President’s Note:

We have finished the first quarter of 2015 and the BoD is feverishly working on the 2015 Annual Meeting that will take place September 23rd, 24th and 25th at the Newport News Marriott at City Center in Newport News Virginia. We are always looking for ideas for educational sessions, nominations for Biomed and Manager of the year, and nominations for members of the Board of Directors so please feel free to contact us through the VBA Website (www.vabiomed.org), via email at staff@vabiomed.org or directly to any BoD member.

I want to take a moment to thank Chip Hughes who rotated off of the board after serving as a board member for the second time. I also want to welcome our two new board members Sandra Calderon and Jayme Lidwell. Sandra is from Inova Fairfax Medical Campus in Falls Church Virginia (see their Shop Spotlight on pages 8 / 9 in this issue) and Jayme is with Aramark at Memorial Regional Medical Center in Mechanicsville Virginia and Richmond Community Hospital in Richmond Virginia. I am sure that both Sandra and Jayme are going to be great additions to the VBA BoD team.

The VBA Board of Directors is striving to keep the organization headed in the right direction and trying to provide you, the members, with the support that you want and need, so if you have any ideas, opinions, suggestions, want to volunteer to help, or anything else please drop us a note at staff@vabiomed.org.

I hope you are having a great 2015 so far and hope to see you in Newport News in September.

Sincerely,

Greg Mika
President
SAVE the DATE

The VBA 22nd Annual Meeting
September 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2015

Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, Virginia
Meeting Details and Registration: [www.vabiomed.org](http://www.vabiomed.org)

The VBA 22nd Annual Meeting
September 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2015

"Healthcare Reform- A Catch 22
The complexity of reducing operational costs despite increasing responsibilities"

Meeting Highlights (*Check our website for continual updates*)

Key Note Speaker (Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>)
Randall Snelling - Chief Physical Environment Officer, DNV GL—Business Assurance, Healthcare Accreditation Services

Golf Tournament (Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>)
Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run
Captains choice (4 Player Teams)

Social Event (Sept 24<sup>th</sup>)
Casino Night

Education Courses (*Check our website for continual updates*)

- Medical Equipment and Facility Management within DNV - Randall Snelling - Chief Physical Environment Officer, DNV
- Defibrillator, Physio Control LP20c, LP15 - Kevin Vest
- CBET Certification Review - John Noblitt
- Patient Alarm Management - GE
- Sterilizer, Midmark M9/M11 - RPI, Neil Blagman

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Current VBA 2015 Master Class Schedule—subject to change as classes are confirmed and added

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The annual VBA Golf outing will be held on Wednesday the 23rd of September at the Newport News Golf Club. Registration will start at 11:00 and a Shotgun start will happen at 1pm. The costs is $85 for an individual or $325 for a Sponsored Team. There will be a box lunch served before start and prizes for Closet to pin and Long Drive (Male and Female). First and 2nd place awarded.

Format is Captains choice where all four players take shot and you play form best position, all four again take shot and repeat until ball holed. Must use at least one drive from each person on front nine and back nine.

Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run is located on the beautiful Peninsula of Virginia. With its great central location in Tidewater, the golf courses are just minutes away from Historic Williamsburg and Yorktown and 45 minutes from Virginia Beach.

- Exit from I-64 West at the Ft. Eustis Exit towards Yorktown (250 B).
- Turn left at the light at the bottom of the ramp onto Route 143 North (Jefferson Avenue).
- The next light, turn right onto Route 105 East (Ft. Eustis Boulevard).
- Turn left at the next traffic light onto Clubhouse Way.
- This is the entrance to the Club.

-Or-

- Exit from I-64 East at the Ft. Eustis Exit towards Yorktown (Exit 250 B).
- You will be traveling on Route 105 East (Ft. Eustis Boulevard).
- Turn left at the second traffic light onto Clubhouse Way.
- This is the entrance to the Club.

Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run
901 Clubhouse Way
Newport News, Va. 23608
(757) 886-7925
Seeking Nominations for
VBA Biomed of the Year 2015

In order to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the field of Biomedical Engineering, the Virginia Biomedical Association's board of directors chooses a "Biomed of the Year" at each annual meeting. This person is chosen from nominees submitted by VBA members. If you know a Biomed who deserves this recognition, please send in your nomination. The 2015 "Biomed of the Year" will be announced at the 2015 annual meeting and will receive a plaque and a check for $500.00, as well as recognition for a job well done.

Rules:
1. Explain in 250 words or less why your nominee should be Biomed of the Year.
2. Please include your nominee's job title, employer and work location.
3. VBA Directors and officers are not eligible for nomination.
4. Nominations must be received at least two weeks before the start of the V.B.A. annual meeting.
5. The winning nominee will be announced at the annual meeting
6. The Biomed of the Year will receive a plaque and $500.00
7. Submit nominations by: September 14, 2015
   Mail: Virginia Biomedical Association, P.O. Box 1958, Yorktown, VA 23692 or
   E-Mail: staff@vabiomed.org
   On-Line form: Biomed of the Year Nomination

Please provide the following information about your nominee:

Full Name______________________________________________________________
Position or Title__________________________________________________________

Seeking Nominations for
VBA Manager of the Year 2015

In order to recognize Managers who have contributed significantly to the field of Biomedical Engineering, the Virginia Biomedical Association's board of directors chooses a "Manager of the Year" at each annual meeting. This person is chosen from nominees submitted by VBA members. If you know a Biomedical Manager who deserves this recognition, please send in your nomination. The 2015 "Manager of the Year" will be announced at the 2015 annual meeting and will receive a plaque and a check for $500.00, as well as recognition for a job well done.

Rules:
1. Explain in 250 words or less why your nominee should be Manager of the Year.
2. Please include your nominee's job title, employer and work location.
3. VBA Directors and officers are not eligible for nomination.
4. Nominations must be received by the week before the start of the V.B.A. annual meeting.
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Virginia Biomedical Association 22nd Annual Meeting

"Healthcare Reform- A Catch 22
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September 23rd-25th, 2015
Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, Virginia

Medical Equipment and Service Vendors,
I am pleased to invite you to join the Virginia Biomedical Association for our 22nd Annual Meeting, September 23rd-25th, 2015 in Newport News, Virginia.

For 22 years the VBA has had continued success with creating a sense of community for biomedical, clinical engineering and imaging service professionals in the greater Virginia area. Our annual event offers avenues for developing valuable relationships, and advancing your company’s products and services. The VBA has arranged social and networking events to promote attendee and vendor interaction. A Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd, at Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run. Also a Casino Night is planned for Thursday, September 24th, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center. Both events promise a casual atmosphere that will allow you to further build your professional relationships.

Display your products and services in our centrally located exhibit area with over 7 hours of exhibit time. There will be a limited number of exhibit spaces. Please do not wait. Reserve your space today.

Please take advantage of the multiple sponsorship opportunities available at the event to further promote your company’s brand.

The VBA will be offering members Free Admission to the meeting to encourage higher attendance.

Meeting Registration[Online] and Information: http://vabiomed.org

Exhibit Space Fee: $695

Includes: 2 Conference Registrations, One 6 ft Skirted Table, w/ access to power, Company Logo & Link to site on VBA website, Advertisement in Quarterly Newsletter(color), and Meeting Program(black and white) (High Res Electronic Image of Company Logo, submit to lee.gilley@centralhealth.com by August 1st, 2015)

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Hotel: Newport News Marriott at City Center, 740 Town Center Drive, Newport News, VA 23606
(888)236-2427, or (757)873-9299, Fax (757)873-9298

Golf: Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run, 901 Clubhouse Way, Newport News, Va. 23608
(757) 886-7925 *Captains choice (4 Player Teams) VBA Tournament Registration: http://vabiomed.org

I look forward to seeing you in Richmond! Without vendor support our annual event would not be possible.

Thank you for your continued support of the VBA. Sincerely, Shannow Grimm, VBA Vendor Coordinator
(340)889-6555, sgrimm@sentara.com
Vendor/Exhibitor Registration Form (Pay by Check)

Company/Organization: 

Business Address: 

Phone (please include ext. and/or voice mailbox): 

Fax: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Person to Receive correspondence: __________________________

Email for Person to Receive correspondence: __________________________

Address (if different from above): 

Exhibit Space Special Request: 

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Exhibit Table Fee (2 Vendor Attendee Registrations) [ ] $695.00

Support Opportunities:

Platinum
- Unlimited Vendor Attendee Registration
- Logo on Signage at Sponsored Event
  (High Resolution Electronic Image Company Logo, submit to lee.gilley@centralhealth.com by August 1st, 2015)
- Special Recognition Announcements

Gold [ ] $250.00
- 2 Additional Vendor Attendee Registration
- Special Recognition Announcements

Specific Sponsorship:

Key Note [ ] $1000.00
Morning Break Sponsor [ ] $500.00
Breakfast [ ] $500.00
Lunch Sponsor [ ] $2500.00
Happy Hour (Sept 24th) [ ] $500.00
Casino Night [ ] $1750.00

Golf Sponsorship:
- Golf Team Sponsor [ ] $200.00
- Closest to the Pin [ ] $150.00
- Longest Drive [ ] $150.00
- Academic donation [ ] $ ______

TOTAL $ ______

Total Enclosed $ ______

Submit with the appropriate fees by September 1, 2015
Send completed form and check to: Virginia Biomedical Association
P.O. Box 1958
Yorktown, VA 23692-9998

VBA Tax ID 54-1719004
Spotlight on INOVA Fairfax Hospital’s Clinical Engineering

INOVA Fairfax Hospital is an 833-bed, nationally recognized regional medical center serving the Washington, DC, metro area. Our Clinical Engineering Department consists of one manager, one supervisor, ten technicians, and two radiology technicians. Our backgrounds include but are not limited to; military vets, nursing, clinical techs, and engineering. We average over 4,000 service calls and 7085 preventative maintenance calls per year! No job is too small or big for us. Anything from replacing batteries to implementing new buildings, we do it all.

Currently, we are working on a new patient tower dedicated for Women and Children. It is a 308 private room tower that is scheduled to open in January 2016. We play a major role in planning and implementing several patient monitoring systems and biomedical equipment. It takes many months of planning and executing. One of the biggest projects in our horizon is the opening of our new campus. On February 9th, 2015, INOVA acquired Exxon’s headquarters. It is a 117 acre property that will be transformed into a cancer and medical center. Making this a major step toward becoming one of the world's foremost institutions in genomics science and cancer research.

Besides our service calls, scheduled preventative maintenance, and projects we work very close with clinicians to improve customer satisfaction. We help in process improvement plans, purchase requisitions, contract proposals, budgeting, and maintaining safety standards. Our main goal is to keep the staff and patients happy.

Despite being very busy at work, we find the time to do activities as a team outside of the work environment. Our team enjoys zip lining, fishing, and trying new cuisines. We enjoy each other’s company and also helps strengthen our morale at work.
Dear Medical Equipment and Service Vendors,

Support the VBA. Sponsor Our Event. Get Your Company Noticed!!!!

Sponsorship Opportunities:

**Platinum**

- Unlimited Conference Registration
- Signage at Sponsored Event
  
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- Special Recognition Announcements

**Gold**

- 2 Additional Conference Registration
- Special Recognition Announcements

**Specific Sponsorships:**

- **Key Note**——$1000
- **Morning Break Sponsor**——$500
- **Breakfast**——$500
- **Lunch Sponsor**——$2500
- **Happy Hour (Sept 24th)**——$500
- **Casino Night**——$1750

**Golf Sponsorship:**

- **Golf Team Sponsor**——$200
- **Closest to the Pin**——$150
- **Longest Drive**——$150
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a categorical waiver allowing the use of power strips in new and existing healthcare facility patient care rooms, if the provider/supplier is in compliance with all applicable 2012 Life Safety Code (LSC) power strip requirements and with all other 2000 LSC electrical system and equipment provisions.

Are you prepared and do you know what the power strip requirements and provisions that need to be met in the CMS categorical waiver?

- **Mounting**: Power strips must be permanently mounted to electrical equipment such as mobile carts, IV poles and other movable equipment, with clamps, mounting tabs, flanges, or any other means. In addition, their flexible cords must be secured so they do not become a tripping hazard.
- **Unused Outlets**: After leakage currents have been tested, the power strip’s unused outlets must be secured (e.g., self-locking covers) in order to prevent the connection of unauthorized devices or non-medical equipment.
- **Protective Features**: Power strips must contain protective features, including internal ground fault circuit interruption (GFCI) and over-current protection.
- **UL Standards**: For patient-care-related electrical equipment, power strips must meet UL 1363A or UL 60601-1 standards as Special Purpose Relocatable Power Taps (SPRPT). For non-patient-care-related electrical equipment, they must meet UL 1363 as Relocatable Power Taps (RPT).
- **Non-Medical Usage**: Non-medical devices, such as personal electronic equipment, cannot be plugged into a power strip in the patient care vicinity; however, they may be used outside of the patient care vicinity for non-medical use.
- **Maintenance**: The electrical equipment that uses the power strip must be inspected within a regular maintenance program for electrical/mechanical integrity (e.g. the casing, power cords, safety covers, and circuit breakers, etc.).

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**VBA Winter Meeting and New Board of Directors**

**2015 Winter Meeting**

The VBA Board of Directors decided to not have a small winter meeting in 2015. This meeting has typically been an all day Board meeting to plan the Annual Meeting in September and then a one day event with one or two education sessions as a midyear offering. This was not a vendor show though some vendors chose to sponsor parts of the event and/or make educational presentations and that has been very much appreciated. This year because the Annual Show is moving into an unfamiliar venue the Board decided to move the planning retreat to the Marriot Newport News in order to be able to have visual first hand information to use for planning the annual event.

**2015 Board of Directors and Officers**

Per the VBA Bylaws each year five members rotate off the Board of Directors. Each Director is allowed to serve two consecutive two year terms. At that time they must step down for at least one year at which time they can be re-elected if they so chose. This year Scott Newman resigned due to relocation and Greg Mika and Chip Hughes rolled off due to term limits. Thank you Scott, Chip and Greg for all the work and past service to the Board. (Although Greg has not escaped completely. He’s still the VBA President for this year)

New Officers and Committee Chairs for 2015 are: Greg Mika, President; Mark Seago, VP; Rick Davis, Treasurer; Kevin Breen, Membership Secretary; Michael Wright, Recording Secretary; Al Strickler, Awards Comm; Rick Davis, Finance Comm; Kevin Breen, Membership Comm; Lee Gilley, Publications Comm; Jeremy Rusher and Adam Colvin, WebMasters; and Shannon Grimm, Marketing.
VBA Directory & Website Note

The VBA website is the one location to keep up on the latest with your Biomedical Society. Also, you can login with your email address (the one you received this newsletter with) and update your profile information. You can also choose which information in your profile is or is not viewable to other members when they query the membership directory. Your profile is also the information that we use to keep you updated on the latest events and membership news for the VBA.

www.vabiomed.org

The VBA Needs You

To Nominate Yourself or Someone you know for the VBA Board of Directors and to vote at the Annual Meeting in September

Send an e-mail to staff@vabiomed.org with nominations and upon approval from the nominee the names will be added to the ballot.