Annual Meeting
HTF held its annual meeting following the 2013 AAMI Exposition in Long Beach, CA on June 4th. The VA VISN 21 headquarters was kind enough to provide accommodations. Attendees included Tobey Clark, Izabella Gieras, Paul Coss, Jennifer Jackson, Jim Keller, Tom Bauld, Don Tucker, Ted Cohen and Jennifer Ott. Hank Stankiewicz even joined the entire time via phone! It is always good to have a live discussion and focus on the strategic plan of HTF.

The first order of business was elections. The executive slate will remain as is: Tobey Clark – President, Jennifer Jackson – Vice President, Jennifer Ott – Secretary, Henry Montenegro – Treasurer, Bill Hyman – Past President. Don Tucker, Marcia Wylie, and Ted Cohen will start their second term on the board. Jim Wear will move to the advisory board. We currently have 2 open board positions and brainstormed ideas to complement our strategic plans. One item of importance is to maintain depth for succession planning. These discussions will continue at future meetings.

Fundraising
In order to maintain a viable foundation, funds need to be generated. Tobey Clark, Jennifer Ott, Tom Bauld and Paul Coss utilized the opportunity of the AAMI Expo to further develop contacts, introduce HTF and the strategic projects and funding opportunities to a variety of vendors. ACCE members are also a great source of opportunity for contacts and potential donations. Like what we are doing? Feel free to donate, every bit helps! Don’t like what we are doing? Contact us and give us some feedback. Our mission is above. We want your assistance to bring it to fruition! If we could go to vendors and mention that the entire HTF Board plus all the ACCE members believe in what we do, we could really further the mission.

Patient Education on Technology Safety
The ad hoc group continues to review the next brochure: *Home Infusion – A Safety Guide for Patients and Caregivers*. We hope to release this in the next few weeks. Do you see any need for public education materials? If so, please drop us a line. This is an important part of work to fulfill our mission.
AAMI/FDA is hosting a summit on Healthcare Technology in Nonclinical Settings in October. Our goal is to get some time to educate on our current brochures and further develop opportunities for distribution and future topics. We are also entertaining the idea of turning these brochures into videos. Exploration will continue.

**Clinical Alarm Management**
HTF was fortunate to co-host with the AAMI Healthcare Technology Safety Institute an Alarms Systems Management Roundtable the last day of the AAMI conference. Despite having to compete with the Technical Iconoclast session we did draw more than 65 attendees who were deeply engaged in the topic and provided great dialogue and discussion. The ad hoc group is currently reviewing the notes taken at the session and developing a plan of action. We hope to utilize AAMI resources to continue the dialogue and share best practices. There is already a webinar in development with ACCE to be held in the fall.

Marge Funk is putting the final touches on a paper to be submitted to the American Journal of Critical Care. This will go far to further enhance our relationship with other clinical societies on such an important multi-discipline topic. She is also working with another Yale nursing faculty member, Linda Pellico, in analyzing the comments received on the most recent alarm survey. This is an arduous process but worthwhile. More on this will be shared as developed.

HTF and AAMI also held a breakfast session on Alarms Management at the National Patient Safety Foundation in May. It too was well attended. Presentations were made by Gerry Castro, Director of Patient Safety Initiatives at TJC, and Dr. Adam Saperstein of Johns Hopkins. Industry representative were very engaged in discussions. We hope to follow-up on the contacts made.

**Managing Risks of Integrated Systems & Networks in the Healthcare Environment**
Request for Proposal is out from AAMI and HTF to develop content for a training program on risk management of integrated systems.

The project entails subject matter experts developing one or more modules on networking and integration; ANSI/AAMI/IEC 80001-1 Risk Management; project and change management; and tools and resources to sustain safe integrated systems related to networked environments. In addition to drafting content, developers will present materials at face-to-face workshops held in late 2013 and 2014 and further expand and adapt content for an online program. The link to the announcement and RFP is


All proposals must be received no later than 5:30 p.m. ET on June 14, 2013.
Be sure to visit the HTF website to see all the latest news from the foundation, our programs, and resources. While you are there, feel free to hit the DONATE NOW button. We will accept them anytime and they are always tax deductible!

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