

INTERVIEW WITH NSRC PRESIDENT DARCY O'BRIEN-GENRICH

Place of employment and Title: Nebraska Medicine,
Manager, Inpatient Main Campus Respiratory Care
Services Department

NSRC board responsibilities & past offices held:

President, Vice President, Delegate, Student
Committee Chair

How did you get involved with the NSRC? Initially, I
got involved on the public relations committee after
going to the NSRC state conference as a student. I
wanted to be more involved with our profession from
day one!

What are your goals for the NSRC? Advocacy,
advocacy, advocacy! My top priority is to elevate the
voice and visibility of our profession across Nebraska.
This includes expanding outreach and awareness at
both the high school and college levels to inspire the
next generation of respiratory therapists. A key
legislative goal is to secure approval for compact
licensure in Nebraska, which would allow respiratory
therapists to more easily practice across state lines—
ensuring we can respond swiftly and effectively to
patient care needs wherever they arise. Strengthening
our presence, both in policy and in the community, is
essential to advancing and protecting our profession.

Why should RTs get involved with the AARC & NSRC?

We urge you to get involved or continue to be
involved—especially for the NSRC—in actively
supporting and protecting the rights of our profession
at the state and local levels. The future of respiratory
care is at risk without strong financial and legislative
backing. As other healthcare professions seek to
expand their scope of practice, we must ensure that
respiratory therapists are not left behind or limited in
practicing at the top of our practice. Continued
progress depends on your AARC membership, which
enables our board and lobbyists to stay informed and
responsive to local government actions that could
impact our licensure and professional standing. Your
engagement matters—now more than ever.



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Summer 2025 Newsletter

Results of NSRC BOD Elections

Vice President-Elect: Mitzi Cardona
Treasurer: Shannon Hoffman
Director, Omaha: Rachel Shirk



Dee Conner,
Methodist



Rilee Lake, SCC



Tim Bohham, MCC

**NSRC Scholarship Winners
Announced**

NSRC Delegate Report

Key updates from the 2025 Spring Virtual House of Delegates Meeting held in March:

- Washington State became the first state to pass significant legislation through government affairs efforts for compact licensure
- The APRT committee is gaining support with new letters of intent submitted
- AARC membership has surpassed 42,000 with a 90% retention rate
- The Next Gen RT Network is being developed for students and new grads

AARC Summer Forum 2025



The AARC Summer Forum 2025 will take place July 12–14 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This event brings together respiratory care educators and leaders for focused sessions, professional development, and networking. Learn more at aarc.org.

**Be sure to use the state promo code
NE10OFF at checkout!**

The NSRC wants to spotlight you and your coworkers!



The NSRC wants to celebrate the incredible Respiratory Therapists making a difference in our profession and communities. Whether you've achieved something big or want to shine a light on a colleague who has—we want to hear about it!

- 👉 Recognize contributions, accomplishments, or awards.
- 📷 Submit a spotlight on yourself or someone else!
- 🌟 Help us showcase the amazing work being done across Nebraska.
- 👉 Submit your information or information on behalf of a coworker by scanning the QR code or clicking on the link:

NSRC Spotlight on RTs

<https://forms.gle/1g1WPA6TSxjKfY797>

