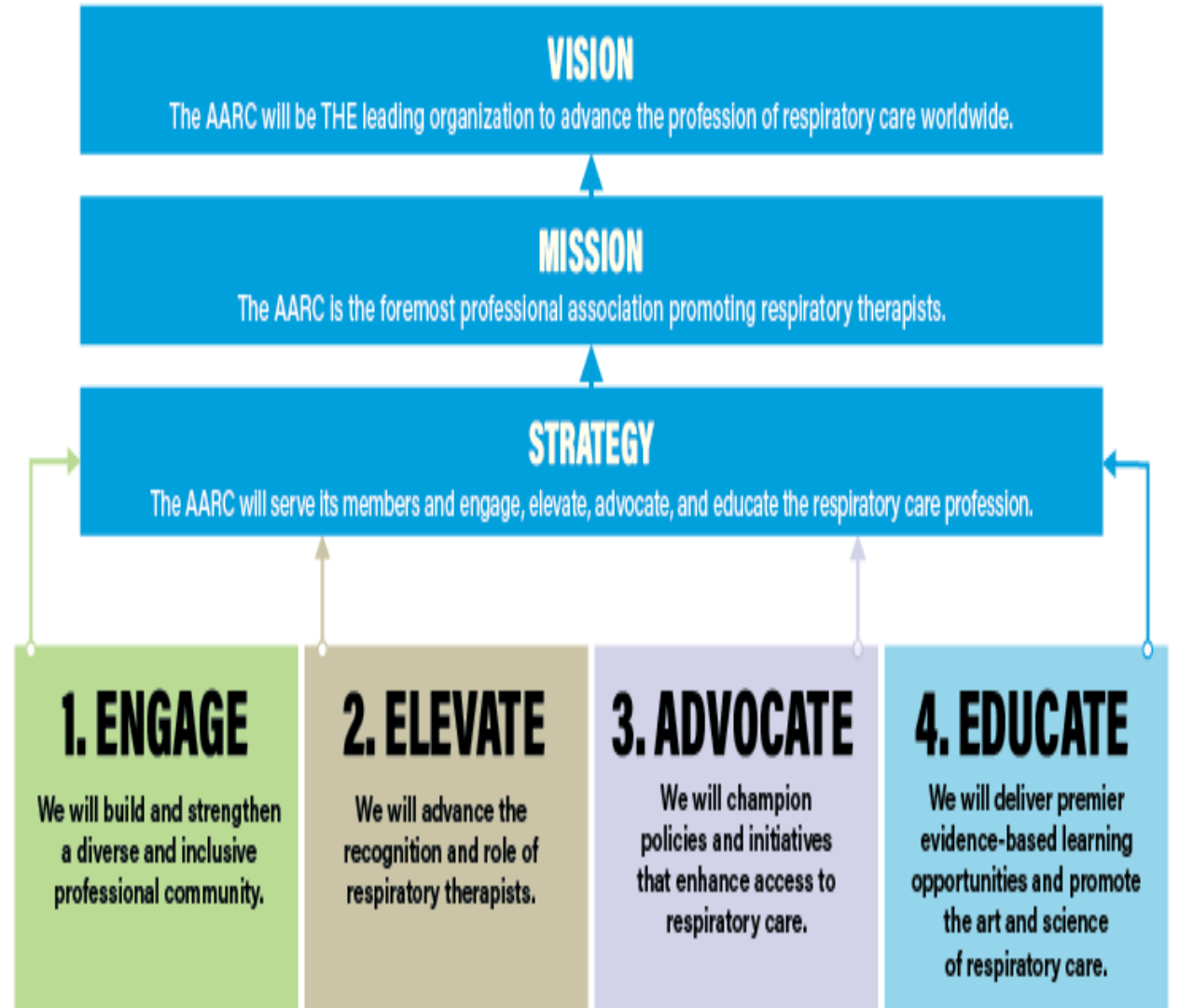
Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and call to order
- Approval of minutes from last year's annual business meeting
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Delegates Report
- Government Affairs Report
- Membership Report
- VP of Internal Affairs Report
- APRT Committee Update
- Awards & Scholarships
- Thank you to outgoing board members
- Election Results & Installation of new officers

CTSRC Strategic Plan June 2023- May 2025

The CTSRC aligns with the strategic objectives put forth by the AARC. In addition, the CTSRC will continue to support its local mission and vision and align with the AARC strategic plan at the state level.

AARC STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2022-2025



ENGAGE

Objective

CTSRC will advance the recognition and role of respiratory therapists spreading awareness of the vital role respiratory therapists play as part of the healthcare team. CTSRC will seek opportunities to elevate the scope of practice, education, and pursue opportunities that elevate the role of respiratory therapists as part of the healthcare team.



The CTSRC will support this objective via the following goals:

Utilize AARC connect, survey monkey, and various social media outlets to communicate important information, public interest announcements and events to our membership.

Invite and encourage membership to join CTSRC committees and attend CTSRC Board meetings by providing accessibility to meeting schedules and contact information. (Update webpage to have active calendar with zoom links or meeting information)

Increase membership by educating respiratory therapists on the importance of joining the CTSRC. Membership committee to continue to work on this initiative.

Implement an RT retention special committee to research and reach out to RTs on what is most important to them for creating professional satisfaction and longevity in the field.

ELEVATE

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CTSRC will build and strengthen a diverse and inclusive professional community by providing transparency and communicating clearly with its members and those within the respiratory community (including various health professions, students, and the public). CTSRC will enhance engagement with membership to ensure members have a voice and ensure the society is acting in the best interest of the membership.



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Provide scholarship opportunities for advanced degrees.

Educate our state representatives on the important contributions that RTs make in providing safe and effective patient care.

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EDUCATE

Objective

CTSRC will deliver premier evidence-based learning opportunities and promote the art and science of respiratory care via annual meetings, webinars, resources, or continuing educational opportunities.



The CTSRC will support this objective via the following goals:

Return to an in person live symposium with evidence- based topics and hands on simulations.

CTSRC will provide at least 2 events per year that provide professional development and education.

Continue to provide scholarship opportunities to future and current respiratory therapists.

2023 – 2024

CTSRC Treasurers Report

Reported by Natashua Knox MBA, RRT, RRT-ACCS

CTSRC Treasurer

CTSRC 2023

Revenue \$20,482.81

- Includes Revenue from Symposium Registration
- AARC Memberships
- Scholarship (Donations & Raffles)
- Sponsorships

Expenses \$39,644.94

- Professional Fees (Accounting, Lobbyist, and Insurance)
- Scholarships
- Symposium Expenses
- Travel and Meetings
- Website Maintenance

Final Total 12/31/2023



Checking Account
\$17,588.87



CD \$7207.53

January 1-May 3, 2024



REVENUE \$55,353.75



EXPENSES \$32,433.21



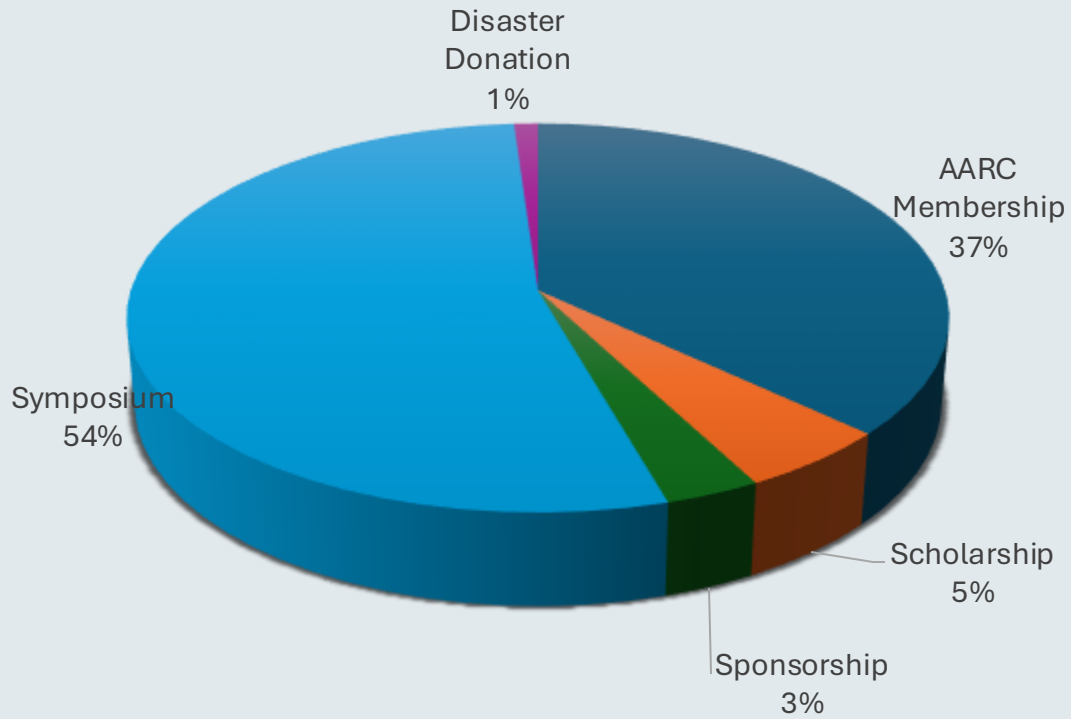
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\$39,709.41

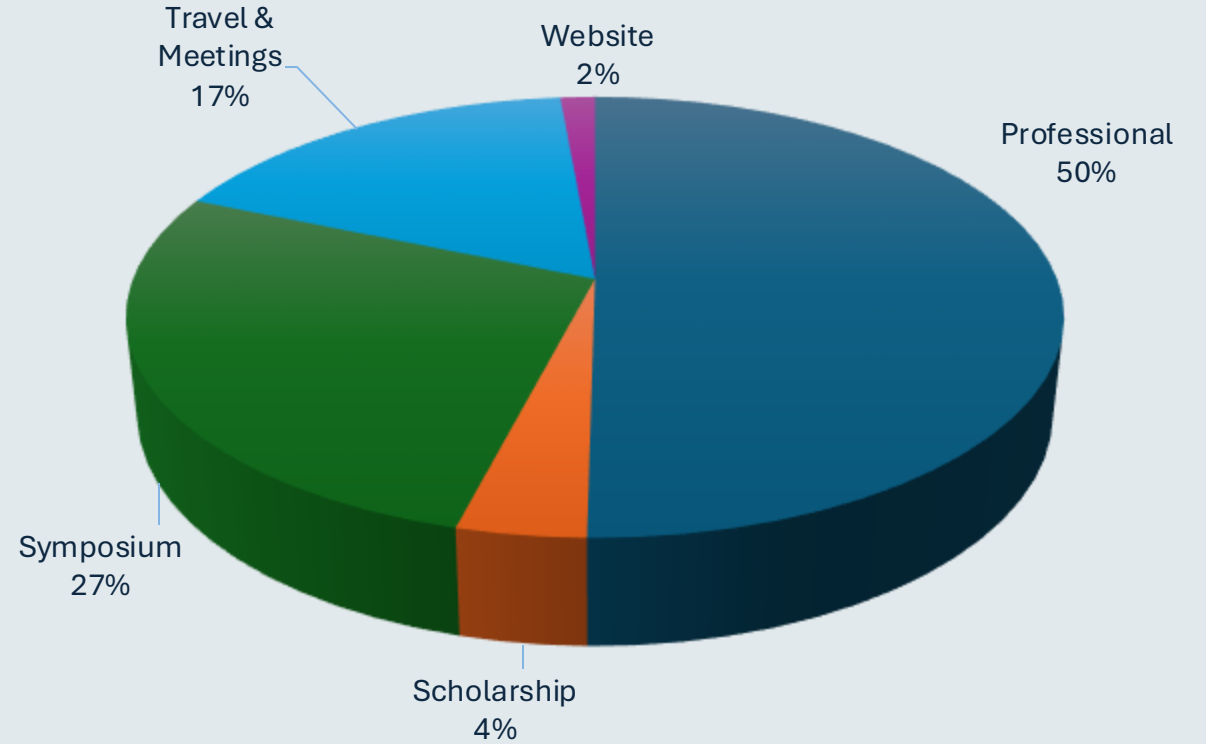
CTSRC Revenue & Expenses

Revenue



■ AARC Membership ■ Scholarship ■ Sponsorship
■ Symposium ■ Disaster Donation

Expenses



■ Professional ■ Scholarship ■ Symposium ■ Travel & Meetings ■ Website

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HOD Report

May 15th, 2024

Submitted by Delegates:

Joan Kreiger, EdD, RRT, RPFT, FNAP, FAARC
& Kimberly Chambers, BSRT

Government Affairs Report

Ashley Weiss MLS, RRT-ACCS, RRT

Compact Licensure

- The AARC received a grant from the Department of Defense to assist in the development of an interstate compact for respiratory therapists. The grant is administered through the Center for Interstate Compacts which is part of the Council of State Governments (CSG). CSG will work on behalf of the AARC using this grant to develop activities which will hopefully lead to a compact, including the development of model legislation, a legislative resource kit, and a national convention for state policy members to introduce the compact.
- The grant will run for two years, after which the AARC will have the opportunity to apply for a phase 2 grant which would offset the cost of developing a national data system.
- A Technical Assistance Group (TAG) is being formed which will work with the AARC in developing tools for state societies to use for engaging with local lawmakers prior to the introduction of compact licensure legislation.

APRT

- A summit was held with key legislative stakeholders after the general respiratory fly-in regarding the progression of APRT. Although no state currently has a license for APRTs, the VHA just hired Mindy Conklin as the nation's first practicing APRT for a Maryland-based VA Hospital. Mindy assisted this VHA facility in developing her particular scope of practice.
- I met with Bill Croft, Mindy Conklin, and Daniel Whitt (Chief of Respiratory Therapy at VA Maryland Healthcare System) to speak directly about their efforts and what specifically helped move their efforts along.
 - For Bill and the APRT licensure progression in the NC legislature, it was attracting RTs to the, and forgoing prescriptive rights for the time being, and highlighting the looming need for pulmonary-specialized practitioners as 50% of pulmonologists in the nation are nearing retirement age.
 - For Mindy and Dan at the VA, it was a general lack of specialized practitioners within the system. The use of APRTs will only expand access to an already underserved and vulnerable portion of the population.

National Legislation

In September of last year and this past week, the AARC had its PACT Fly-In with the goal of recruiting Senators and Representatives to co-sign existing legislation for Virtual Pulmonary Rehab (HR 1406/S 3021) and the newly introduced Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform Act (S 3821/HR 7829)). I posted the call-to-action link provided by Mike Madison on Connect. We also asked in our meetings to have proper funding allocated for the Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act which was passed in the 2023 omnibus bill. In total, there were over 250 meetings held with members of the House and Senate. I had meetings with both Sen. Murphy and Sen. Blumenthal as well as with Rep. Hayes and Rep. Delauro.

CT State Legislation

Ultimately, most of the bills we supported died. The only ones that passed were those creating new taskforces to address workforce shortages or those that extended prior deadlines. This is mostly due to the budget guardrails. Gov. Lamont and the Republican side of the legislature opposed the addition of \$300-400 million sought by Democrats to allocate towards various education, labor, municipal aid and other priorities. They were however able to pass the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation plan, which would not increase the budget, but would allow priorities to be shifted within it.

The CTSRC testified before the Public Health and Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committees respectively in support of HB 5201 An Act Concerning The Use Of Funds In The Tobacco Settlement Fund, HB 5199 An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study The Shortage Of Athletic Trainers In The State, SB 74 An Act Eliminating Application Review Fees and Capping Licensure Fees for Healthcare Professionals Licensed by the Department of Public Health, and SB 166 An Act Reducing the Initial Licensing Fee for Healthcare Professionals by Twenty Percent.

Membership Report

Annalisa Pope

AARC/ CTSRC Membership

- As of May 13, 2024
- Respiratory Care Practitioner Roster from CT.gov- 2054 registered
- Current Members- 629. A 13member decrease since April (642 members)
- Reminder emails will go out for members set to expire before 5/31/24

VP of External Affairs

- Q2 2024 Toolkit for promoting per Co-Marketing Agreement is being shared as planned

VP of Internal Affairs Report

Helen Young MSOL, RRT

CTSRC Symposium Survey Feedback - Venue



Food was awesome!



More parking please



Shorter presentations



More interaction with audience/hands on



More time with the vendors



Lower the registration fee

Recommendations: next year 2-day event – only 5 CEUs a day – will allow for more spaced-out time. This year we had 6 CEUs in one day and everything was back-to-back so there was no flexibility.

CTSRC Symposium survey feedback - Topics

NICU/Pediatric/ventilation/etc..

COPD Navigator Role and Value

Leadership and management topics/staff retention strategies/engagement – building and strengthening a diverse and inclusive professional community

ECMO

Airway clearance/hypertonic saline

Optimal vent management ARDS/mechanical vent graphics/PRVC

Lifestar presentation – what it takes to become a flight therapist

New technologies/medications/trends

COVID – post covid symptoms, neurological side effects, ILD, etc

Palliative care and the role of RRT

More pharmacology

How to recognize/diagnose acute lung injury/VILI to minimize VILI progression → minimize intubation time ICU length and cost of stay, morbidity mortality maximize pt outcomes

Nicholas Galiatsatos, MS, RRT
Director of Clinical Education
University of Hartford
April 18, 2024

Re: Advance RT Fund

Dear distinguished members of the AARC & Strategic Planning Committee,

I am deeply grateful to the AARC for the invaluable support of the Advance the Profession initiative.

My name is Nicholas Galiatsatos, a licensed and registered Respiratory Therapist Practitioner. I currently hold the position of Director of Clinical Education in the Respiratory Care program at the University of Hartford and serve as a board member for the Connecticut Society for Respiratory Care.

I am reaching out to express our intention to seek funding from the American Association for Respiratory Care. This support aims to advance respiratory care in Connecticut, specifically by providing financial assistance to universities in the state for curriculum development and meeting programmatic requirements to establish new APRT programs and develop Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapists. These funds are crucial for our initiatives.

As part of the Connecticut State Society for Respiratory Care, we are committed to advancing the respiratory care profession and promoting the highest standards of patient care. The establishment of APRT roles aligns with our mission to advocate for policies that support innovation, professional development, and the delivery of quality respiratory care services to our community.

In conclusion, we respectfully request your consideration of our funding proposal to support the efforts of our universities in promoting the establishment of APRT roles in Connecticut. With your support, we are confident that we can make significant strides towards enhancing the quality and accessibility of respiratory care services for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the AARC in advancing respiratory care excellence.



Nicholas Galiatsatos, MS, RRT, DCE

APRT Committee Updates

- The APRT committee has prepared a Letter of Intent to seek funding from the AARC (Advance RT Fund- \$250,000) for new APRT programs in Connecticut. Detailed guidelines for the fund will be provided by the AARC in the coming months, with the presentation scheduled for the Board during the Summer meeting in July. Please share the attached LOI letter with the board members. We will revise the letter to meet the guidelines outlined by the AARC.
- I'm meeting with the Dean at the University of Hartford in June to discuss the possibility of the University re-sending the local needs assessment. Many physicians did not receive the initial survey as it was blocked by their emails.

Student Awards

- Goodwin University
 - Jennifer Drake
- CT State Community College Manchester
 - Christina Costa
- CT State Community College Naugatuck Valley
 - Mariah Herczeg
- CT State Community College Norwalk
 - Katrina Ugalde
- Southern Connecticut State University
 - Shannon Patterson
- University of Hartford
 - Michelle Hernandez

Robert O'Neil Award for Outstanding Vendor

Thomas "TJ" Morris
At Medline



John and Louise Julius Award for Outstanding Respiratory Practitioner

Amy Jodoin BSRT, RRT,
RRT-ACCS, RRT-CPFT



2024 CTSRC President's Award

Annalisa Pope, MHA, RRT



Past President's Award

Maria Marques MSML,
RRT, RRT- ACCS, RRT-
NPS, ECMO Specialist



2024 CTSRC Scholarship Awards

- New Student Scholarship
 - Karolina Filipkowska
- Continuing Student Scholarship
 - Sharlene Benitez
- Advanced Degree Scholarship
 - Rebekah Languell

Thank You to Our Outgoing Members



Helen Young
VP for Internal Affairs



Amy Jodoin
BOD



Natashua Knox
Treasurer



- President Elect Justin Rearick



- Secretary Erica Palmer



- VP of Internal Affairs Shanna Butkus



- VP of External Affairs Annalisa Pope



- Treasurer John Sousa

Welcome Newly Elected Members!



- BOD Maria Marques



- BOD Henna Sedigh



BOD
REBEKAH LANGUELL



BOD
MAUREEN PARMALEE

CTSRC Oath

The office to which you have been elected is one of dignity and importance. In accepting this office, you undertake responsibility which is not to be assumed lightly nor carelessly discharged. You are charged with the duties of seriously and resolutely furthering the objectives of the CT Society for Respiratory Care.

With the policy and bylaws as your guide, you must be ever ready to exercise the functions of the office with which you are entrusted. Do you accept this charge? (Answer I do)

Raise your right hand and repeat after me....

I (state your name), do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of (state your office) of the CTSRC and will to the best of my ability, serve as a living example of this organization's philosophy and beliefs.

THANK YOU!

For additional information on getting involved with the CTSRC please visit our website.

<https://www.ctsrc.org>

