

Who?

Who are the staff members of ASBRT? Probably not what you would guess....The ASBRT has been devoted to developing in a cost effective manner since its inception. Therefore, instead of hiring state employees with benefits, etc., ASBRT contracts with a management company for experienced office staff, office space, furniture, and equipment. This contract was competitively bid through the Department of Purchasing and allows the Board to operate at approximately 66% less than the cost of agencies who hire and purchase these expenses separately.

Leadership Alliance was the low and responsible bidder for these services and provides three experienced staff members in the area of professional regulation. These staff members and their areas of responsibility and expertise are:

Paula “Scout” McCaleb, President of Leadership Alliance and serves as the Executive Director for Client Boards.

Contact for: Investigation/consumer complaints, legislation/law, rules and regulations, newsletter and publications, and other executive inquiries.

Education/Experience: Ms. McCaleb graduated with a B.S. from Troy University and has sixteen years’ experience as a professional regulator.

Brandy L. Isenhour, Operations Manager

Contact for: Budgeting, accounts receivable and payable, and required state reports.

Education/Experience: Mrs. Isenhour completed her Associate degree in Accounting at South University. She has five years’ experience specifically in professional regulation.

Amanda J. Lozada, Licensing Agent

Contact for: Application, renewal, change of address/name processing, general questions, web site updates, IT Coordinator, records archivist, and Board Meeting notice and preparation.

Education/Experience: Mrs. Lozada completed her Associate degree in Accounting and graduates with a B.S. in Business Administration December, 2013 from the University of Phoenix. She has two years’ experience specifically in professional regulation.

What?

What is the purpose of ASBRT and what is the difference between the State Board and the Association? We get this question a lot in our office, and it is a good one.

Let’s start with the purpose of ASBRT. Our purpose is very clearly defined by state law: to solely protect the public welfare (and not to promote the profession of respiratory therapy within Alabama). A board carries out this purpose by ensuring that the public is served by competent and honest respiratory therapists by establishing minimum standards of proficiency in the practice of respiratory therapy. This is done by licensing and discipline procedures. Other goals or objectives may not supersede this purpose. When one serves on a regulatory board, the focus shifts from professional advocacy to the protection of the public.

In contrast, the Alabama Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) is the professional advocate for the respiratory therapy profession in Alabama.

Although our purposes are different, one the consumer advocate and one the professions advocate, it benefits the state as a whole as our two organizations work together creating confidence in respiratory therapy services in Alabama. This in turn accomplishes both professional advocacy and consumer protection. As a licensed respiratory therapist you can be proud of your License as a representation that you have met or exceeded competency standards established by state law.

When & Where?

All Board meetings are held at the Board office in Montgomery. Meetings are open to the public for observation. Meetings are subject to change, but are always advertised on the Board web site (www.asbrrt.alabama.gov) and the Secretary of State's web site (www.sos.alabama.gov) at least seven days in advance in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA). In addition, approved Minutes are posted on the Board web site. Now it couldn't be easier to stay current on Board actions and events.