# **House of Delegates Resolution Submission**

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### **Resolution Information**

### Resolution

Resolve that the AARC BOD & Executive Committee consider a discounted rate of at least 30% off attendee registration for HOD members at the annual Summer Forum and International Congress Meetings.

### **Executive Summary**

HOD members' attendance at both the Summer Forum and Congress continues to be poor. As leaders at the affiliate and national levels, it is important for HOD members to be active and visible at both the Summer Forum and Congress. A survey was conducted among the current HOD membership to assess actual attendance levels at each conference and identify the barriers to attendance for those who do not participate. Forty-four of 97 members responded (45%). Thirty-three percent reported that they routinely attend the Summer Forum, and 68% attend Congress. The primary barriers to attending the conferences were identified as cost and the need for additional time off work. Of the 42 respondents who stated they do not attend, 88% indicated they would attend if a discount were provided.

### **Desired Outcome**

We are requesting that the AARC provide all HOD members with a 30% discount for each conference. This will enhance the attendance of affiliate leadership and improve the satisfaction of HOD members. By offering this discount to all members, regardless of their intended attendance patterns, the AARC has the potential to profit by \$5,155.50 (see Table 1).

### **Strengths**

HOD members are engaged representatives of the state affiliates, and many have expressed interest in a discounted rate (see table 1) to lessen the burden of attending the Summer Forum and International Congress Meetings pre/post-HOD meetings.

### **Problems**

N/A

# Opportunities Request can be made of HOD members to moderate sessions or volunteer at registration for the summer and fall meetings. This should not be a mandatory requirement. Barriers N/A

# **Impact General Membership** Yes HOD Yes **AARC Officers & BOD** No State/Federal Legislation No **CoARC** No **AARC Bylaws** No **Affiliates** Yes **Executive Office** No **NBRC** No Other No

## **Financial Impact**

See table 1 in word document (emailed).
Cost Estimate See table 1 in word document (emailed).
Resources Required
No real resources necessary aside from a discount code specific to the HOD rate if approved.
AARC Resources N/A
Volunteer Resources N/A
Relationship to AARC Strategic Plan
Develop art and science of RC Yes
Increase Membership No
Increase organizational effectiveness Yes
Develop human resources
No
Increase financial resources
Yes
<b>Not related</b> No