



# January Board Meeting Agenda

Jan 15, 2026 3:00PM

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

In Attendance:

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: Austin Eldredge and Rachel Gentzler

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

Program Committee: Monica Vandegriend and Dee Dee Leinen,

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
3:00 pm	Call meeting to order@ 3:02 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WELCOME to 2026!!!</li> <li>Head shots have been updated on the website - Thank you Austin!</li> <li>Cameron with AACVPR has been notified of new Board members as well as the Affiliation Information Change Form was completed by Patty.</li> </ul>	Dani
3:03 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review 11/19/25 meeting minutes - no additions or corrections               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to approve meeting minutes                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1st DeeDee</li> <li>2nd Dani</li> </ul> </li> <li>Minutes approved as read.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Angie
3:08 pm	Treasurer Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review treasurer report:</li> <li>Current checking account balance was reviewed. A check will be disbursed soon to the Graduate for the first deposit for the 2026 Fall Conference.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to approve treasurer report                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1st Angie</li> <li>2nd Ashleigh</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Patty, Dani &amp; Dee Dee met in December               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Website/Passwords that are needed for NCVPRN</li> <li>Will set up a date to meet at the bank to transfer from Patty to Dani</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Dee Dee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will need a new auditor going forward. Update from DeeDee.</li> <li>• 2026 Budget Review- will review the budget at the Strategic Planning session in March (possible date March 19th 9–2pm) Suggestions were made by Patty about ways to increase the income for the organization. Such as more vendors and increasing our membership base.</li> <li>• Do we have a policy for budget exceptions with NCVPRN? Yes. To be reviewed at the Strategic Planning meeting. More than one board member must cosign checks over a set amount.</li> <li>• Do we have the 503 on file? No we have a 501–C on file</li> <li>• W-9 on file? For each year? W-9's are given to each vendor that donates over \$600 to the organization. They are filed and kept with the Treasurer's information.</li> <li>• AACVPR Top 40 for the Next 40 - asking for \$500 from 40 organizations who are committed to innovation and growth in the cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation industry over the next 40 years! Will be recognized via social media across AACVPR's channels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be applied to AACVPR's strategic programs, including educational resource development, advocacy for critical legislation impacting our programs nationwide, advancing evidence-based research and much more.</li> <li>• AACVPR is a 501c(3) - tax deductible</li> <li>• The board generally agreed to participate but asked about the ongoing terms of the \$500 donation. Cameron at AACVPR states this is a 1 time donation. Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, So. Carolina, AL/MS, Wisconsin have committed.</li> <li>• Dani related that this is a one time donation with recognition to be given to our program for the donation. All members present were in agreement to make the donation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st DeeDee</li> <li>• 2nd Ashleigh</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li></ul>	
3:18 pm	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Program Committee–Kathy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 Conference will be held October 7–8 at The Graduate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathy will send conference dates to Cameron.</li> <li>• Dani asked Austin to place a save the date on the membership website for this with a note of “more information to come”.</li> <li>• Room rate was set at \$134 per room with free parking for the conference.</li> <li>• Parking for attendees will be set at \$5 for a vehicle.</li> <li>• The committee is looking for a motivational speaker for the keynote address.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Please send other topics of interest to Kathy.</li> <li>• Membership/Communication Committee – Dani</li> </ul>	Dani



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current NCVPRN membership is 103. This time last year there were 110 members at this time.</li> <li>• Dani to compare members from last year to this year to see who may have dropped off.</li> <li>• Reminder, there is still time to renew your membership! Please encourage your co-workers to join and share the benefits of being a member of AACVPR!</li> <li>• Marketing &amp; Development - Holly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCVPRN's website - thank you Austin for updating the Board Member Photos and the Awards &amp; Nominations Page! Looks GREAT!</li> <li>• Austin please update the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Save the Date" see above</li> <li>• New Welcome Letter attached at the end of the minutes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3:28 pm	<p>Open Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dani will ask committees to develop a description of their duties to add to the website. Then prospective members can see what is involved with each committee. Currently, we just have a list of the Committee members on the web.</li> <li>• Succession Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any suggestions on how to get new members? Continue to advocate for NCVPRN in your hospitals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Upcoming AACVPR Webinars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Billing &amp; Coding Workshops</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">February 10, 2026: CR Workshop</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">March 10, 2026: PR Workshop</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">ECG Webinar Series</a> This five-part webinar series starts on January 28, 2026, at 11 am CT.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Exercise Prescription Masterclass</a> – May 12, 2026, 9 am – 2 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AACVPR National Conference: <a href="#">On-Demand Access Pass</a> 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. <a href="#">Register here</a></li> <li>• When Dani sends these links out, you are able to click on them and it takes you to the page to register.</li> <li>• Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab Weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiac Rehab Week: February 8–14, 2026</li> <li>• Pulmonary Rehab Week: March 8–14, 2026</li> <li>• <a href="#">CR and PR Week swag</a> is now available for your team to purchase. Keep an eye out for more information over the next few months about themed days and planned activities during these weeks.</li> <li>• Reach out to <a href="#">Mitch Rippe</a> at NE Beef to set up a FREE session at your facility! <a href="mailto:mitch@nebeef.org">mitch@nebeef.org</a></li> <li>• Dani has had this presentation in the past and it is well received. It is an informational class with a cooking demonstration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AACVPR National Conference will be Sept 30 – Oct 2 in San Antonio, TX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who from the Board would like to attend?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Dani

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please let Dani know as she is unable to attend this year.</li> <li>• A.L.F. is June 13–14th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Elect – Ashleigh Brown</li> <li>• Second person? Will the budget allow? This will be looked at again at the Strategic Planning Meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DOTH – March 3–4th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing &amp; Development Chair – Holly Leach?</li> <li>• Dani will reach out to Holly again. If Holly is unable, Dani would be agreeable to attend.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any thoughts on sending someone to another affiliation's annual conference? The board will continue to discuss possible ways to participate.</li> <li>• Angie expressed interest to attend the IA Conference in Des Moines, April 16. More discussion will be held at Strategic Planning.</li> <li>• New Registry Platforms Now Available from AACVPR – <a href="#">Watch the New Registry Platform Preview Webinar</a>. Any questions about the new platform can be directed to <a href="mailto:registry@aacvpr.org">registry@aacvpr.org</a>.</li> <li>• Discussion was held about moving the Fall Conference to another date/time of year. This will be tabled at this time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3:40 pm	Adjournment	Dani
	Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 3:00 pm.	

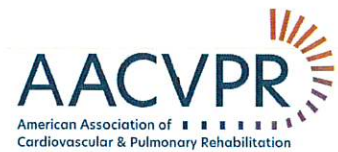
### **2025 Affiliate Conferences**

- 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**

- Kentucky March 5th
- ISCHR (Illinois): March 13-14th
- SACPR (Southern): April 9-10th
- Arkansas: April 11th
- NCVPRN: October 7-8th





## Welcome to AACVPR & NCVPRN's Joint Affiliation Membership!

The NCVPRN Board and Committees are committed to keeping you informed. You can expect periodic email updates sent through the email address [Nebraska@AACVPR.org](mailto:Nebraska@AACVPR.org). This process is managed by AACVPR as part of our joint affiliation to ensure all current joint affiliate members receive our communications. If you reply directly to one of these blasts, your message will be routed to our President, Dani Ronk, who will then ensure it is distributed to the appropriate board member or committee chair for a timely response. We believe this will be a useful communication tool for you.

## Valuable Resources & Staying Connected

Our [Joint Affiliate website](#) is your central hub for NCVPRN information, including our Strategic Plan, Bylaws, Meeting Minutes, Committees, Job Descriptions, and a comprehensive listing of all Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab Programs in Nebraska. Be sure to check the website for updates and local CEU opportunities.

You can also follow us on social media:

- **Facebook:** NCVPRN - Nebraska Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Rehabilitation Network
- **LinkedIn:** [Nebraska Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Rehabilitation Network \(NCVPRN\)](#)

## Keeping Your Information Current

- **Personal Contact Information:** Please update this yourself directly through the AACVPR website.
- **Program Information:** If your cardiac or pulmonary rehabilitation program's contact information changes, please email our Membership Committee Chair, Dani Ronk. This helps us keep the NCVPRN website and the [NE Program List](#) accurate and up-to-date.

## Get Involved: Join a Committee!

Committee work is the lifeblood of our organization and is crucial for developing our future leaders. We strongly encourage you to consider serving on a committee. Please email us if you are interested in any of the following:

- Marketing & Development
- Membership/Communication/Outcomes
- Program and Multimedia Management

Visit the NCVPRN website to explore all the committees, their responsibilities, and the benefits of joining.

## Maximize Your AACVPR Membership

As a joint affiliate member, you have access to a wealth of resources on the [AACVPR website](#). This includes free webcasts, with each participation awarding 1.0 CEC. If you haven't explored the AACVPR site yet, you are missing out on a valuable membership benefit.

## Save the Date!

**Mark your calendar! Our Fall Conference will be held October 7th & 8th in Lincoln. [Click here](#) for more information as it becomes available.**

We congratulate you on your commitment to the AACVPR and NCVPRN's Joint Affiliation!

## BOARD MEMBERS

President - Dani Ronk  
President Elect - Ashleigh Brown  
Past-President - Vacant  
Secretary - Angie Swantek  
Treasurer - Dee Dee Leinen  
Treasurer-Elect - Vacant  
Member at Large - Heather Valasek

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Marketing & Development - Holly Leach  
Membership/Communication - Dani Ronk  
Program Committee - Kathy Lierman

# 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

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
	<b>Total Programs: Cardiac, Pulmonary or Both</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>
	No Programs Available	13	7	10	8
<b>Hospitals in Nebraska "Find the N" (Potential CPR Sites)</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>

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)			22	8
	<b>Total Certified Programs</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>

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

AACVPR/NCVPRN Joint Affiliate Members					
January-24	104	January-25	110	January-26	103
February-24	105	February-25	110	February-26	
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	75-76 (Data not confirmed)	July-26	
August-24	87	August-25	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	



INCOME	Actual 2025	Proposed 2026
AACVPR Membership Reimbursement	\$3,678.76	\$ 3,550.00
Fall Conference	\$25,017.75	\$ 28,500.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$28,696.51	\$ 32,050.00
EXPENSES		
AACVPR Affilliate Leadership forum	\$2,619.64	\$ 2,600.00
Board Meeting travel/mileage	\$751.80	\$ 750.00
Fall Conference	\$23,203.77	\$ 23,000.00
AACVPR Annual meeting	\$4,540.31	\$ 4,500.00
Day on the Hill	\$0.00	\$ 2,000.00
AACVPR (sponsor speaker \$1000)	incl in conf exp	incl in conf exp
Strategic Planning meeting/food/venue dep	\$548.99	\$ 500.00
Website maintenance -domain fee (Due Nov-auto pay	\$242.34	\$ 130.00
Zoom (due July auto pay)	\$675.09	\$ 800.00
Misc. Expenses	\$113.40	\$ 50.00
Presidents Membership	\$235.00	\$ 235.00
Affinity non profit ins (Paid in Sept-not auto pay)	\$1,561.00	\$ 780.00
Non-Profit Status - Sec. of State(biennial) (odd years)	\$28.00	NA
990 tax filing fee (Annually by March)-501 C (3)	\$50.00	\$ 50.00
Audit expense	\$200.00	\$ 500.00
Higher logic/AACVPR website assist(due Sept)	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$35,769.34	\$ 36,895.00
<b>Net Revenue</b>	-\$7,072.83	\$ (4,845.00)



