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## Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy Announces Effective Date of Rules and Regulations submitted by Ronda Hood, Chair, ASBRT

The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy is very excited to announce the rules and regulations governing the licensing of Alabama respiratory therapists are now in effect. The effective date of these rules and regulations was September 14, 2005. The initial license period begins November 1, 2005. All respiratory therapists practicing in Alabama must have their license “in hand” by September 15, 2006 in order to continue to work in respiratory therapy. Anyone working as a respiratory therapist without a license would be in violation of statute 34-27B.

The law, rules and regulations, calendar, application, instructions, and additional forms are available on the Board website, [www.asbrt.alabama.gov](http://www.asbrt.alabama.gov). Or, a complete hard copy application package is available from the Board office listed below for \$10.00. Please be sure to read the law and rules and regulations prior to completing and signing the application.

The ASBRT reviewed approximately 575 applications September 21, 2005 and anticipates beginning to mail licenses to this group by early to mid October, 2005. Incomplete applications will not be processed until all information can be received and reviewed. Additional dates for the review of applications prior to the beginning of the licensure period are scheduled for October 5, 2005 and October 28, 2005.

### Important dates to remember:

- September 14, 2005 is the effective date of the adoption of the rules and regulations and the beginning date of the implementation period.
- The licensure period begins November 1, 2005, this is also the end of the implementation period.
- All licenses issued between September 14, 2005 and November 1, 2005 will be dated to began November 1, 2005 and expire October 31, 2007.
- All licenses issued after November 1, 2005 will be dated to start on the date issued and expire on October 31, 2007.
- Credentialed persons applying after November 1, 2005 will need to show proof of 24 hours continuing education earned during the previous 24 months when they apply.
- All persons applying by experience, or employment, shall have until September 14, 2006 to apply but must have been employed as a respiratory therapist under the direction of a physician in Alabama on September 14, 2005, or in the previous 365 days.
- All persons working as respiratory therapists, unless otherwise exempt, must have a license by September 15, 2006.
- 24 CEUs are required for renewal of licenses, unless prorated. There are many approved ways to earn continuing education credits listed in the rules and regulations. Each individual therapist is responsible for maintaining CEU information for audit purposes.
- All licenses must be renewed by October 31, 2007.
- Students do not need a license to work but must have proof of employment status and education enrollment on file at the ASBRT. They must work in a “student” position, must not supervise, must perform limited procedures (in accordance with their education), work under the supervision of a LRT or physician, and maintain active enrollment in a respiratory therapy school.
- Current respiratory therapists who have not passed their RRT or CRT exams must apply under the employment/work experience category.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the ASBRT Executive office at 334-396-2332 or by mail at: P.O. Box 241386, Montgomery, Alabama, 36124-1386.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

November 1	Beginning of Licensure
December 3-6	AARC International Congress San Antonio, Texas
July 31,- Aug. 1-2, 2006	Tristate Respiratory Therapy Meeting

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The ASRC welcomes the following new members who joined the AARC from April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

### New AARC Members\*

J. Carter Booth	Angela Lafollette
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### New ASRC Members

Godfrey Griffin  
Linda Ross  
Susann P. Taylor  
Kenneth Taylor

\*As reported by the AARC.

## Capitol Connection: Call For Action

Submitted by  
**Anita Jones, BS, RRT, FAACVPR**

Now is the time to spring to action and rally support for two pieces of legislation in Washington.

1. Medicare legislation to cover Outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation S.1440.
2. Patients need access to Respiratory Therapists in the Home: Support HR 964.

The AARC has made it simple and easy. Log onto [www.aarc.org](http://www.aarc.org). From "Contents" click "Advocacy." From this page choose "AARC Capitol Connection." From this page you can click onto the two issues with script to write to your Senators and Congressmen.

Do it today! The website even allows you to e-mail it to six (6) family members, friends, or patients to get their support.

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## Alabama Therapists Volunteer After Hurricane Katrina

**The following letter was submitted by Kathy Crocker, RRT, Director of Respiratory Care and Neuro Testing Departments at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Alabama.**


I am the Respiratory Department Manager at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Alabama. Due to the devastation Hurricane Katrina recently brought, we received an urgent call from one of our sister hospitals in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Wesley Medical Center. They were in desperate need for help in their Respiratory Therapy Department. When we asked for volunteers the response was overwhelming. We received many more volunteers than the number requested. We were able to send a group of four Respiratory Therapists to assist in the relief efforts. Their names are Tammy Key, RRT, Stanley Lane, RRT, Kimberly Barnes, RRT and Brandi Swain, RRT.

These volunteers did not know what challenges they would face upon arriving in Mississippi, but they were willing to leave their families and comforts of home to assist in any way needed. The other hospital in Hattiesburg had shut down due to flooding along with their generator failing and those patients had been evacuated to Wesley Medical Center. Needless to say they had a huge influx of critical patients and neonates. These volunteers were able to have a direct and positive impact on both the patients and employees there while providing the care needed to help them move forward in overcoming such a tragic event.

I am proud to work in a profession that in a time of need the workers pull together. My department is blessed with kind, and caring employees with strong work ethics that are always willing to go above and beyond what is expected of them. These employees that volunteered are certainly a valuable asset to our profession.

*If you know of any other "Hurricane Hero" stories please send them to: [dwinn@usouthal.edu](mailto:dwinn@usouthal.edu) or mail them to, ASRC, P.O. Box 7911, Mobile, Alabama 36670 by November 1<sup>st</sup> for publication in the next Airway.*

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## FALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The ASRC held its fall conference and exhibits in Birmingham, September 22-23. There were approximately 135 people in attendance. The attendees enjoyed lunch while browsing through the exhibit hall on Thursday. Ten lectures were presented over the two days for a total of 10 continuing education credits. Each day was well attended. One of the highlights of the meeting was seeing ASRC President, Paul Taylor, boogie-down to Kool and The Gang music during his presentation. Although there are not pictures included here as proof, there are plenty of witnesses! Watch for information about upcoming meetings in the next issue of *The Airway*.



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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

Medical Center-Enterprise has approved a full scholarship for **Stacy Thomas**. Mrs. Thomas is a junior student at the Respiratory Therapy Program at Wallace College in Dothan.

**Gina King, RRT** and **Rachel Jones, RRT** recently completed their first year as part-time clinical instructors at Wallace College in Dothan.

Congratulations to **Doria York**, senior respiratory therapy student, on the birth of her baby girl named Jada Renee.

**Linda Moore** completed her B.S. degree from University of St. Frances in Joliet, IL with a 4.0 GPA.

Senior students in the respiratory therapy program at Wallace College designed a bronchodilator protocol for adult and pediatric patients. The students presented the protocol to the ER physicians and pediatricians. Wallace College Respiratory Therapy

Program recognized six honor students. They were: **Kawanna Guess, Manuela Perez, Roger Avery, Roshaunda McIntosh, Carol Johnson, and Anthony McCannon.**

Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan congratulates **Leanne Ross** on passing her **RRT** and **Sandra Galloway, RRT** for receiving her **NPS. Damon Lott, CRT** was activated to help with hurricane relief efforts. Congratulations also go to **Becky Nowell, RRT** on the birth of her baby **Tori. Heather Hall, RRT** will be welcoming a new addition to her family any day now and **Lori Clark, RRT** welcomed home her first grandchild.

Congratulations to **Melana Etheridge, CRT** for her appointment as the new director of respiratory therapy/xray/lab at Healthsouth Rehab.

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## AARC SEEKS INFORMATION ON SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAMS

The AARC has formed the Committee on Smoking and Tobacco Related Issues (STRING). It consists of four working groups and one of the goals is to develop a network of therapists who are involved in tobacco control in each state.

If you are involved in tobacco cessation initiatives, please respond and let me know the following information:

1. Name, facility and contact information of persons involved in cessation.
2. Program you offer, such as, American Lung Association Freedom From Smoking.
3. What activities you are involved with, ie, smoking cessation in hospital, inpatient/outpatient education, staff education, cessation clinics, one-on-one counseling, etc.

This information is being gathered at the request of the AARC. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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# Highlights from the ASRC Board of Directors Second Quarter Meeting

submitted by Lisa Montiel, ASRC Secretary

The second quarter meeting of the ASRC Board of Directors (BOD) was held on July 14, 2005 in Montgomery at the Alabama Hospital Association. President Paul Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:12 am and roll was called. The minutes from the first quarter BOD meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's Report was also reviewed and approved.

Bill Pruitt, Alternate Delegate, attended the AARC House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in Orlando, July 11-12, and reported to the BOD a summary of the meeting. Among items discussed by the HOD was the Human Resources Survey that will be done beginning in August 2005 and finished by November 2005. The survey will go out to approximately 5000 respiratory therapists and managers and will gather information about job duties, salaries, credentials and students. The results of the survey will be reported in December 2005.

Fred Hill updated the board on recent activities that had occurred with the licensure since the last ASRC board meeting in April. He stated that the Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy (ASBRT) had met with both the Alabama Nursing Board and Alabama Hospital Association to try to iron out concerns that both groups had with ASBRT's rules and regulations and that ASBRT would meet again on August 4 to look at the revisions made to the rules and regulations.

During committee reports Tina Givens, Membership Committee Chair, stated that ASRC membership was currently at 462 members, up from 380 members reported at the April BOD meeting. AARC membership is has increased to about 37,311 members.

Program Planning Chair, Bill Pruitt, reported that the April meeting in Cheaha was a success and that plans are underway for the Fall meeting which will be held in Birmingham at the Hill Auditorium at UAB on September 22 – 23.

As Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Fred Hill announced that the revisions to the ASRC bylaws had been printed in the April-June Airway and that membership would vote on accepting the revisions during the fall election. It will be on the ballot along with the usual election of officers.

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