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Vice-President’s Note:

CyberSecurity, Everything that you needed to know about how vulnerable we are in this world, nation and industry to Hackers and Attackers.

Would like to thank John Gomez from Divurgent for being our Keynote Speaker, he provided an excellent insight to just how serious a threat this is, not only to Healthcare but any networked device in the world. Several other speakers rounded out our two day session on cybersecurity. Michael Byrne from GE and Asad Khan from Aramark in N.C. We also asked AAMI to host a roundtable discussion sharing their perspective on cybersecurity with managers (Q&A), want to thank Patrick Bernat for his assistance again this year.

The main technical class this year was the Zoll R Series Defibrillator, it was well received, always looking to provide equipment repair skills (certification) that tech’s can bring back to their facilities which represents a value to their operation. Our return speakers include Corinne Hoisington a Microsoft Technology expert, Wes Epperly of Northfield and Keith Miller of IMS both addressed video integration and scope care and handling, thank you!

Trisonics provided a full day class on Ultrasound and Troubleshooting Image Quality, Probes and Scanhead functionality seems to be the biggest factor in improving overall image quality.

Want to thank the other speakers, Dan Collie with GE, Dan Arthur from Ambassador Enterprises and a special thank you to Thomas McVey for speaking to the vendors as a group on Supply Chain Mgt. and Biomed Integration. We try to engage our vendors as much as possible so they find value in what we do beyond the normal customer networking. We owe a lot to the companies that support our meeting every year, without them this would not be possible. The BoD appreciates it and I know our Members do too!

Hope to see everyone next year at Wintergreen. We’re starting now securing classes for 2017, if you have ideas please share them with us so we can try to provide needed training and education.

Mark Seago, VBA V.P.
Vendor Presentation- Thomas McVey, N.R.

On Thursday afternoon, the VBA arranged to have Thomas McVey, Director of Operations and Logistics for Supply Chain Management at Riverside Healthcare in Newport News, VA, address all the exhibitor attendees. He spoke about driving greater supply chain automation and visibility utilizing leading edge technology. He has used process improvement to minimize inventory by partnering with vendors to get them to understand the goals of his health system. He values Clinical Engineering as they report to him and they provide input on clinical product decisions. The VBA will continue to provide useful presentations for our partner vendors.

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2017/18 Board of Directors and current 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 (2016) 4 of the 5 Directors whose terms expire in December were available for re-election should they choose to run. They are Sandra Calderon, Rick Davis, Jayme Lidwell and Jeremy Rusher. Sandra Calderone chose not to run for a second term. Thank you Sandra for your service to the VBA. Michael Wright will be rotating off the Board in December after having served the two term limit. Thank you Michael for your service to the VBA.

Re-elected to the Board for another term were Jayme Lidwell and Jeremy Rusher. Returning to the Board is Evan Bowling. First time new Board members are Kellie Voros, w/Philips Medical and Tony Bisese, w/Chesapeake General Hospital. While their terms do not officially start until Jan 1, 2017 they all hit the ground running/contributing at the Nov BoD planning session.

Officers and Committee Chairs for 2017 are: Greg Mika, President; Mark Seago, VP; Rick Davis, Treasurer; Kevin Breen, Membership Secretary; Marsha Schomburg, Recording Secretary; Al Strickler, Awards Comm; Rick Davis, Finance Comm; and a new Communications/Marketing Committee will be comprised of the following teams - Kevin Breen, Membership Comm; Lee Gilley, Publications Comm; Jeremy Rusher and Adam Colvin, WebMasters; Evan Bowling, Education and Shannon Grimm, Marketing.
The 2016 VBA Golf event was once again a huge success, played at the Newport News Golf Club on the Deer Run course. The course lived up to its name as it was loaded with Deer on several holes. Legends Grille supplied a wonderful box lunch to start the event and beverages during the event.

There were three awards given, two Longest Drive one for women, won by Angela Angheloni (AMICO) and one for men, won by Mark Hartman (ReMedPar). The Closet to the Pin was third prize awarded and it was won by Charlie Unger (Aramark). There were a total of 11 teams and 44 players. Using a Florida Best ball format several teams shot under Par with a few over par.

First Place went to the team from Strickler Medical and consisted of Al Strickler, Patrick Mcduff, Charlie Unger and Bill Vajda. The second place team was the team from GE Healthcare and consisted of Charles Baylor, Tom Harar, Walt Krupa and Jonathan Harar, congratulations to all the teams for a fun day.

Thanks to our Golf Event Sponsor ReMedPar and to all the teams. Vendors represented include WR Systems, Aramark, AMICO, Prescott’s, Strickler Medical, GE Healthcare, Novamed, IMS, Cadmet, MERCO, Northfield Instruments and Pacific Medical.

See you in 2017 at Devils Knob Golf Course, Wintergreen, VA
Nathan was nominated by his manager Todd Richards. Below is Todd’s nominating statement.

“I would like to nominate Nathan Westrick as the 2016 Biomed of the Year. Nate is an ex-Army Biomed who maintains dual AAMI certifications (CBET and CRES). Additionally, he just completed his Bachelor of Science degree. While serving in Iraq, Nate performed service on the clinical equipment located at a forward operating base, which included CT and other imaging modalities. He also educated Iraqi Army personnel on the proper use of their medical equipment, and he provided repair training to the soldiers. Nate is an outstanding technician who significantly augments the clinical equipment support that our department is able to provide to the organization and, more importantly, our patients. He’s not only my primary technician for certain types of life-support equipment, such as anesthesia units, but also my primary imaging technician. He exhibits a remarkable work ethic, service attitude, and ability to get any task accomplished. Nate is extremely reliable, always takes initiative, is highly productive, has great attention to detail, always conscious of cost containment, and possesses job knowledge well beyond his years of experience. He has great instincts about the correct course of action to take in any given situation, regardless of the complexity. He frequently comes to me with ideas for procedural improvements, enhancements to existing job processes, or additional measures we can take to increase our quality of service. Nate continues to exceed my expectations on a routine basis, and he truly deserves the VBA’s Biomed of the Year award.”
Thank You to our Exhibitors

The Virginia Biomedical Association Board of Directors, on behalf of its members, would like to especially thank our exhibitors, without which the annual meeting would not be possible. Their continued participation and commitment to the educational program assists us in performing our jobs more efficiently and knowledgeably.

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