

2012 OSRC Conference & 2011 Wrap-Up

Dear OSRC Members,

It is hard to believe that it is time to begin planning for the 2012 OSRC Pacific Northwest Respiratory Care Conference! It seems like we just had the 2011 Conference, but I guess that was in February and time has continued passing like it always does. Where has the year gone? June already, WOW!

For those members who did not attend the 2011 Conference, it was one of the best in recent history, with approximately 300 members in attendance. The conference theme was “How Are You Promoting the Profession?” and both the Board’s vision and our conference presenters kept this theme at the forefront. This was timely, too, with all that is occurring for our profession at the state and national level. If you don’t know to what I am referencing, check out the American Association for Respiratory Care website, www.aarc.org, or the state licensure page at http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/RT/e_letter/Central_Issues_7_10.html. There are a lot of things going on and your participation is crucial!

To that end, we on the OSRC Board of Directors welcome your participation in planning the 2012 Conference, scheduled for February 1-3, 2012 in Salem, OR at the Salem Conference Center. This will be our sophomore run with the conference in Salem, having held it there in 2009 to positive reviews. The responses from our membership at the time directed us to repeat it there for 2012 so we hope that everyone plans on attending.

As the Conference Chair, I always look to multiple sources for ideas for the conference theme and speaker topics. One of those places is our OSRC membership. We hold this conference for the membership, so we want it to be by the membership as much as possible. If you have an interest in helping out or if you have any ideas for guest speaker topics, please contact me at Jeffrey.Moors@Providence.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Have a safe and healthy summer and keep supporting your profession!

Best,

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