



February Board Meeting Agenda

Tue Feb 19, 2026 3:00PM

Monthly Board Meetings in 2026 will be held the third Thursday of each month from 3–4 pm virtually.

Executive Board: Dani Ronk (President), Ashleigh Brown (President Elect), Dee Dee Leinen (Treasurer), Angie Swantek (Secretary) & Heather Valasek (Member at Large)

Committees

Marketing & Development Committee: Holly Leach (Chair), Camie Bremer, Austin Eldredge and Rachel Gentzler

Membership Communication Committee: Dani Ronk (Chair), Ashleigh Brown, Kimberly Derr, Cody Kamphaus and Jamie Andrews

Program Committee: Kathy Lierman (Chair), Patty Henry, Joanie Manning, Monica Vandegriend, Holly Leach, Camie Bremer and Dee Dee Leinen

In Attendance: Present were: Kim, Austin, Dani, Jamie, Ashleigh, Rachel, Kathy, Joanie, Heather and Angie.

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER								
3:00 pm	Call meeting to order@ Minutes completed by: Angie Swantek	Dani								
3:01 pm	Mission Statement: To provide support, education and awareness of cardiovascular and pulmonary health to healthcare professionals, patients and community.	Dani								
3:02 pm	Secretary Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review 1/15/26 meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Austin • 2nd Dani 	Angie								
3:09 pm	Treasurer Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review treasurer report: • Review current checking account balance. • Treasurers report was submitted by DeeDee <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Previous Balance of</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$24,982.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">January Expenses:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hotel Deposit for Fall Conference</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dani Reimbursement for DC DOH</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,367.25</td> </tr> </table>	Previous Balance of	\$24,982.91	January Expenses:		Hotel Deposit for Fall Conference	\$2000.00	Dani Reimbursement for DC DOH	\$3,367.25	Dani for Dee Dee
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January ending balance was \$21,615.66

February expenses:

AACVPR Top 40 for Next 40 \$ 500.00

Ending balance so far for February \$21,115.66

- Motion to approve treasurer report
 - 1st Angie
 - 2nd Austin
 - Dee Dee & Dani met at the bank to add Dani to the account.
- Will need a new auditor going forward. Update from DeeDee next month.
- 2026 Budget Review- will review the budget at the Strategic Planning session.
- Budget exceptions with NCVPRN - will be reviewed at the Strategic Planning meeting in March.
- AACVPR Top 40 for the Next 40 - a check was sent to AACVPR in the amount of \$500

Committee Reports

Program Committee–Kathy

- 2026 Conference will be held October 7–8 at The Graduate
 - Kathy will send conference dates to Cameron in July per Kathy.
 - If anyone has ideas for vendors please send them to Kathy.
 - Austin updated the membership website for this with a note of “more information to come”.
 - Room rate was set at \$134 per room with free parking for the conference.
 - Parking for attendees will be set at \$5 for a vehicle.
 - The committee is looking for a motivational speaker for the keynote address.
- Please send other topics of interest to Kathy.

Membership/Communication Committee - Dani

- Current NCVPRN membership is 106. This time last year there were 110 members at this time.
- Comparison of members from 2025–2026
 - 22 did not renew from 2025. Several retired and did not renew.
- Our committee has started verifying the “Find the N” information from all hospitals across the state! New questions include:
 - 1. How many RN's in your department?
 - 2. How many EP's in your department?

3:14 pm

Dani

- 3. How many RT's in your department?
- 4. How many RD's in your department?
- 5. Do any of your staff have the CCRP Certification through AACVPR?
- 6. Do any of your staff have the Pulmonary Certificate through AACVPR?
- 7. Do you offer Virtual CR/PR?
- 8. Is your facility freestanding or within a hospital?
- Extended Membership is available for all new and lapsed AACVPR members! Extended Membership unlocks member benefits through June 30, 2027!
 - To join as an extended member, [login to your AACVPR profile](#), click on the face bubble icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen, and then click "Join AACVPR".
 - To rejoin as an extended member, [login to your AACVPR profile](#), click on the "Membership" tab, and then click "Renew".

Marketing & Development Committee- Holly

- Proclamation signing with the Governor for Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week will be Tuesday, March 3rd at the Nebraska State Capitol Building. Todd Scott (RT) is going to speak this year.

Open Agenda Items

- **Updated Committee Descriptions**
 - Dani has asked committees to develop a new description of their duties to update on the website. Will finalize at the Strategic Planning meeting.
- **Succession Planning**
 - Any suggestions on how to get new members? Continue to advocate for NCVPRN in your hospitals.
- **The May CCRP Exam Application**
 - Interested in gaining [CCRP certification](#) to demonstrate your competency and expertise in all things cardiac rehab? The May exam application window opens on March 1! Stay tuned for more information on the application.
- **Upcoming AACVPR Webinars:**
 - [Billing & Coding Workshops March 10, 2026: PR Workshop](#)
 - [Exercise Prescription Masterclass](#) – May 12, 2026, 9 am – 2 pm
 - [Patient Engagement and Retention in Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programs](#) – March 24, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00 pm CT
- **Comprehensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Workshop in La Crosse, WI.**
 - Join AACVPR and the La Crosse Exercise and Health Program at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse for the Comprehensive

3:30 pm

Dani

Cardiac Rehabilitation Workshop, April 25-28, 2026. The workshop covers the latest information regarding program design, administration, exercise programming and patient support services. This is an essential program for anyone new to the field or setting up a new program. Space is limited so [register early](#). AACVPR members receive discounted registration.

- **2025 AACVPR National Conference:**
 - [On-Demand Access Pass](#) to view recordings of the numerous education sessions held in-person. The On-Demand Access Pass will be available from November 3, 2025 – February 27, 2026, and offers a maximum of 37.00 CEUs. [Register here](#)
- **Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab Weeks**
 - Did everyone have a successful CR week? Would you be willing to share ideas of how you celebrated? Ideas were shared by Dani, Kim, Kathy and Angie on ways their rehabs celebrated the week.
 - Pulmonary Rehab Week: March 8–14, 2026
- **2026 Program Certification Application Deadline is February 28, 2026**
 - The 2026 Program Certification application is now open through February 28, 2026. If your program is applying for initial certification or recertifying in 2026, we encourage you to bookmark the [Program Certification FAQs page](#) to access resources like the FAQ document, ITP Checklists, Performance Measure resources, links to register for Office Hours on February 20, as well as recordings of the January 14 call and the February 16 Performance Measures call, and more!
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- **AACVPR National Conference** will be Sept 30 – Oct 2 in San Antonio, TX
 - Decision was made to get back on track with our ByLaws and send the President in 2027
- **A.L.F.** is June 13–14th
 - President Elect – Ashleigh Brown will attend
 - Second person? Will the budget allow? Decision to be made at Strategic Planning Meeting
- **DOTH** – March 3–4th
 - Dani to attend
 - Pam Gaines reached out and is interested in attending. She has attended 3 times before and is aware of how it is run. A private

	<p>Board vote was held via email and a unanimous decision was made to send her as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pam has reached out to Adrian Smith, Don Bacon & Mike Flood to discuss the following issues in person at DOTH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> SOS: Sustaining Outpatient Services Act which is regarding payment disparity for off-campus hospital outpatient CR/PR <input type="checkbox"/> H.R. 783/S.248: extending virtual delivery of CR/ICR/PR services on a permanent basis. ● Other items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any thoughts on sending someone to another affiliation's annual conference? The board will continue to discuss possible ways to participate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Angie expressed interest to attend the IA Conference in Des Moines, April 16. Discussion to be held at Strategic Planning Meeting in March. 	
3:40 pm	Adjournment	Dani
	<p>Next Meeting: Strategic Planning Meeting - at CUMC Bergan Hospital in Omaha, NE on March 19th from 9 am - 2 pm. Please reach out to Dani if you are able to attend in person as a light breakfast and lunch will be included. We will try to have virtual capability as well.</p>	

2025 Affiliate Conferences

- VACVPR: January 31-February 2, 2025
- MOKSACVPR: February 21-22, 2025
- KCRA: March 6, 2025
- ISCHR: March 7-8, 2025
- GACVPR/TACVPR (TN) March 28-29, 2025
- SCACVPR: March 28 – 29, 2025
- MNACVPR: April 3 – 4, 2025
- TACVPR (TX): April 4 – 5, 2025
- ISCVPR: April 24, 2025
- WISCPHR: April 25 – 26, 2025
- CSPR: May 2, 2025
- MACVPR (MT): May 8 – 9, 2025
- SACPR/ACVPRA: May 17, 2025
- NCVPRN: October 1-2, 2025
- MACVPR (MA): October 9, 2025

2026 Affiliate Conferences

- MOKSACVPR (Missouri-Kansas): February 27-28, 2026
- KCRA (Kentucky): March 5, 2026
- GACVPR (Georgia): March 6-7, 2026
- ISCHR (Illinois): March 13-14, 2026
- SACPR (Southern): April 9-10, 2026
- ACVPRA (Arkansas): April 11, 2026
- MNACVPR (Minnesota): April 16-17, 2026
- NCCRA (North Carolina): April 17, 2026

- TACVPR (Texas): April 17-18, 2026
- TACVPR (Tennessee): April 17-18, 2026
- WISCPHR (Wisconsin): April 17-18, 2026
- ISCVPR (Indiana): April 23, 2026
- SCACVPR (South Carolina): April 24-25, 2026
- VACVPR (Virginia): April 24-26, 2026
- MACVPR (Montana): April 30-May 1, 2026

Membership, Communications & Outcomes Committee

Current Report

Chair: Dani Ronk, Exercise Physiologist, CHI Health CUMC Bergan

Kimberly Derr, RN, BSN Memorial Health Care Systems

Ashleigh Brown, RN Gothenburg Health

Cody Kamphaus, EP Nebraska Medicine

Jamie Andrews, RN Nebraska Medicine - Bellevue

Programs in Nebraska	2014	2019	2022	2025
Cardiac Rehab Only	28	17	15	14
Pulmonary Rehab Only	1	0	1	0
Both Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab	46	57	57	61
Total Programs: Cardiac, Pulmonary or Both	75	74	73	75
No Programs Available	13	7	10	8
Hospitals in Nebraska "Find the N" (Potential CPR Sites)	88	81	83	83

Certified Programs in Nebraska	2014	2019	2022	2025
Cardiac Only	20	18	17	16
Pulmonary Only	1	2	1	0
Both Cardiac & Pulmonary	11	17	18	18
Not Certified	Data Not Available		23	42
Unknown Certification (No response or no program)	Data Not Available		22	8
Total Certified Programs	32	37	36	34

PAD/SET Programs in Nebraska	2014	2017	2022	2025
PAD SET Available	Data Not Available		28	39
PAD/SET Not Currently Available	Data Not Available		30	35
Unknown PAD/SET program (No response)	Data Not Available		15	8

AACVPR/NCVPRN Joint Affiliate Members					
January-24	104	January-25	110	January-26	103
February-24	105	February-25	110	February-26	106
March-24	105	March-25	111	March-26	
April-24	105	April-25	112	April-26	
May-24	106	May-25	112	May-26	
June-24	109	June-25	114	June-26	
July-24	62	July-25	75*13 have not returned	July-26	
August-24	87	August-24	97	August-26	
September-24	95	September-25	100	September-26	
October-24	104	October-25	101	October-26	
November-24	106	November-25	102	November-26	
December-24	108	December-25	102	December-26	