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To: State Society Presidents
House of Delegates

From: Karen Stewart, MSc, RRT, FAARC
AARC President

Re: National Sputum Bowl Update

I am writing today to inform you of an action taken by the AARC Board of Directors at its recent meeting in April. Acting on advice from the AARC Program Committee, the Board of Directors approved a recommendation to discontinue the Sputum Bowl beginning in 2012.

This was a difficult decision, which we felt necessary even though none of us liked it. Over the past several years, there has been decreased interest and support by our members at the National Sputum Bowl.

This does not mean you need to discontinue the Sputum Bowl at the state level; it simply means that we will not host a competition at the national meeting. Everything will occur as usual for the 2011 meeting in Tampa.

We hope to replace this activity with another that our members will look forward to participating in. We are looking for ideas and input from our members to create a new event that will be better supported or in modifying the Sputum Bowl so that this event is more contemporary.

I hope you understand and respect the very difficult decision made by the Board of Directors. It was not an easy one to make.

Please contact me with any comments or questions.