Thank you for your attendance and support at this year’s Virginia Biomed Association Annual Meeting. The attendance was better this year and that’s what we strive for. Danielle McGeary (AAMI VP of HTM) returned as our Keynote Speaker to talk about how AAMI and other HTM organizations and associations can meet the challenge of growing our profession. She also hosted a Round Table on that same topic to discuss further in a smaller more focused forum.

We had perfect weather on Wednesday for the golf tournament (sponsored by Trimedx), I think everyone had a great time. Congratulations to Al Strickler’s Team for shooting the low round of the day. Later that evening after dinner we had a Cornhole Tournament sponsored by Northfield & Atlantic Medical. Congratulations to those winners as well.

Thursday’s classes had several returning speakers, Corinne kept us updated on what’s new with MS Office and A.I. in Healthcare. We also brought back the Zoll Team that went in-depth on the X & R series defibrillators. New classes include the FT10 ElectroSurgical Unit sponsored by Dale Munson and an Anesthesia Fundamentals class offered by Mindray and Scott Carriker. Another division of Stryker had a class on the LP15 & LP20 Defibrillators with speaker Kevin Vest. Thank you to all the class speakers for supporting our mission of providing quality training and information to our members.

Thursday evening we had dinner on the patio sponsored by Sage Services. After the meal we had our business report-out from the different committees and awarded this year’s Manager of the Year (Jeff Long) from Augusta Health and Biomed of the Year (Les Hunt) from UVA, and following that we gave away lots of door prizes! Later that evening we adjourned to Pryor’s Porch for some gambling fun with Casino Night. What a great job that company does to ensure everyone has fun and wins big! Thanks to Hospital Warehouse for sponsoring the event.

Friday we wrapped things up by finishing the second part of some classes and said good-bye and thank you to our vendors until next year. Please join us again at Wintergreen Resort next year around this same time. Watch for updates on our website throughout the year. Thanks again

Mark Seago

Vice President
The Golf tournament went well this year. Playing conditions were ideal with beautiful weather. Thank you to the Breen family for participating.

The winning team was
Ron Stegman (GE), Walt Krupa (GE), and Al Stickler (Strickler Medical)

Charlie Unger won closest to the Pin
Lou Soriano won the men’s longest drive
Kerry Breen won the women’s longest drive
Thank you to all of our vendors
Your continued support allows us to
provide this meeting year after year
Thank you to Danielle McGeary From AAMI for presenting the keynote address
Thank you to Northfield medical for sponsoring the corn hole tournament

The winners were:

Charlie Unger - retired Trimedx
Bill Vajda - Depaul Medical Center, Trimedx

Runners Up:

David Overton - Trimedx Tidewater
Tim Edwards - Trimedx Tidewater
Thank you Hospital warehouse for sponsoring casino night with Massino’s Casions.

Everybody had a great time playing all of the games. The big hit was the horse race event. Thank you to everyone who participated.
Les is a thirty-five year employee in the Clinical Engineering Dept. at UVA and of that I’ve had the privilege to work with him for about 28 years. His expertise is with ‘low voltage’ systems (Overhead Paging, Direct TV & Comcast, Infant Child Safety, and Nurse Call/Locator systems) to mention a few. He is involved in all renovation and construction projects to ensure that codes are met, contractors stay focused and customers are happy. Les is part of a specialized team of 4 technicians that learn [from him] everyday how to maintain systems that affect how we care for our patients. Not only an effective trainer but a leader and mentor as well.

Les has taken the lead on a three year project to replace the Nurse Call System in the Medical Center. This project is a huge undertaking as it takes oversight and engagement on a daily basis. This is not the only ongoing project as we are also in the process of opening a new half a million sq. ft. hospital expansion. Les finds himself going in many different direction and continues to pull it all together. Over the years I’ve seen his passion and dedication grow stronger as challenges continue to rise. He’s a role model for our staff and all HTM Professionals.

The other nominees for biomed of the year were

**Chris Alexander**
Trimedx Biomed Tech III Portsmouth

**Frazier Overton**
Trimedx Biomed tech III Suffolk
I have worked for Jeff for thirteen years and he has led our department from a shared service cooperative to a third party, to an in house program. These changes brought about many hurdles including changing databases, changes in staff, hospital moves, acquiring facilities and changes in leadership to which he reports. The whole time Jeff has been focused to nurture growth in clinical engineering, develop the skills of technicians and present to senior leadership the value that we bring. By demonstrating the cost savings benefits that a well-built program achieves, Jeff has ensured that the technicians will continue to receive technical training during a tumultuous time in the healthcare industry, when spending is drastically reduced. Jeff has expanded the capabilities of the department by affording technicians the opportunity for advancement through education, certifications and additional positions including an IT specialist, high level imaging specialist and database administrator. I can attribute my success in clinical engineering to the opportunities that I have been afforded under Jeff’s leadership. It is exciting to see how far the program has come since I started, and I look forward to working with Jeff as he takes the department to higher levels, bringing more value to Augusta Health each day.

The other nominees for Manager of the year were

**Chaz Hicks**  
Mary Washington Hospital Director of Clinical Engineering, Fredericksburg

**Sandy Mason**  
Trimedx Technology Manager Virginia Beach
The Board of the Directors would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and a very prosperous New Year

Save the date for the annual Virginian Biomedical Association meeting and symposium

September 23rd to the 25th 2020 at Wintergreen resort
Seeking Nominations for VBA Biomed of the Year 2020

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 2020 "Biomed of the Year" will be announced at the 2020 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 1, 2020
   E-Mail: staff@vabiomed.org or face book message
   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 2020

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 2020 "Manager of the Year" will be announced at the 2020 annual meeting and will receive a plaque and a check for $500.00, as well as recognition for a job well done.

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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.

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 BoD Annual Meeting Planning Sessions—Weekly via teleconference. Contact any of the BoD for date / time of the next call if you would like to sit in.

VBA Directory, Website & Facebook Note

The VBA website and the VBA Facebook Page are where you need to go 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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