

GSRC Members,

Over the past couple of years, the GSRC board of directors (BOD) have been working hard to build a strong society to represent you, the Respiratory Therapists of GA. A key component of a strong society is building strong leaders. We have taken the time to explore what other state societies are doing to build mentorship for their positions of leadership. Realizing the immediate need to develop the future leaders of the GSRC, the GSRC BOD called a special session meeting to discuss the changes we can make.

During the special session meeting the BOD discussed changes we can make. We have voted on the officer term changes listed below and they will take effect immediately.

**Current president term:** 1 years (1 year president elect, 1 year president & 1-year immediate past president)

**New president term:** 2 years (1 year president elect, 2 years president & 1-year immediate past president)

This change will allow the president time to adjust to the role of president and work toward reaching their goals. Two years in the president role will allow for time to mentor and help prepare the president elect to transition to their presidency and in their first year as president.

**Current vice president term:** 1 year

**New vice president term:** 2 years

This will align with the terms of all other leadership roles in the GSRC and allow time to sit in a position to learn from the president with the hopes of wanting to transition to the role of president, if elected.

We have added the role of **treasurer elect**. The treasurer will still be a 2-year term but there will be a treasurer and treasurer elect. Allowing for the treasurer, who will be in their second year, to mentor the treasurer elect.

The new role of the treasurer elect will hold a BOD vote but will not be a member of the executive committee.

The current president elect will start the 2-year presidency when she takes office in 2025. The current vice president will continue his role of vice president in 2025. The first treasure elect will be elected in the fall/winter 2025 to take office as treasure elect in 2026.

The GSRC's policy and procedure will be updated to reflect the new terms. The GSRC bylaws will be updated and sent for approval to the AARC as scheduled in 2025.

**Please direct all questions to [info@gsrc.org](mailto:info@gsrc.org) by October 18, 2024.**