



BMETS Newsletter

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THE PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Thanks to all that attended the May Bash, I was not able due to health reasons. Now on my 5 th surgery, wound vac and pic line, I am getting better and should be back to work before mid June. (though this event was suppose to be end of May). I would like to see a good turnout for the 25 anniversary, Rich Schrenker from Massachusetts General Hospital will be there and we are going to try to get some of the other founding members there, kind of a rennin. We need and want your support as this is YOUR organization and if you want it to succeed , YOU have to participate. We welcome as always any and all suggestions(Hooters is not an original suggestion though a good turnout would be there I am sure).

I would like to comment on what Chris printed regarding Ethan 's wanting Biomed to take on other work. At Hopkins when I was there, we did addressographs, which to the intake clerk were essential to patient care. Patient registration was totally backed up if this device did not work ,and nobody would work on it. (just wait 3 hours to get registered to deny this one). We must to survive get clout, do a bang up job and take on what IS and maintenance can't or will not do. That is what we have done and nursing and managers look to us to do ,as we have their respect and admiration. As my Dad said it is not the importance of your job, but the pride you put into it that



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reflects on you. Let's show the Hospitals we are the #1 for service and quality on whatever we do and we will have jobs for life, thanks to all and to the leadership team for a successful year, lets do it again , happy Summer -Rob Bain CBET MS

Respectfully,

Rob Bain CBET, MS
President

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S QUILL

Well, here is another issue of the Newsletter. July is just around the corner enjoying the holiday's and vacations. I myself look forward to doing some camping. While looking thru some of the old Newsletters {some quarterly, some monthly} I came across on that really says something that surprised me. Wayne Jenkins mentioned it to me when I came back after a long hiatus and this Newsletter said it back then still hold true to this day. (Tad Bit of History at end of this newsletter)

Well, it is now time to get things started for the September 25th Anniversary Party that Brian Zelubowski has so graciously put together. Your Membership dues will be due prior to the September Meeting, Members get in free; providing your membership has been paid and recorded by the Secretary. If not, the Party will be \$45.00 at the door in order for you to come in. Yes, this is a membership drive starting June, July, August and September. All of the Nominated Officers were re-elected to office again by a Unanimous vote at the May Bash. Corporate Memberships are also due at this time. The Membership and Corporate Membership Applications will be available with in the Next 2 weeks.

A final note we are putting together a Mini Job Fair for the Scholarship wards ceremony in January 2009 at Howard Community College, if you know anyone that would like to attend please let us know. If know anyone at the other hospitals around the Washington, DC., Virginia Area please let them know of what is



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happening we would love to have them show up. If a vendor shows interest in participating in the Mini Job Fair have them email me at vice-president@bmets.org or call me at my office (410) 550 – 0220.

I hope your vacation and summer will be a safe, happy and joyous time until we meet again in September.

See you there.

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

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

No Donations for This Month

THE SECRETARY SPIEL



Roy Leake

Here it is, the end of another year with BMETS. I was unhappy to see a very light turnout for the annual dinner in May. The RSVPs were only 35 and 22 attended. This was also the meeting for the vote for the new BMET officers for 2009. Since there were no nominations from the floor. All of the 2008 officers were voted in as the 2009 officers.

Since September is the start of our new membership year, I would like to encourage you to send in your 2009 membership application ASAP.

EXAMPLE ONLY —————>

The 2009 membership application will need to be on file with BMETS to attend the September 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner for free. All the details for the 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner is located on Page 5 of this newsletter.

I would like to encourage everyone to look at our web page at www.bmets.org. It has all the information that you will need to register for the new year. Please read the following pages:

- Calendar
- Newsletters
- Membership
- Employment
- Salary Survey

BMETS

Baltimore Medical Engineers and Technicians Society
Application for Individual Membership

Full Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Job Title or Expertise: _____
 Health Care Facility or Business: _____
 Business Phone: (____) _____ Fax Number: (____) _____
 E-Mail Address: _____

Check
Box

\$45 *†	Regular - Clinical engineers, biomedical engineers, biomedical equipment technicians, or managers and supervisors employed by a hospital, educational institution, manufacturer, or shared service, and actively involved in the field of biomedical instrumentation or engineering.
\$45 *†	<u>BMET Associate</u> - A classification that allows individuals directly working with the field to participate in the areas defined by the bylaws.
\$45 *†	<u>Associate</u> - Individuals interested in joining the Society but not qualified for membership in another classification.
amount	<u>Scholarship Fund</u> - I wish to donate \$ _____ to the BMETS Scholarship fund
Free † Circle	Retired - Individuals who have been qualified for regular membership but are now retired from employment. Student - Full-time student of Howard County Community College, Johnson Technical Institute, and ECPI in a clinical engineering, biomedical technology <u>Active Military</u> - Reserves or National Guard
\$200	Corporate - Any Hospital, Educational Institution, Equipment manufacturer, or Independent Service organization with more than one person to join. Corporations may register up to 5 individuals for \$200.00

Newsletters are sent in an e-mail format ONLY? (Make sure your email is entered above.)

May we publish all this information in the BMETS Directory? Yes ___ No ___

Are you willing to serve as a: ___ BMETS Officer? ___ Committee Member?

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Mail to: Ralph Wells, 3006 Glenmore Ave., Baltimore, MD, 21224

NOTE: The Corporate Membership is a separate membership form located on the B.M.E.T.S. web site listed below.

† Your application is subject to acceptance by the Membership Committee.

Website: www.BMETS.org

Remember to fill out the 2009 membership form and send it and the membership dues to the address at the bottom of the form.

Roy Leake, CBET, SASHE
BMETS Secretary

Draeger Medical Service Community (DMSC)

Draeger Medical launches online Draeger Medical Service Community for clinical and biomedical customers Web initiative to provide a streamlined process for round-the-clock access to valuable product information and documentation Telford, Pa.

May 28, 2008 – DraegerService, the Service arm of Draeger Medical Inc., has announced the launch of its Draeger Medical Service Community (DMSC). The announcement comes just days before the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) Annual Conference and Expo, where Draeger Medical will be displaying its new patient-worn telemetry system, Infinity™ M300. DMSC was designed to address the ever-evolving nature of medical technology and the importance of accurate, updated information. Features and functions of DMSC enable both clinical and biomedical customers to better understand, use and maintain Draeger Medical products. Through a variety of services and modules within DMSC, a user can sort both clinical and technical resources, identifying and locating the most current and relevant information. “We are excited to have the opportunity to better collaborate with the Biomedical and Clinical community,” states David Karchner, Customer Care Services Manager at Draeger Medical. “The information provided on DMSC will help our customers to maximize the return on their Draeger investment. “

The DMSC launch includes:

- Draeger Academy - Provides biomedical and clinical contexts for Draeger Medical products, enabling Draeger employees to better assist customers
- Parts and Accessories - Displays all accessories used by a piece of equipment including pictures and item numbers
- Maintenance and Services - Provides customers with information about both Contract and non-Contract offerings
- Service Support Information - Customers can view the Tech Service Bulletin, Technical Data Sheets, and the Test Equipment required for a given product
- Contact Us - Provides hours of operation, phone contacts, and holiday schedules
- Customer Satisfaction Survey - Allows customers to provide feedback on Service

Draeger Medical will expand DMSC to include Best Practice Sharing, Compatibility Charts, an “Ask the Expert” feature, and End-of-Support information as part of Draeger Medical’s commitment to accurate and effective customer service.

For more information or to visit the new online Draeger Medical Service Community, visit www.draeger.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR UPDATES

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

July and August—Summer Break

September 18 — 25th Anniversary Celebration

October 16 — Monthly Meeting

November 19 — Monthly Meeting

B.M.E.T.S- "25th Year Anniversary Celebration Dinner"

* Not many Organizations make it to this milestone "Let's Celebrate"

Date: September 18th, 2008

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Town & Country Caterers. 2319 Hammonds Ferry Road, Baltimore, Maryland, 21227
<http://www.town-countrycaterers.com>

Members Event -(2008-2009 Membership year). Free for BMET members—Guest Fee \$30.00

Membership dues may be paid at door or received by BMETS Treasurer, prior to September 12th, 2008, for access to event. "No Exceptions".

RSVP is still required by 9/12/08. **Send RSVP after you have paid your membership dues for 2008-2009 membership year.**

"Bull and Shrimp Feast"

Menu to follow on separate flyer.

Beer, wine and soda included (mixed drinks by cash bar).

Vendor Sponsored Event - No Formal Presentation.

As of May 1st, vendors sponsoring event:

- * 1st Call BioMedicial, Inc.
- * Destiny Surgical Products/Skytron
- * Strickler Medical, Inc.
- * Fluke BioMedical
- * Trisonics

Brian Zelubowski

25th year Anniversary Celebration Chairman

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

<http://global.flukebiomedical.com/busen/products/Impulse+6000D+and+7000DP.htm>



The Impulse 6000D Defibrillator Analyzer and Impulse 7000DP Defibrillator/Transcutaneous Pacer Analyzer test systems represent the next generation in rugged, portable test instrumentation for biomedical technical professionals who need to ensure the proper operation and ultimate performance of critical life-support cardiac resuscitation equipment.

The Impulse 6000D and Impulse 7000DP test capabilities encompass the spectrum of defibrillator pulse shapes including Lown, Edmark, monophasic trapezoidal, DC biphasic and pulsed AC biphasic. Both models feature full-range AED test and simulation technology compatibility and outperform in overall accuracy and standards compliance.

These ergonomic test systems are rugged and easy to carry, and both analyzers incorporate a first-rate intuitive user interface with a backlit, easy-to-read display and an internal rechargeable high-capacity battery. The industry-standard 50-ohm testload is built inside with optional test loads available for in-depth device analysis. The Impulse 6000D and Impulse 7000DP feature unique ECG lead attachment posts for safe and secure connections. Integrated 12-lead ECG simulation capabilities with independent outputs helps get the job done when testing defibrillators, transcutaneous pacemakers and ECG device performance including rate meter accuracy and alarm verification.

Both models utilize DSP- (Digital Signal Process) based technology to process waveforms and allow for future firmware, software and waveform upgrades. A standard USB interface allows for computer control and data transfer; optional Ansur PC-based automation software increases productivity by outfitting users with an easy-to-use method to standardize testing procedures, capture waveforms and test results, and print and document data to make the Impulse 6000D and Impulse 7000DP the industry ideal in defibrillator and transcutaneous pacemaker test systems.

BMETS Web Site Statistics

May 2008

Total Hits: 21871; Hits per Day (Max): 1341; Hits per Day (Avg): 705

Apr 2008

Total Hits: 21403; Hits per Day (Max): 1372; Hits per Day (Avg): 713

Mar 2008

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

BMETS Monthly Meeting Sponsors for 2008



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<http://www.rsti-training.com/>



<http://www.skytron.us/>



<http://global.flukebiomedical.com/busen/home/default.htm>



<http://www.echoserve.com>



<http://www.globestar.com>

Tad Bit of History

B.M.E.T.S Newsletter

From the Past:

A Perspective By Christopher L. Jones, Sr.
Vice President B.M.E.T.S.

June 10, 2008

Reading thru some of the many BMETS Newsletters I came across this one – September 1984.

Think back to that time in history: Ronald Reagan was President, Reaganomics was a term. What did Medical Electronics have back then, HP EKG 8, Physio-Control Life Pack 4, 5? Fine Young Cannibals and Earth, Wind and Fire disbanded during this year.

Ethan Hertz, President of the Baltimore Medical Engineers and Technicians Society wrote an article named: *IT'S NOT MY JOB*

I thought, "Oh Boy this could be interesting."

Here is that article reprinted for everyone's enjoyment and consideration.

Recently, I had the opportunity to listen to an Administrator from a local hospital talk about some high technology equipment that he was thinking of using in his hospital. He was looking for ways to keep his hospital's cost down, and saw new technology as a potential answer. As most of you already know, the financial health of almost every hospital in the country has changed for the worst in the past two years, and this year seems to be hitting Baltimore-Area Hospitals especially hard.

What surprised me most was not that a hospital would look for new ways to save money. Rather, it was the decide lack of interest that some employees of clinical engineering departments showed towards this non-patient-care equipment when I spoke to them about it. In essence, their argument was that if something was wasn't directly related to monitors or defibrillators or other traditional "patient-care" equipment, it was not part of their job, so why worry about it? I can't understand that. One of the most important roles a hospital-based clinical engineer or biomedical equipment technician can fill is to act as an in-house consultant for new technology in his or her hospital. There is no other group in the hospital that has the training to understand changes in technology as well as us. If we don't use it to help our hospitals successfully understand and implement new technology, then someone else will.

Tad Bit of History

This may mean taking courses or reading or attending BMETS meetings or even just keeping your eyes and ears open. Most important of all, it means realizing that your success or failure depends far more on the effort you put into your job than anything else.

If you are doing at your hospital that is off the beaten path, why not write about it, and send the article to our newsletter? I am sure that lots of people would be interested. After all, sharing ideas is the main purpose of BMETS.

How true is this thought for today?

I find that as I deal with most Administrators now and from what I learned from Ethan about yesteryear (by reading this story), are basically the same. As technology advances, so should the knowledge and consulting factors of the Clinical Engineer or Biomedical Equipment Technician whether they work for a third party, OEM or as an in-house technician. Also, I did notice that back in 1984, the BMETS Newsletter was and still is looking for contributions from its members. Same Stuff Different Year!!

Just my thoughts on a bit of history from one of the original members and founding fathers of B.M.E.T.S.

Christopher L. Jones, Sr.

Vice President 2006 – 2008

Baltimore Medical Engineers and Technicians Society.
