



BMETS Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

I would like to thank the membership for the privilege of serving the BMETS the last two years. I would be honored to run for another term but would like to have others run if they so chose as I feel choice is a good thing and I do not look at change as negative.

My plans for the next year if elected are to have the BMETS Scholarship awarded at Howard Community College's Rouse building in January, inviting our vendors, BMETS, interested students, parents and faculty of the Biomedical Engineering Technology Program at Howard. I would like to make this a yearly event and promote the program and raise the bar to moneys pledged. I feel this should be a centerpiece of our work, that is to keep a pool of new BMETS in and find jobs and mentor the future of our trade. I Hope to be in office for this and if not, would like to see and assist with the development of the scholarship and get input of the members. The input we have had during our monthly meetings has been the engine driving the train and I do listen and do take advice from all the members, even those that may have a different perspective.



Rob Bain

Thank you for allowing me to serve, have a great April looking forward to the May Bash and the 25th anniversary,

Respectfully,

Rob Bain CBET, MS
President

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S QUILL



Chris Jones, Sr.

Spring has sprung, flowers are starting to bloom and the BMETS Annual May Bash is just around the corner. This year it will be at the Rose Restaurant – seating for a party of 150 anyone? The May Bash will be on May 16th, 2008; Menu to be announce in the May Newsletter. This meeting we will have the voting for officers – although we already know who will be winning, but we still need to vote for the officers – it is in the By Laws.

Brian will have an update to the 25th Anniversary Party. We are still looking for Vendor Support for the 25th Anniversary Party, if you know of a vendor that would like to make a donation to the party, please let Brian Zebulowski know or have that vendor call Brian at (410) 746 – 3966 for the benefits that will be provide from BMETS.

Roy and I are still working on the “Biomedical/Clinical Engineering Week” proclamation to the Governor and will give you an update at the April or May’s meeting.

Remember please send in your RSVP’s to vice-president@bmets.org for April 16th meeting sponsored by Skytron. Thanks to all

for your continued support and encouragement thru out this year. See you at the Meeting.

Chris Jones, Sr. MCP CPACS Assoc.
Vice President B.M.E.T.S.

Scholarship for Up-and-Coming Biomed

Posted by 24X7

<http://www.24x7mag.com/>

April 9, 2008

The Baltimore Medical Engineers and Technicians Society (BMETS) has established a \$2,000 scholarship for second-year students attending Howard Community College’s bio-medical technology course.

The organization is seeking corporate sponsors for the scholarship fund, and those interested in making a contribution should contact BMET officers via the group’s Web site.

The scholarship will be awarded in January 2009.

The BMETS will mark its 25th year in September 2008, and those seeking information about the planned celebration should also visit the Web site, or e-mail the group’s leaders.

List of Members that Donated to the BMETS Scholarship Fund This Month

Peter Vandenberg

Associations Team Up to Advance Clinical Engineering/ IT Integration

ARLINGTON, VA — Three national associations have joined forces to develop guidance documents, share best practices, and promote an understanding of the issues surrounding the ongoing integration of information technology (IT) and clinical engineering.

Leaders of the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI), the American College of Clinical Engineering (ACCE), and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) have signed an agreement to develop a joint Clinical Engineering/IT (CEIT) community, thus pooling their expertise and knowledge and avoiding the duplication of efforts under way.

The agreement is intended to help improve patient care and safety and to boost the quality and cost-effectiveness of customer service.

The agreement also seeks to:

- Foster further development of a united voice for IT and clinical engineering concerns, and provide a forum for its expression.
- Provide a mechanism for developing resources, guidelines, and best practices for the CEIT community, and provide education, research, certification, public policy, terminology, , mentoring, advocacy, networking, and career services.
- Explore appropriate collaboration of clinical engineering/IT functions.
- Develop a framework for representing the interests of clinical engineering and IT departments to the broader healthcare community.

“For the first time, we have a written agreement that addresses collaboration on many of the issues clinical engineers and IT professionals have been attempting to iron out,” says Bob Stiefel, the chair of AAMI’s Board of Directors and clinical engineering director at the University of Maryland Medical System.

Stiefel is also a member of AAMI’s Technology Management Council (TMC), which represents technology managers from hospitals, biomedical societies, and industry. The TMC recently launched a new project designed to assess the current status of technology management within healthcare facilities and explore the field’s future challenges and opportunities.

Stephen Grimes, president of ACCE, agrees. “Our members and leadership recognize that CE-IT convergence and collaboration is of critical importance to the industry and its ability to deliver quality patient care. They believe this agreement provides a solid foundation on which we can work together to build a framework of programs and resources to address the challenges of convergence.”

According to Joyce Sensmeier, vice president of informatics with HIMSS, “as patient care devices take advantage of ‘smart’ technology and become more interoperable, IT experts and clinicians must work together to ensure that workflow issues are addressed. Together, we can define a vision of the future in healthcare delivery.”

For more information about this effort, contact Steve Campbell at scampbell@aami.org.

GE Offers Healthcare IT Training For Biomed

Posted by CMH

March 7, 2008

GE has begun to offer IT training classes designed especially for Biomed, or as GE calls it “This instructor-led class is specifically designed for technical professionals responsible for the installation and support of medical devices and the networks interconnecting them.”

GE offers three packages of its Essentials of Healthcare IT class, which is designed for “students with no previous IT training to gain confidence in this new and exciting arena.”

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| 1. | 5 day class, includes class materials (books and handouts?) | \$3,500.00 |
| 2. | 5 day class, includes class materials and lodging | \$4,425.00 |
| 3. | 5 day class, includes class materials, lodging and airfare | \$5,525.00 |

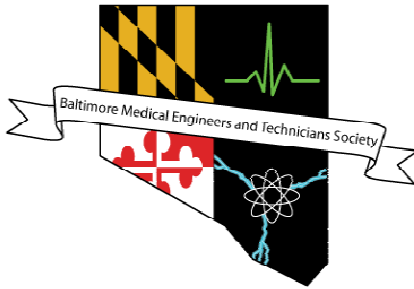
Can be found at the following link:

http://www.gehealthcare.com/us/en/education/it_certification/products/essentials_it.html

In addition to the Essentials Class, GE also offers

- Class in CISCO
- Networks+
- Securing The Healthcare IT Environment
- Wireless In The Healthcare IT Environment
- One self-paced course: Networking Basics.

Plan to attend our next monthly meeting sponsored by:



Wednesday, April 16, 2008

SNYDER'S Willow Grove Restaurant

- 6:00 - 6:30 PM Meet and Greet
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM Dinner - good conversation.
- 7:30 - 8:00 PM Business Meeting
- 8:00 - 9:00 PM Presentation by Globestar Systems

RSVP's Please send your RSVP's by email to vice-president@bmets.org No later than Monday, April 13, 2008. No late entries will be accepted for the meal. ONLY Emails will be accepted.

What must be included in the RSVP's is:

1. Place RSVP in the Subject line
2. Name of ALL individuals coming to the Meeting.
3. Healthy appetite
4. Relative mind set for conversation and enjoyment.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Email: Chris Jones, Sr.

Directions:

[SNYDER'S Willow Grove Restaurant](#)

841 N. Hammonds Ferry Road
Linthicum, MD 21090

Directions:

From BWI: Follow 195 to 295 towards Baltimore. Take the Nursery Rd exit and make a left at West Nursery Road. Follow 1-2 miles and make a left onto Hammonds Ferry Road. Go 3 blocks, we are located on the right.

From Downtown Baltimore: Follow Martin Luther King Blvd. to 395. Take 95 South to 695 East towards Glen Burnie. We're conveniently located at Exit 8 on the 695 Beltway.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR UPDATES

April 17—Monthly BMETS meeting, SNYDER'S Willow Grove Restaurant, Sponsored by Skytron

May 17—Annual Event, Sponsored by BMETS

May 31 to June 2—AAMI Conference, San Jose, CA.

July and August—Summer Break

September 18 — 25th Anniversary Celebration

TOOLS OF THE TRADE— Posted by 24X7—January 2008



Wireless CR System Test Device —Fluke Biomedical, Cleveland, adds the 07-QRX QA Radchex to its CR test-system platform. The factory x-ray-calibrated NIST/PTB traceable meter replaces the industry-standard, wired 07-CRX CR Radchex with wireless technology. The device helps biomedical technicians, service engineers, and quality assurance personnel calibrate, troubleshoot, test, and document CR system performance. It replaces the need for an imaging plate and plate reader, and boosts user productivity. The device can be positioned wherever CR imaging plates are used, providing universal application in imaging

departments. An interface and self-contained design speed testing, and an internal readout device eliminates the need for a laptop interface for technicians on the go.

(440) 248-9300

www.flukebiomedical.com

BMETS Web Site Statistics

Mar 2008

Total Hits: 18634; Hits per Day (Max): 1312; Hits per Day (Avg): 601

Feb 2008

Total Hits: 17241; Hits per Day (Max): 1055; Hits per Day (Avg): 594

Jan 2008

Total Hits: 16312; Hits per Day (Max): 1021; Hits per Day (Avg): 526

BMETS Monthly Meeting Sponsors for 2008



For ultrasound parts, probes, or service, call 1-800-248-4153.

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<http://www.echoserve.com>



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