

FLORIDA BIOMEDICAL SOCIETY

Quarterly News

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Our website is already gearing up for 2009 and our return to Coronado Springs Resort for our very own Symposium. If you have any comments or recommendations on how to make our website more User Friendly please don't hesitate to send them to me at ernie-mar@yahoo.com, Pictures welcomed too...

—Ernie Martinez, FBS Webmaster



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From the President's Desk...

MD Expo and Florida Biomedical Society Annual Symposium

Someone asked me how the MD Expo went and if it was a success. I told them we had over 225 attendees and there were over 110 vendors booths. This year was the largest and offered more education and was better attended than any previous year. I asked if they went, and they said no they didn't. My answer to them was for us it was a great show but a successful show would have had them there.

The Florida Biomedical Society was formed to help educate and improve the biomedical technician performance of his/her job. The education that we get is very selective and most of the time self financed and self guided. We are in many ways responsible for the care a patient gets every bit as much as the nurse or the doctor providing care because we maintain the equipment that these caregivers use in and on every patient.. We must maintain a certain level of competence in order for the quality of care to be maintained. The educational classes that FBS offers at these events while not complete are professionally guided by biomedics and OEMS who can and have promised that you will get something from every class you take.

Ownership adds value. I know education funds are small to nonexistent, and that money is tighter than it has ever been. We have families to care for and we have many other responsibilities, but nothing can compare to the responsibility we have for ourselves and that we need to take care of all we are responsible for. No one is more responsible for our education, wealth, health and family than we are. Use every means to take full advantage of everything you are offered or given. A few dollars and days a year can net you many years of a better life, better job satisfaction, and an all round better future.

I would like to thank John Krieg of Medical Dealer Magazine along with Manny Roman of DITEC and the many other supporters who helped us put on such a great show. We had an incredible time. I am even trying to find someone to help me learn to golf. Any left handers out there? The Hilton at Disney was one of the most beautiful places I have stayed. Yes, I was raised on a farm and even a barn can look pretty homey to me but never feel this luxurious. I felt spoiled by our hosts and was treated like a President.

I hope to serve you again in such an honored way sometime in the future. I also hope that you find yourself looking to make things better and do your part and volunteer to be an active and supportive member of your local and state biomedical associations. Please support all that these associations are doing for you, and take full advantage of what they offer. Contribute your ideas and offer your time as many have done for us in the past. There is still room for improvement and there will always be a door open to you to join.

Thank you!



Bruce McGuire
2008 President
Florida Biomedical Society

Editor's Note

Val Smith

The Florida Biomedical Society (FBS) Quarterly News is provided as a service to the members and corporate partners of the Florida Biomedical Society. FBS Quarterly News is published four times a year and is distributed to over 400 individuals and work sites.

The purpose of the FBS Quarterly News is to facilitate the exchange of information among the participating members of this organization. Articles come from a variety of sources. Though FBS does attempt to verify all articles, the content may be of variable quality and validity.

Articles of interest to our readers are always needed and may be submitted to the newsletter editor at FBSnewsletter@msn.com.

Gratitude to our 2008 BOD members for another year of volunteer service!

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2009 President's Note:

Looking back at 2008, the Florida Biomed Society has initiated a couple of first. We've offered educational classes at FIME, the annual International Trade Show in South Miami. We also partnered with MD Publishing and the MD Expo this past October to put on an amazing Symposium and Exhibit Hall. Both relationships are sure to provide more exposure for both FBS and more educational opportunities.

Looking ahead to 2009, we feel that educational offering should be our priority. As a board, with Mr. Jim Bowles leading the way, we have already started the process of contacting Vendors and Manufactures to provide our educational tracks for next year. We're looking to provide a more "hands-on" training approach in lieu of the normal "informational" educational sessions. Weighing the feedback from you, the biomed, we feel that more hands on training are the way to go. We're also going to offer more management classes and some CE classes from DITEC.

We are also lowering the prices for education, and as always, we never charge a fee to enter the exhibit hall. Please check our website, www.fbsonline.net, for up to date Symposium information, and I'll see you next October!



Bill Hascup
2009 FBS President

You suffered through 24 months of campaigning. You stood in line at the polls. You've done your civic duty. Now you can participate in the easiest election process of them all—selecting the 2009 FBS President-Elect. Cast your vote by email before November 30th

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Nominees:

James Fowler, NEFAMI

JR Richardson, BAAMI

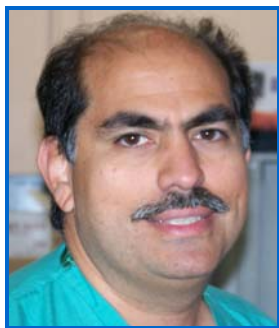
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2008 FBS Biomed of the Year



Alberto Perez
BAMMI Member

Alberto J. Perez graduated from Jefferson High School in Tampa, FL in 1982. He first graduated with an A.S. Degree in Business Machines Technology from Hillsborough Community College in December 1993. Then in December 1996, Alberto received another A.S. Degree from Hillsborough Community College in Biomedical Equipment Engineering Technology.

Alberto's first Biomedical Equipment Technician job was at Benjamin Biomedical, Inc. in St. Petersburg. He worked there for two years and learned a great deal about many different machines. He also traveled to many surgical centers throughout Florida during his employment there. Then in May 1998, Alberto joined GE Clinical Services and began working at University Community Hospital – Fletcher. After one year Alberto became the Site Leader at University Community Hospital – Carrollwood. While managing the hospital on his own, Alberto kept up with all scheduled preventive maintenance, repairs and kept an accurate inventory count. During his 9 years with GE he received many accolades and the Triple Crown Award in 2006.

In March of 2007, Alberto joined a great organization – St. Joseph's Baptist Hospital. He works in the main surgery and cardiovascular surgery departments. While at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alberto has learned about new medical equipment in the operating rooms. The Biomed department works as a team to maintain all medical equipment and they strive to assure customer satisfaction. Alberto appreciates his department as everyone displays teamwork and takes pride in a job well done. After one year, Alberto was promoted to a Biomed III for his hard work and dedication. His community activities include volunteering to coach girl's Softball at Citrus Park Little League.



Congratulations, Alberto! We are proud to be in your company!

I would like to personally thank everyone that voted for me for having the honor to represent Gulf Coast Biomedical Society once again as Biomed of the year Nominee. Although not selected this time around just being mentioned amongst all the Talent around was an Honor.
—Ernie Martinez, 2008 GCBS Biomed of the Year Nominee

It has been a great year for our profession! Our local biomedical society continues to grow and become more organized due to a team effort by the NEFAMI officers. FBS is stronger, better organized and now one of the top biomedical societies in the U.S. I had the privilege of attending the FIME show in Miami and the MD Expo / FBS show in Orlando this year. I was also nominated for BMET of the year. I must say that the MD Expo / FBS show was awesome. I always had a vision about combining the MD Expo with FBS. Thanks to everyone who made that happen. My goal this year is to spread the word about our newsletter and the upcoming 2009 Symposium. I Travel to different hospitals around Florida so I am trying to stop by the Biomedical / Clinical Engineering departments and get the word out. I usually get some email addresses and get them signed up to receive our newsletters. It was great to see everyone on Orlando, I am looking forward to next Year.

—James Fowler, 2008 NEFAMI Biomed of the Year Nominee

2009 FBS Symposium Course Offerings SURVEY

Jim Bowles, FBS Education Coordinator

In the interest of providing the most beneficial course offerings for our members, the Board of Directors is looking for feedback from the biomedical community. We'd like to know what you thought of the classes offered at this year's MD Expo and FIME events. You can participate in the planning of our 2009 Symposium by letting us know what kind of classes you'd like to attend. Or if you recently attended a class or training that you found to be valuable, please feel free to recommend it. FBS already has a strong network of vendors who are willing to provide training and chances are, if you have an interest in it, we can find someone to provide the course you're looking for.


Email your comments to newsletter@fbsonline.net

The FBS Symposium RETURNS

October 23-25, 2009



The FBS Board of Directors wish you and your families a very safe and happy holiday season!



Respironics BiPAP Vision service training class

Coming January 14-15, 2009 to Orlando, FL
Venue to be determined

Take advantage of this rare local opportunity!

Space is limited so enroll now before the class fills up!

Enroll at least 60 days prior to the class and receive a 7.5% discount off list price. Enroll 59 - 30 days prior to the class and receive a 5% discount.

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Up To The Minute

John Alvenus, FBS Secretary

FBS Board Meeting 10-25-2008

Attendance:

John Alvenus, Secretary FBS & NEFAMI officer

Federick McMurtrie, SFAMI Rep

John Krieg, MD publishing

James Fowler, NEFAMI Officer

Bill Hascup, President Elect & NEFAMI

Jim Bowles, Past President FBS & GCBS

Ernie Martinez, Past President FBS & GCBS

Jim Shiakallis, NEFAMI Rep

Bruce McGuire, President & SFAMI

JR Richardson, Past President & BAAMI

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Scott Long, Past President & NEFAMI

- Date set for FBS symposium 2009 for October 23-25 at Coronado Springs Resort in Disney World Resort.
- John Krieg agreed to supply the final break down of registrants: The initial count of pre registrants for classes was 185 and about 100 walk-ins. 210 Pre registered for the Exhibit hall. For a combined total of about 450 attendees.
- Concerns from the Board included: Loss of BMETS due to Charge for the entrance to the exhibit hall. The board suggested we pass out certificates for class attendance. A suggestion was made to accommodate WIFI in at least one common area or booth. It was mentioned that the luncheon did not allow for networking/socialization. Board members also pointed to the fact that many attendees were forced to book rooms in alternate hotels due to limited availability.
- The board brainstormed for ideas on how to involve the Orlando BMETS. The symposium is right in their back yard.
- The board is soliciting testimonials on the benefits of attending the Symposium.
- John Krieg agreed to provide free advertising in MD Publishing for future FBS symposiums.
- The FBS Board and John Krieg agreed to host a joint symposium in 2011 with the board having more input into situations such as the awards dinner planning and educational tracts.
- With the FBS Board setting up the training classes from the next joint symposium this will allow the Board to retain the profits from the educational tracts.
- We discussed several other avenues for alternate funding for the board in future joint ventures.

The mission of the Florida Biomedical Society is to promote the principles of quality patient care through the efficient management of biomedical technologies to better serve the medical community and other professionals involved in patient care, and to promote the free exchange of ideas and information involved in the Biomedical Engineering Disciplines, and the Biomedical Professional role in the health care industry.

FBS Treasurer's Report

Louis Katchis, FBS Treasurer

as of 10/31/08

INCOME

Corporate Membership	400.00
Exhibitors Fee	1900.00
Membership Dues	1829.4
Symposium Fees	2020.00
TOTAL	6149.40

EXPENSES

Bank	5.00
BOD Meeting Expense	450.00
Equipment Purchase	60.00
Equipment Rental	42.80
Corporate Reg Fee	61.25
Speaker Expenses	2305.98
TOTAL	2925.03

NET PROFIT

3224.37

ASSETS

BA CD's	5501.99
BA Checking	14286.66
Interest	-501.99
Paypal	790.6
TOTAL	20077.26

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liability	0
Retained Earnings	20077.26
TOTAL	20077.26

Hot Topics & Heated Debates

If you've been following the BiomedTalk ListServ lately, you've probably encountered one these topics:

- Lodging complaints with the FDA
- Pay Equity
- The BMET Survey
- Electrical Safety Checks/Computers in Patient Areas
- LCD Screen Cleaning Methods & Materials
- Effects of Economy on Biomed
- New BMET Openings
- "Old Techs" & Mentoring
- Navy Grant for Field Hospital on a Chip
- Women in the Biomed Workforce
- Wireless Headphones for Patients
- New Tricks, Old Tricks
- 10 Reasons for a New National Organization
- Safety Analyzer Feedback
- Changing Time on a Codemaster XL Defib
- UPS Solutions
- Alaris Infusion Pumps
- Time Changes and the GE Unity Network
- Side Job Advice Appreciated
- Typical Hourly Fee for a CE Consultant
- Salary Question & Retiring Biomed

If you are not already subscribed to the BiomedTalk ListServ, annual subscriptions are very affordable and provide you with a wealth or both useful and useless but entertaining information. BiomedTalk ListServ manager, Mike Kauffman, runs a pretty tight ship and keeps the majority of non-Biomed chatter to a minimum. Taken in digest form, the ListServ will allow the user to quickly scan for topics of interest and will bring a wide range of professional experience to your inbox.

To learn more or sign up for BiomedTalk, visit <http://bmetsonline.org/BTalkfaq.dwt>



Healthcare Headlines

CMS approves hospital accreditation program

Monday September 29, 2008

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) last Friday approved for four years Det Norske Veritas Healthcare Inc.'s (DNV) accreditation program for hospitals seeking to participate in Medicare or Medicaid.

The agency announced its decision in a notice published in the Sept. 26 Federal Register.

The DNV program, called the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations, integrates the International Organization for Standards' ISO 9001 quality management system standards with the Medicare conditions of participation.

ISO 9001 enables hospitals to identify and document the clinical and administrative processes that contribute to desirable outcomes in order to institute them as standard practices, according to DNV, which now joins The Joint Commission and American Osteopathic Association as the only national hospital accreditation organizations approved by CMS.

For more information, visit www.dnv.com.

AAMI Committee Announces Standardized Job Descriptions

With a goal of advancing the professional interests of clinical engineers and promoting the importance of the field, the Clinical Engineering Management Committee (CEMC), a part of the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI), has established a set of uniform job descriptions for a variety of positions in the clinical engineering field, such as BMET I and clinical engineering manager.

Principally designed for clinical engineering managers to use as a resource or to adopt, the descriptions can also help those interested in entering or moving up within the field.

"As we encourage young men and women to enter into the field of medical equipment repair, there needs to be a clearly defined career ladder in place," said Dean Phillips, director of clinical engineering for Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, TX. "With the development of these job descriptions we can achieve this. Establishing a career ladder is also a motivational tool. As a technician, it will let you know exactly what you need to accomplish to ready yourself for a promotion."

The CEMC asked for job descriptions from a variety of facilities across the United States. To develop the standardized descriptions, the committee pulled common language from the facilities polled and set baselines for educational requirements, years of experience, and responsibilities, etc, for each position.

According to Caroline Campbell, CCE, director of clinical engineering with TriMedx, ongoing change in the field has increased the need for standardized job descriptions.

"For example, we are all aware that with increasing frequency medical equipment is networked so that information can be included in the electronic patient record," Campbell said. "Support of that networked equipment requires new knowledge and skill sets that should be folded into a job description."

The job descriptions will be included on AAMI's newly updated 2008 Career Moves CD. AAMI members can access and download the job descriptions on the Clinical Engineering Management page of the [AAMI Web site](#).

Florida Biomed's Gather @ MD Expo in Orlando

Our organization's first cooperative event with MD Expo was a resounding success! Here's how the show looked in numbers:

- 3 days of classes coordinated by **DITEC**
- 100 exhibitor booths with biomed-specific vendors on display
- 225 vendor representatives in attendance
- 20-30 attendees participating in each class (average)
- 250 attendees, including trade show walk-ins
- 79 FBS members registered for MD Expo
- 20 FBS members from Baycare Health System in attendance
- 12 new FBS membership applications received at MD Expo
- 4 nominees honored for exceptional contributions
- 1 FBS member recognized as the 2008 Biomed of the Year:
Congratulations to Alberto Perez, BAAMI



A photo gallery of the event has been posted on the [FBS website](#).





MD Expo's Next Stop:
Scottsdale, AZ Nashville, TN
April 2009 September 2009

BrainTeaser: Number Grid

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With the number keys running sequentially across the top of my keyboard, I can't help but feel the numeric keypad buttons could be put to better use:



Job Postings

Biomedical Engineering Tech II St Joseph Hospital/Baycare Tampa, FL

Certification:
CBET Preferred

Education:
ELECTRONICS TECH or BIOMED MAINTENANCE TECH Required
RELATED FIELD AS Preferred
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Two years BIOMED MAINTENANCE or two years ELECTRONICS Required

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FBS Member Survey

We want to know more about our members!

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****What cost saving measures is your department implementing?****

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January 15, 2009
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Around the State & Local Chapter News

SFAMI NEWS:

June 30, 2008 the Executive Board installed a new membership policy base on recommendation of the "New Membership Committee" and to be more in line with the SFAMI Constitution as a result our membership application will be changing and all new members will be approved by the membership committee before by accepted into the Society. SFAMI's Last meeting was on September 25, 2008 and was hosted by Paul Raffaelli of Sonora Medical Systems, Inc. and presented a technical presentation on "Control and Managing Biomedical Assets". In October we had our annual picnic which was held at Markham Park in Sunrise, Florida. Many members braved the rain to have a great time with family and friends and eat, drink and have fun. At this event SFAMI gave away door prizes and honor two SFAMI Members Robin Sheaks for last year's SFAMI BMET of the Year. and Fred McMurtrie as this year's BMET of the Year Both received wall plaques. Congratulations to all the winners. We would also like to thank the many vendors and corporate sponsor for help to pull off another fantastic picnic. Also in October several SFAMI members attended the MDExp/FBS Symposium in Orlando the reports back from the event have all been very positive and what a great time was had. Our thanks to FBS and Medical Dealer for providing a good opportunity to meet vendors, network with our fellow BMETs and receive fine educational classes. SFAMI will not be hosting a meeting in November however, we still are working on a meeting for the 2nd week in December for more information please go to SFAMI's website at <http://www.sfami.org> To all the Biomedical Community Have a Wonderful Holiday Season and Most of All Be Safe. In 2009 we our looking forward to our annual kickoff (Casino Night) meeting in January stay tuned for more information that's all for now.

—Fred McMurtrie, SFAMI Rep

NEFAMI NEWS:

The last NEFAMI meeting of the year will be held on December 19th @6pm at SFCC This gathering will be sponsored by Karl Storz. Ballots have been distributed to NEFAMI members in the NEFAMI News and must be returned by the cut off to be included in the tally. Results will be announced on December 19th. We wish all NEFAMI and FBS members a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

—Jim Shakallis, NEFAMI Rep

GCBS NEWS:

Six Members of GCBS travelled to Orlando to attend the FBS/MD EXPO in October. Those attending were Jim Bowles, Manager, TriMedx/Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola, Fl. Gary Reeves, BMET, TriMedx/Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola, Fl. Joe Williamson, BMET, TriMedx/Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola, Fl. Roger Hubmann Radiology Engineer, TriMedx/Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola, Fl. Danny Deaton, Deaton Biomedical Services, Pensacola, Fl. and Ernie Martinez, Sr. BMET, GE Healthcare Services/West Florida Hospital, Pensacola, Fl. All who attended had nothing but great remarks about the Education. Jim Bowles indicated that the Reports and Benchmarks class put on by Karen Waninger of Community Health Network from Indianapolis was an excellent course with included a CD of her presentation with all of her tables and graphs. Roger Hubmann expressed that the Power Quality class by Ed Weiss Applied Power was a class that he though should have been longer because of all of the great information. I'm sure both of these classes will be looked at for the 2009 FBS Symposium when it returns to Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World. Ernie Martinez Sr. BMET, GE Healthcare Services/West Florida Hospital, Pensacola, Fl. was elected as the GCBS Biomed of the Year and was runner up as FBS Biomed of the Year to Alberto Perez of Bay Care from Tampa, Florida. GCBS congratulates Ernie on his both achievements and making GCBS proud. The Board of GCBS, Richard Ward, Debra Allen, Ernie Martinez Karen Williams and Jim Bowles is planning its Christmas Party which will include Nominations for the GCBS Board. Please keep a watch on the GCBS website for further information. We encourage everyone to attend as this is our way of showing thanks for your participation. The next GCBS meeting is December 9th at 5:00 pm at Sacred Heart Hospital. The Meeting location will be in the Classroom on the 2nd floor of the Regional Heart and Vascular building on the campus of Sacred Heart Hospital. A reminder will be sent out to everyone from Richard Ward Chairman, GCBS.

—Jim Bowles, GCBS Rep

Florida Biomedical Society is already accepting early registration for corporate sponsors and exhibiting vendors for the 2009 FBS Symposium at Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando next October. If you are interested in participating in the Symposium and would like to take advantage of early registration discounts, please visit the FBS website <http://fbsonline.net>

Florida Biomedical Society Membership Application

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