

# B. M. E. T. S.



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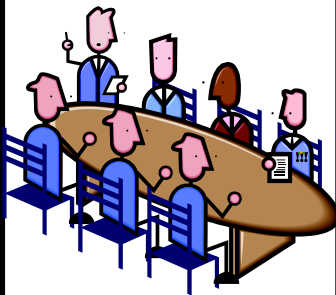
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## *BMETS Calendar*

1/17— Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day

1/17— Deadline to RSVP for  
BMETS Meeting

1/19— BMETS Meeting  
6:30-9:00 pm



Seasons Greetings to all ! Here's hoping that everyone is enjoying a safe and happy holiday. Thanks to our friends from Data Exchange Corporation for sponsoring November's meeting, remember to make an effort to patronize all our sponsors.

Your input is requested on a number of fronts, last months meeting was our first effort at a sit down dinner, while the food being good and supply plentiful, logistically, it was a difficult meeting to manage. Punctuality becomes a major issue. I would probably tend to avoid many more, but would like to hear your feelings along those lines.

I have yet to hear from many of you regarding my comments on assisting the Biomed program at Howard Community College. Remember, we are looking for a core group to make phone calls to area high schools and promote enrollment. Please do not let me down on this one, guys, we will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Moving on, it is somewhat coincidental that Wayne's comments come to us this month. Let me make one thing clear from the start. Speaking for all officers, no ones feelings will be hurt if someone else wants to take over. No matter how well (or poor) a job we are doing, change is not only healthy, it is necessary. Anyone who may have misgivings regarding stepping up need know that there are always former officers available to assist.

As I travel and correspond with others across the country, I am often told how impressed they are with BMETS, mainly by the website. (nice job, Rich) Little do they know how close to the edge we have teetered on more than one occasion. So, take my job, please !

Membership is at an all time high, we have had a tremendously successful social event and are planning another, our Organization has been honored by the Governor of Maryland and the Mayor of Baltimore. To continue with the momentum we have built, we need fresh blood.

More questions to ponder, does everyone have access to email ? Would a purely electronic newsletter be acceptable ? Dues need to go up, we have not had an increase for several years and the cost of maintaining the organization is rising, if we are to continue with the Bull Roast as an annual event, an increase is essential. Since, the bulk of our members dues are paid by our employers, maybe an increase will not affect our wallets too much. For the record, our dues are less than half of our sister society for hospital engineering. More discussion at the next meeting.

Wow, all these negatives waves, man. Sorry. See ya'all soon.

Victor

## **B.M.E.T.S.: DEAD OR ALIVE**

The following article expresses my views and not necessarily those of the current officers. As many of us have heard over the years, Victor talk about the possible demise of our profession with less available technicians and the cut back in training programs. This may become a problem down the road, hopefully after I retire, but I would like to address an issue that is closer at hand then that. That is the life or death of the Baltimore Medical Engineers and Technicians Society (B.M.E.T.S.). The facts are in front of us, the lifeblood of the organization (membership numbers and meeting attendance) is very strong but the heart (those willing to serve as officers) is very weak and in fact in critical condition. My hats off to Victor and Brian, who have served several years now, but we can not and should not expect these two to continue to step forward and carry the load. I was pleased to see Richard and Kevin step up and take on the responsibility as officers. Now, I know that some of you are thinking that if I'm that concern about this, why don't I serve as an officer. Well for those of you who don't know, myself and several other charter members of the organization have served as officers many times, 8 years apiece in fact. Therefore, I'm calling on the newer/younger members to step up and make this your organization and move it in the direction that you want it to go. This is really a very small commitment to keep one of the best, strongest and oldest BioMed Societies in the country going. Remember, B.M.E.T.S.: Dead or Alive, it's up to you. Without officers the organization cannot exist. The organization will be holding elections in the spring.

Finally, on another note, I would like to stress that we need to be courteous/grateful to our vendors, that sponsor our meetings, and to each other. If we are asked to RSVP please do so. If you say your coming please show up and if you don't RSVP, don't show up at the last minute. These two situations really put a strain on the vendors for adequate facilities and refreshments. Therefore as it says in the Bible, I'm sorry if I offend anyone with a religious statement, let your YES be YES and your NO be NO. If anyone has an issue with this article or would like to discuss what I have written here, you may contact me directly or we can talk face to face at the next meeting if you RSVP.

Your fellow BMET,

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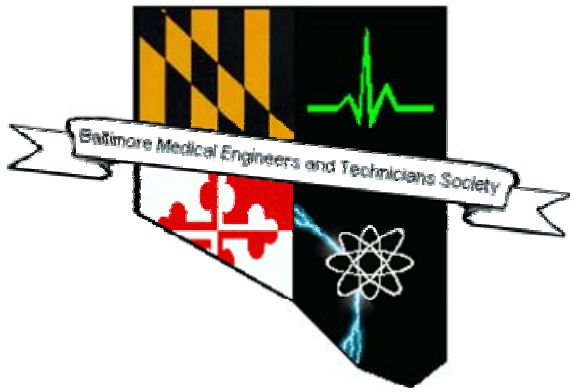
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**Thank you** Wayne for your opinions and insight.

If you have any information you would like to post in the newsletter (editorial or informational) please send them to [secretary@bmets.org](mailto:secretary@bmets.org).

This is **YOUR** newsletter. Your thoughts, opinions and support are appreciated, and can help better the BMETS Society.



 NELLCOR

Wednesday, January 19, 2005

Olive Grove Garden

Linthicum, Maryland

6:30-7:30 Social Hour and Dinner

7:30-8:00 BMETS Meeting

8:00-9:00 Presentation by Vendor

**Topic:**

TBA

***RSVP's should be called in no later than January 17, 2005 to Brian Zelubowski.***

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**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 Hammons Ferry Road. Go 2 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.

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Take Exit 8 and make a left at the light. Olive Grove Restaurant will be on your left.

**695 heading North**

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