The 2012 Annual meeting was a great success. The weather in the mountains was excellent, the educational opportunities were awesome, the vendor area was informative and educational, and the opportunity to network and have fun with all of our colleagues was priceless. If you attended this year’s annual meeting I feel pretty confident that you had a great experience. If you didn’t attend the meeting then you missed it all. We kicked things off on Wednesday with a great Golf tournament on the Devil’s Knob mountain top course at Wintergreen. Devil’s Knob is a very hard but also very beautiful golf course and I think a good time was had by all of those that played.

The meeting kicked off on Thursday with a keynote address by Ray Laxton. Ray is the new chair of AAMI’s Board of Directors, he was also a founding member of AAMI’s Technology Management Council (TMC), and is currently Vice President of Strategic Partnerships with ARAMARK Healthcare Technologies. After the keynote we visited with our vendor friends then headed off to the class sessions, had a great lunch, and then more classes. Late afternoon and into early evening we had a Happy Hour Reception time with the vendors followed by a tasty cookout on the beautiful Skyline Terrace overlooking the mountains. We capped off the day with a Cornhole tournament, yes I did say Cornhole. As special thanks goes out to Philips Healthcare and Strickler Medical for sponsoring this great event and for providing the beverages that fueled it.

On Friday we had keynote address from Jonathan Whitt who is the Executive Director of
2012 VBA Annual Meeting

I’d like to thank everyone who attended this year’s 19th Annual VBA Meeting. We were very excited about the courses we secured this year and with the turn out I think it was a success. Special thanks to our two Key Note Speakers, Ray Laxton & Johnathan Whitt. Covidien did a great job training technicians on the Force-Triad ESU, our main certification class this year. The other sessions were well received as well, thanks to all those guest speakers. Evan Bowling worked very hard over the year on course selection and he did an outstanding job. So, the bar has been set higher and our job next year is to find other training opportunities for our members. The evaluation forms help us a great deal in determining what you want, what will help Manager’s agree to have their technicians away from the shop for a day or two. And likewise bring Manager’s to our meeting as well.

Thanks again to all the Vendors that attended, couldn’t do this without you! Shannon Grimm did an outstanding job coordinating the 45+ vendors, getting them situated and ensuring they had everything they needed. We’re working closely with the Equipment Sales Reps to see what their products require in the field [service wise] and how their companies can help us better equip the Biomed to support the devices.

Also thanks goes out to the other Board Members that worked very hard to bring this event together: Greg Mika – VBA President, Jeremy Rusher – VBA Web Master, Lee Gilley – VBA Communications (newsletters and Meeting Packet), Kevin Breen – Golf Coordinator, Attendee Registration Rick Davis – Attendee Registration, Al Strickler and Jeff Long. Well Done!

Please note our new location next year West of Richmond, the Hilton at Short Pump. Make plans to attend.

Thanks!

Mark Seago – VBA Vice President and Annual Meeting Coordinator

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the Region 2000 followed by more great class sessions, time with the vendors, and more great food. We had our business meeting during lunch. This year we had one piece of business that required a vote from the membership in attendance. The board proposed that we eliminate the Associate Member category as it really isn’t necessary and causes confusion; the vote was unanimous to remove it from the membership categories. We also covered the necessary reports to the membership, announced of the Board of Directors election results and the Biomed of the year. Our Biomed of the year this year is Frank “Chip” Hughes from Centra in Lynchburg, congratulations Chip. Elected to the VBA Board of Directors for their first two year term we have Scott Newman with ARAMARK Healthcare Technologies in Richmond and Keith Tyznar from Philips Healthcare, welcome Scott and Keith. Reelected for their second two year term is Rick Davis from ARAMARK Healthcare Technologies at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, and me, Greg Mika with Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital. And finally returning to the board after a few years away we have Frank “Chip” Hughes from Centra in Lynchburg. We also said thank you to three board members who have made great contributions to the VBA but were unable to return to for another term, they are Mark Seago, Chris Dolinar, and Barry Brandon. At the conclusion of the meeting we went back the afternoon class sessions which ended the meeting for 2012.

A meeting like this cannot be brought together without a lot of effort from a lot of people. I would like to thank the entire VBA BoD for working together to make this year’s meeting a success. Special thanks goes out to Mark Seago, our Vice President, for pulling everything together. Shannon Grimm for coordinating all of the vendors and sponsors, Evan Bowling for coordinating all of the educational sessions, Kevin Breen for coordinating the Golf Tournament, Jeremy Rusher for keeping the website up to date and for the e-mail blasts, and Lee Gilley for putting together a great program.

We also need to thank all of our vendors for their support by attending the meetings, sponsoring meals and activities, providing educational sessions, and supporting the VBA in many ways but most specifically by participating and being our friends. Please take a moment to go to www.vabiomed.org and check out the list of vendors and then please be sure to thank their representatives the next time they are in your facility. This organization could not exist without support of our vendors.

Next year will be the 20th VBA Annual meeting and it will take place September 18, 19 and 20 at the Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa/Short Pump in the West End of Richmond. Please check the VBA website (www.vabiomed.org) for more information as the event plans progress.

Don’t forget the 2013 Winter Meeting that will take place on February 8, 2013 at the Wintergreen Resort. Check the VBA website (www.vabiomed.org) for news and updates about the Winter Meeting.

God Bless and take care,
Greg Mika
VBA President
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A beautiful sunrise on the mountain

Setting up the Registration Booth @ OH-dark-Thirty
Keynote: Ray Laxton—AAMI/ARAMARK—kicks things off on Day 1 to a group of early risers.

Frank “Chip” Hughes
VBA’s 2012 BIOMED of the YEAR

Chip Hughes from Centra Health in Lynchburg, VA was selected by the Awards Committee and the VBA Board of Directors as the VBA’s 2012 BMET of the Year.

Below is the information submitted to the Awards Committee:

“Chip has been an employee of Centra for nine years. He obtained his certification in 2005 and has served as our lead OR Tech at Lynchburg General since then. He has consistently demonstrated a positive work ethic and a thorough understanding of all types of medical equipment. He is our primary tech for Life Support systems in the OR and also for our Flight Services team. He is always willing to accept new challenges and enjoys learning new healthcare technologies as they are introduced into our facilities. He mentors new technicians and our interns on troubleshooting and repairing equipment and completing the proper documentation. He is very conscientious of his work order documentation and consistently meets or exceeds department requirements. Chip has served two consecutive terms on the VBA Board of Directors (2005 to 2009) and remained as the recording secretary during 2010.”

CONGRATULATIONS CHIP!!
2012 VBA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again a very successful Golf Tournament was held at the Annual VBA Meeting. This years event was played on the Devils Knob Course on top of the Mountain at Wintergreen resort, this was our third time on the Mountain Course. The weather was wonderful but a little chilly for some. The event started out with a box lunch followed by a shotgun start. There were a total of 12 teams in this years Tournament, our largest number in a few years.

I would like to thank all the sponsors of teams and to all the players without official sponsorship. Everyone had a great time and the scores showed that, in some cases. Two teams managed to come in 6 under par. Since there was a tie we looked the lowest handicapped hole and went by who had best score on that hole. As it turns out one team had a 5 and the other a 4 on the hardest hole on the course the winning team was the team of Crehan, Hughes, Doss and Bowling. The second place team was the team of Harar, Richardson, Krupa and Baylor. All the other teams has just as much fun they just used more strokes to show it. There were two prizes given on the course, one Closet to The Pin and one Long Drive. Longest drive was won by Derrick Allen on hole 5 and the Closet to the pin winner was Bill Vajda on hole 17. In fact Tricia was the only golfer out of 40 to hit that green. I would like to thank all the golfers and invite more to play next year, we will be playing in Richmond next year as yet to be determined.

Kevin M Breen
Annual Golf Tournament Director

The 1st VBA Cornhole Tournament
sponsored by
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The competition was held by The Blue Ridge Terrace until darkness forced a relocation onto the Terrace as the competition went into the night. There were around 30 teams at the beginning of the tournament. As the sun fell the competition heated up. When all was said and done and the keg was empty it came down to Mark Seago and Kevin Breen as the official tournament Champions.
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Professor Corinne Hoisington provided another of her exciting and very informative presentations on the future of new technology in the world of Slates, Tablets and Smart phones/devices.
Seeking Nominations for VBA Biomed of the Year 2013!

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 2013 "Biomed of the Year" will be announced at the 2013 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 6, 2013
   Mail: Virginia Biomedical Association, P.O. Box 1958, Yorktown, VA 23692 or
   E-Mail: webmaster@vabiomed.org
   On-Line form: Biomed of the Year Nomination

Please provide the following information about your nominee:

Full Name______________________________________________________________

Position or Title________________________________________________________

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Seeking Nominations for VBA Manager of the Year 2013!

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 2013 "Manager of the Year" will be announced at the 2013 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.
5. The winning nominee will be announced at the annual meeting
6. The Manager of the Year will receive a plaque and $500.00
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Please provide the following information about your nominee:

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Upcoming Events

VBA Board of Directors - Planning Sessions, Teleconferences—dates to be announced. If you are interested in sitting in on these please contact Greg Mika, VBA President for announced dates and times.

VBA Winter Meeting - February 8, 2013—Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, VA

VBA Annual Meeting - “2013 - September 18-20, 2013 at the Hilton, Richmond Hotel @ Shortpump in Richmond, VA. Check the VBA Website often for updates and changes.
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.

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.

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