



# The Virginia Biomedical Association

Newsletter for the Virginia Biomedical Association

August 2008

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## President's Note:



Summer is in full swing and there is a lot going on in the Biomed world these days.

The collaboration between the ACCE, AAMI, and HiMSS on an CE/IT integration project, the forth coming 2009 Joint Commission Standards changes and what they might mean to us, and more.

The best part is that the VBA's Annual meeting is right around the corner where you can network with your peers about these hot topics and more. The meeting is at the Kingsmill Marriott in Williamsburg on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> of September. The meeting will kick off on Wednesday with our annual golf tournament so get your team together, get your clubs ready, and get in some practice because we plan to have good time on the course. Thursday and Friday will bring some great learning opportunities, a great vendor fair, great keynote speakers, great food, great friends, and a great time. I am sure you noticed that I used the word "great" a great amount of



[www.VABIOMED.ORG](http://www.VABIOMED.ORG)

**Plan now to attend  
The VBA's  
Annual Meeting**

**September 17-19, 2008  
at  
The Kingsmill Marriott  
in  
Williamsburg, VA.**

*Details inside*

times, well that's because the theme this year is "Good to Great in 2008-Taking the Next Step" and that is what we are doing.

Some of the courses this year will include a 2 day certification class on the Logiq 9 Ultrasound by GMI, a 2 day certification class on the Newport HT-50 ventilator class by Newport, a session on HDTV, the OR, and the PACS Net-

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**TO:** All Biomed and Clinical Engineers  
**FROM:** Aldo Nichini, VBA Vice President  
**DATE:** May 1st, 2008  
**SUBJECT: 2008 Virginia Biomedical Association 15th Annual Meeting**

We invite you to plan now to attend the **2008 Virginia Biomedical Association Annual Meeting** on Thursday and Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kingsmill Marriott, in Williamsburg, Virginia. This is the VBA's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and we have improved opportunities to bring you, the Medical Equipment Professional, making this a worthwhile and productive event to attend.

This year's theme, **Good to Great in 2008- Taking the Next Step**, will focus on improving Clinical Engineering practices, performance, customer service, employee skills, and patient safety. The 2008 meeting will find opportune vendor visitation time with displays located in the meeting area, a geographically central location, and exciting educational opportunities to increase knowledge and skills. Two enlightening Key-note addresses are scheduled on Thursday and Friday mornings to jump-start the day.

**Hotel Information:** For hotel reservations, contact the Williamsburg Marriott (50 Kingsmill Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185) in Williamsburg, VA at (800) 442-3654 or (757) 220-2500 and reference the VBA Meeting. Directions are available by logging on to <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phfcw-williamsburg-marriott/> and click on directions. Registrants for the VBA Annual Meeting will receive our discounted conference rate of \$129.00/night. This is a per-room rate, so you may stay with a co-worker, friend, or significant other and share the cost! Please make reservations as early as possible (but no later than **August 29<sup>th</sup>**) in order to receive the discounted rate. There are a limited number of rooms available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Williamsburg is host to a number of conferences that week so hotels will be filling up fast.

We are excited about this year's theme of **Good to Great in 2008- Taking the Next Step** and look forward to seeing you in Williamsburg!

Sincerely,  
Aldo Nichini  
VBA Vice President

PS - Plan on joining us on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for our Golf Tournament at Newport News Golf Club ([www.nngolfclub.com](http://www.nngolfclub.com)).

Visit us on the web at: [www.vabiomed.org](http://www.vabiomed.org)

# Virginia Biomedical Association

15th Annual Meeting – “Good to Great in 2008 – Taking the Next Step”

September 17-19, 2008

## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital / Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

VBA Member# \_\_\_\_\_

**Select your registration rate:**    before Aug 22            after Aug 22nd

member, 2 days:	___ \$125.00	___ \$145.00
member 1 day:	___ \$80.00	___ \$90.00
non-member, 2 days:	___ \$155.00	___ \$175.00
non-member, 1 day:	\$110.00	\$120.00
student, 2 day:	\$100.00	\$110.00
student, 1 day:	\$50.00	\$55.00

**Note:** Registration fees are for the formal meeting events held on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration includes 2009 membership, and 2008 and 2009 membership for non-members. A membership application must accompany registration. Send completed registration form and a check payable to:

**Virginia Biomedical Association**

**P.O. Box 1958**

**Yorktown, VA 23692-9998**

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**For more information:** Visit the V.B.A. web site at <http://www.vabiomed.org> for Golf Tournament Registration, Membership Application, meeting schedule, travel directions and other information - or contact Aldo Nichini at 410-641-9149 or [anichini@horizon-nea.com](mailto:anichini@horizon-nea.com) .

# Global Medical Imaging Logiq 9 Ultrasound Training Class

**Date:** September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Location:** Virginia Biomedical Association Annual meeting at the Kingsmill Marriott.

## **Class Information:**

Global Medical Imaging is proud to offer a course on the Logiq 9 Ultrasound platform. This course will offer in depth training for experienced Biomedics or ultrasound engineers. The course will cover hands on testing, trouble shooting, knobology and discussion of most common issues and resolutions. This class will make participants become a platform expert with comprehensive service skills. It will be a 2 day course and is designed for the biomed with previous ultrasound experience and have covered the topics in first response training.

## **Prerequisites:**

- 1 year of experience in dealing directly with ultrasound.
- Previous attendance of any ultrasound courses; either introductory or platform specific courses.

## **Registration:**

Global Medical Imaging recommends the class size for this training be kept at a maximum of 10 people; therefore we ask that you pre-register by Friday September 12, 2008. The first 10 qualified people to register will be accepted into the class. Call Kim Beckwith to register for the class, and then if accepted, you will need to register for the VBA meeting itself. There is no additional fee for this class. If interested please register as soon as possible.

**If you have any questions or would like to register contact:**

**Kim Beckwith at 434-982-7098**



**GM13**  
Defining Ultrasound Solutions



From

**The Newsletter of the Information and Technology Services Division of the  
Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD)**

If you would like for your Department to be "spotlighted" in the VBA Newsletter send picture and a short description of it to "newsletter@vabiomed.org"

## Spotlight On: Biomedical Services

By Patrece Young-Cuffie, IS Trainer and Virgil Smoot, Director – Biomedical Services

### Who's Who in BioMed

Virgil Smoot, Biomedical Services Director, has 42 years of experience in the Biomedical Industry. Virgil currently serves on the Advisory Board for ECPI'S Biomedical program. He has served on the board for the North Carolina Biomedical Association and has also served as Vice President/Symposium Chairman twice for the Virginia Biomedical Association. While at CHKD, Virgil gained international experience by going to Moscow on a special project to help set up a six bed Neonatal ICU in a children's hospital. Virgil was selected as "The Manager of The Year" for 2003 by the Virginia Biomedical Association. In his spare time, Virgil enjoys building street rods and customs and showing them. Virgil received his initial Biomed / X-Ray training in the military.

Charles Bell, Biomedical Technician, has been employed with CHKD for over 30 years. He worked initially in Respiratory Therapy and transitioned into Biomedical Services. In his spare time, Charles enjoys bowling.

Lis Carroll, CBET, has a biomedical degree and is also an LPN. Lis serves as a board member on the Virginia Biomedical Association and enjoys traveling in her spare time.

Scott Haney, CBET, is a graduate of ECPI's Biomedical program. In the past, he was involved in Offshore Powerboat Racing as a Crewmember for a professional Team. He also worked as a Machinist and Engine Builder with the honor of having participated in setting three World Records sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association.

Frank McVean, Biomedical Technician II, received his initial Biomed / X-Ray training in the military. Frank enjoys wood working in his off time.

Todd Richards, Biomedical Technician III, served as an international biomedical technician on the advanced team for Operation Smile in a two week, all-volunteer, humanitarian mission to perform cleft lip and palate surgeries and other cranio-facial repairs on children residing in the poorer regions of Venezuela. Todd received his initial Biomed / X-Ray training in the military and enjoys spending time with his family.

Debi Walls, Administrative Assistant, moved to VA from Tampa, FL and is fairly new to Biomedical Services. She attended Hillsborough Community College in Tampa to pursue a degree in Business Administration. In her spare time, Debi loves to travel and especially enjoys watching football.

Omega Wilson, Biomedical Technician II, is a graduate of ECPI's Biomedical Program. In his spare time, Omega enjoys yard work and family events.



Pictured, Front row (left to right): Lis Carroll, Charles Bell, Debi Walls, Scott Haney.  
Back row (left to right): Frank McVean, Omega Wilson, Virgil Smoot,  
Todd Richards

Photo courtesy of Praveesh Mukherjee

## Biomedical Services Responsibilities

Some assigned responsibilities of the Biomedical Services Group are:

- Perform preventative maintenance and safety tests, repairs, and inspections.
- Evaluate biomedical equipment issues and execute appropriate repairs.
- Follow hospital protocol and procedure to document necessary repairs.
- Ensure proper care of spares, tools and test equipment and ensure calibration
- Enhance and maintain technical knowledge of current standards, codes and procedures regarding safe and effective use of medical equipment through independent and/or formal instruction.

Over the past year, the Biomedical Group:

- Performed 2873 preventative maintenance tests
- Processed 2850 work orders
- Maintained a total equipment count of 7569 items (equivalent to approximately 1261 items per technician)

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work-What do Biomed's Need to Know About ALL Three by Sencore, Evidence Based QA by Sonora, Endoscope QA by Northfield, and many more.

You can help us to continue to go from good to great by giving us your input, ideas, updating your personal data with us, and getting the word out that we are here and are trying to improve your VBA. You will read later in this issue about a suggestion from a member that the board of directors received, discussed, voted on, and passed so please let us know what we can do for you. I hope to see all of you in Williamsburg, have a great summer and please be safe.

*Greg Mika, VBA President  
2008*

### VBA BoD Nominations

Per the By-Laws each year five of the 10 members of the VBA Board of Directors either rotate off or are up for re-election.

This year **Lis Carroll**, **Chip Hughes** and **Mark Evans** rotate off the Board after serving their two term limit. In addition **Al Stickler** and **Jeremy Rusher** are completing their first two year term and are eligible for re-election for another two years. The VBA extends its sincere appreciation for the time and work they've given to managing the VBA.

So there are five seats available on the VBA Board. Throw your hat in the ring or nominate someone (please get their permission first) that you feel will help the VBA to continue to grow and move forward.

Email all nominations to any of the current Board members by September 5th so they can be included on the Ballot.

### The VBA Honors Retirees with a Discounted Rate for the Annual Meeting

Thanks to a suggestion and then a formal proposal to the VBA Board of Directors by Virgil Smoot, Director of Biomedical Services at CHKD, Biomed and Clinical Engineering retirees can now attend the VBA's Annual meetings for \$35.00. In June of this year Virgil sent an e-mail to the Board suggesting that a special rate be considered for retirees to attend the annual meeting as some of them have expressed a desire to attend so they can meet up with old friends, network, and share their vast knowledge. The board liked the idea and asked Virgil to make a formal proposal that could be discussed and voted on at the next board meeting. The proposal was received, discussed, and passed a unanimous vote at our July 1<sup>st</sup> conference call board meeting. The \$35 fee is to offset the costs for refreshments and meals that are part of the meeting. There already was a retiree membership level for \$15 a year so for \$50 a year a retiree can maintain their membership and attend the annual meeting thanks to a great suggestion by Virgil. If any member has a suggestion, question, or etc please feel free to contact any board member who will then share with the rest of the board. Thanks again Virgil, we really appreciate your efforts with this great benefit.

### VBA 2008 Biomed of the Year

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 2008 "Biomed of the Year" will be announced at the 2008 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 5, 2008

**Mail:** Virginia Biomedical Association, P.O. Box 1958, Yorktown, Va 23692 or

**E-Mail:** [webmaster@vabiomed.org](mailto:webmaster@vabiomed.org)

**On-Line form:** [Biomed of the Year Nomination](#)

**Please provide the following information about your nominee:**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where employed : \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWPORT HT50 VENT TECHNICAL TRAINING CLASS



**Date:** September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Location:** Virginia Biomedical Association Annual meeting at the Kingsmill Marriott.

## **Class Information:**

This class will enable you to maintain the Newport HT50 Vent, and cover the following:

- Theory of Pneumatic Operation
- Theory of Electronic Operation
- Electronic Calibration
- Operation Verification Procedure
- Removal/Installation of Major Sub Assemblies
- Service and Training Manuals will be provided

## **Vents & tools Not Included:**

Newport Medical does not provide HT50 Vents or tools for this training, but it is necessary to have at least (1) HT50 Vent and one set of tools per every two students. If your facility has a HT50 Vent and tools you can use for the training, please let us know when you register for the class. If your facility does not have these items you can use, we will try to pair you with someone who is able to bring them.

## **Registration:**

Newport Medical recommends the class size for this training be kept at a maximum of 25 people; therefore we ask that you pre-register by Friday September 12, 2008. The first 25 people to register will be accepted into the class. Call Ashley Kindig to register for the class, then if accepted, you will need to register for the VBA meeting itself. There is no additional fee for this class. If interested please register as soon as possible.

**If you have any questions or would like to register contact:**

**Ashley Kindig at 434-982-7095**

**VBA Class Summary**  
**Good to Great in 2008 – Taking the Next Step**  
**September 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Keynote Speaker – Manny Roman**

Time: 8:00-9:00am

Company: Ditec Inc.

“When You Think You Are Done, Take One Extra Step”

• **Logiq 9 Ultrasound Course**

Time: September 14-19<sup>th</sup> Two Day Class                      8:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00

Company: Global Medical Imaging                              Presenter: TBA

Class Goal: Global Medical Imaging is proud to offer a course on the Logiq 9 Ultrasound platform. This course will offer in depth training for experienced Biomedics or ultrasound engineers. The course will cover hands on testing, trouble shooting, knobology and discussion of most common issues and resolutions. This class will make participants become a platform expert with comprehensive service skills. It will be a 2 day course and is designed for the biomed with previous ultrasound experience and have covered the topics in first response training. **There is very limited space available for this course and previous ultrasound experience is required, therefore pre-registration is required. There is no charge for this class and it will fill up fast. Please contact Kim Beckwith at 434-982-7098**

• **Newport HT50 Ventilator Course**

Time: September 18-19<sup>th</sup> Two Day Class                      10:30-12:30 & 2:30-4:30

Company: Newport Medical                                      Presenter: TBA

Class Goal: This course will enable you to maintain the Newport HT50 Vent. Course will cover Theory of Pneumatic and Electrical Operation, Electronic Calibration, Operation Verification, and Removal/Installation of Major Sub Assemblies. Service and Training Manual will be provided. Vent & Tools not included (If you can bring one to the class it would be greatly appreciated. **Pre-registration is required – Please contact Ashley Kindig at 434-982-7095.**

• **HDTV, VOR & PACS – What Biomedics Need to Know about all Three**

Time: September 18<sup>th</sup> All Day                                      10:30-12:30 & 2:30-4:30

Company: Sencore Inc.    Presenter: Scott Reardon

Class Goal: HDTV, OR video systems, and even the PACS network have more in common than one might expect. All three have long established system specifications and quality standards relating to the entire image acquisition, transmission and display chain. This session will focus on a topic of personal interest to nearly everyone (especially with the pending digital TV “change-over” in February 2009), HDTV, and how it relates to displayed image quality in the clinical setting where it matters most.

• **Evidence Based QA**

Time: September 18<sup>th</sup> All Day                                      10:30-12:30 & 2:30-4:30

Company: Sonora Medical Systems                              Presenter: Jim Carr

Class Goal:

• **Electrosurgical Units**

Time: September 18<sup>th</sup>    10:30-12:30

Company: Erbe    Presenter: Rick Steward

Class Goal:

• **Managing Equipment with RFID & Real TimeLocation Technology**

Time: September 18<sup>th</sup>    2:30-4:30

Company: RadarFind Corporation                                      Presenter: Dr. Vincent N. Carrasco, M.D.

Class Goal: An overview of RFID and the distinctions between different equipment technologies. Several case studies will be presented discussing implementation, lessons learned and actual benefits realized by the hospital involved.



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**Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Keynote Speaker – Dr. Vincent N. Carrasco, M.D.**

Time: 8:00-9:00am

Company: RadarFind Corporation

“Striving Toward Excellence through Improved Process”

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• **Flexible Scope Course**

Time: September 19<sup>th</sup>

10:30-12:30

Company: Northfield Instrument Services

Presenter: Tom Kief

Class Goal: This course will introduce Biomedics to flexible scopes. It will cover the major scope functions, scope anatomy and parts, proper care and handling, and leak testing.

• **Blood Pressure Techniques**

Time: September 19<sup>th</sup>

10:30-12:30

Company: Welch Allyn

Presenter: John Sellers, RN

Class Goal: This course will help Biomedics better understand the subject of blood pressure taking techniques. This will allow BMETs to provide quality in-services to the clinical staff.

• **Never Events and How Biomedical Engineering can Impact Them**

Time: September 19<sup>th</sup>

10:30-12:30

Company: VA National Center for Patient Safety

Presenter: Thomas J. Bauld, Ph.D.

Class Goal: Eliminating the “Never Events” developed by the National Quality Forum. Of the 28 adverse events that are serious, inexcusable and largely preventable, there a dozen that CE staff can directly impact. Several are typically addressed by an enhanced application of the standard elements of a clinical engineering program, and others require a new focused effort.



## 2008 Annual VBA Golf Tournament

**This year's tournament will be held Sept. 17, 2008 at  
Newport News Golf Club**

**Cost will be \$75 per golfer or \$300 per team**

The format will be a 4 man Captains choice. Each golfer will tee off and then the best ball will be selected and every one will then hit from that spot. A drive from each golfer must be used at least once per 9 holes. Again the best shot will be picked and everyone will hit from there. Once on the green everyone will attempt to putt. If a golfer misses the putt and then taps in the hole, that score will be recorded and the team will move to next hole. Teams with lowest net score will be the winner. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place teams. There will also be a longest drive hole as well as two closest to the pin holes. The first tee time will be at 12:00 noon and continue until all teams have started. After the last team comes in we will have a meal and give out prizes and have door prizes as well.

**Contact- Kevin Breen, 757-886-6596, kevin-breen@aramark.com**

**Please send payment to VBA/Golf PO Box 1958, Yorktown, Va. 23692 by Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

### ***Directions:***

- 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

**See Golf Registration Form on Pg 11**

## VBA KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Don't miss the Keynote Sessions kicking off the VBA Annual Meeting each day.

On Thursday Sept 18th, Manny Roman will give us the inside scoop on how to go "Good to Great" with the extra mile in Customer Service. And then on Friday, Sept 19th, Dr. Vincent Carrasco will show us the path to Excellence using Improved Processes.

### Manny Roman, CRES

Manny Roman is President and co-founder of the Diagnostic Imaging Technical Education Center, Inc. (DITEC) an independent radiology service training institute in Solon, Ohio. With over twenty years in the radiology maintenance profession his knowledge of radiology is extensive, it includes designing, developing, conducting and managing diagnostic imaging service training and support programs for original equipment manufacturers, independent service organizations, and in-house hospital service professionals. His electronics training was received during his ten years in the US Army where he taught electronics and radar maintenance courses for four years. He has an AS degree from Cochise College, Douglas Arizona and is a member of numerous Biomedical Engineering Societies throughout the country. He is the 158th person to hold certification as a Certified Radiological Equipment Specialist. Manny is also listed in the U.S. Registry's Who's Who Among Outstanding Americans. Manny has been interviewed numerous times by industry publications and is a published author in diagnostic imaging.

Some of Manny's most cherished accolades:

Virginia Biomedical Association - Lifetime Achievement Award

Biomedical Associations of Wisconsin - Lifetime Benefactor Award

North Carolina Biomedical Association - Honorary Lifetime Membership

Ohio Clinical Engineering Association - Special Support Recognition

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### Dr. Vincent N. Carrasco, M.D.

Dr. Carrasco is a former tenured professor of surgery at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine with 25+ years of health care experience, including working as an academic educator, research scientist, surgeon and hospital clinic administrator. He offers a unique hospital perspective from his deep involvement with developing innovative medical device and imaging technology, computerized planning tools, hospital software and IT infrastructure, and implementing new patient care delivery systems. He has presented educational sessions at A.A.M.I. (Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation), the Virginia Biomedical Association annual conference and the Society for Health Systems annual conference. In 2007 he received a governor's commendation for voluntary work on a North Carolina statewide committee developing a national unified health record.

### Golf Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Playing Partners: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please fax to Kevin Breen at 757-886-6614

Sending in \$ \_\_\_\_\_ via check to VBA, Box 1958, Yorktown, Va. 23692

# Virginia Biomedical Association

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Symposium- September 18-19, 2008

Williamsburg Marriott, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

## Vendor/Exhibitor Registration Form

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to Receive correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name for Exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific neighbor: \_\_\_\_\_ Do not place me near: \_\_\_\_\_

### **GOLD LEVEL**

\*Ideal location in Meeting Room \*6' Display table with skirting

\*Access to electrical power (ext. cord helpful) \*Two chairs

\*Listed in Meeting Program and Newsletter \*Meals for two for 2 days

\*Price- \$395.00

### **PLATINUM LEVEL**

\*Ideal location in Meeting Room \*6' Display table with skirting

\*Access to electrical power (ext. cord helpful) \*Two chairs

\*Free link to vendor website on VBA web \*Meals for two for 2 days

\*Free Half Page Advertisement in Quarterly Newsletter (color copy)

\*Free Half Page Advertisement in Meeting Program (black and white copy)

\*Price- \$595.00

**The following sponsorship opportunities are available:**

**Lunch sponsorship \$1,500.00** – Recognition throughout the meeting and in the Meeting Program and Quarterly Newsletter for sponsoring lunch on Thursday (Sept 18<sup>th</sup>) or Friday (Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Breakfast sponsorship \$500.00-** Recognition throughout the meeting and in the Meeting Program and an advertisement in the Quarterly Newsletter.

**Break sponsorship \$250.00** – Recognition throughout the meeting and in the Meeting Program

**Advertising in Annual Meeting program \$150.00** - Full page advertisement in one of three locations- inside front, inside back and back cover (black and white copy).

**Golf Tournament Sponsor \$500.00-** Recognition at Golf Tournament, in Meeting program and in the Quarterly Newsletter.

**Academic/Scholarship donation-** Any amount welcome and greatly appreciated.

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## VBA Manager of the Year

In order to recognize the individual who contributes the most to excellence and professionalism to the medical equipment service industry while in a management/supervisory capacity, the Virginia Biomedical Association's board of directors is proud to present the "Manager of the Year" award, sponsored by Technology in Medicine, Inc. This person is chosen from nominees submitted by VBA members. If you know a Manager in the Medical Equipment Service Field who deserves this recognition, please send in your nomination. The 2008 "Manager of the Year" will be announced at the annual meeting in September 2008 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 the 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 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 Manager of the Year will receive a plaque and a \$500.00 cash prize
7. Submit nominations by: September 5, 2008

**Mail:** Virginia Biomedical Association, P.O. Box 1958, Yorktown, Va 23692 or

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**On-Line form:** [Manager of the Year Nomination](#)

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## Upcoming Events

**VBA Board of Directors - Teleconference Aug 2008.**

**Date/Time - TBA**

**VBA Board of Directors - September 17, 2008**

**Williamsburg Marriott Time: TBA**

**VBA 15th Annual Meeting - Kingsmill Marriott, Williamsburg, Va. September 17-19, 2008**

**VBA Winter Meeting - Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, Va. February, 2009**



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