Healthcare Technology Foundation News

Annual Meeting

The Foundation Board met in Orlando preceding the HIMSS conference. The full day session was followed by a dinner with the ACCE board and guests from IEEE/EMBS. The Foundation Board added several new initiatives to its busy agenda, and elected new Board members including Tom Judd and Denise Korniewicz. Denise (who received the ACCE’s 2008 Challenge Award) was previously an advisory board member. A board position for the Chair of the Healthcare Technology Certification Commission is also being created which will be filled by the current chair Caroline Campbell. Board members completing their multiple terms are Frank Painter and Elliot Sloane. Elliot will continue to serve as an advisory member, and Frank will direct several new initiatives approved by the Board. The officers of the Board remain the same for 2008.

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The new initiatives include

In addition the Foundation will be active in monitoring the role out of the AHRQ defined Patient Safety Organizations with particular reference to the PSOs impact on clinical engineering and the proper role of the Foundation. Watch the Foundations web page for the roll-out of the new initiatives, and for your opportunity to become part of a one of the working groups.

2008 Marvin Shepherd Patient Safety Award: The 2008 dual winners of the Marvin Shepherd Patient Safety Award were announced at the ACCE membership meeting. These winners are Matthew Baratich and ???

Clinical Engineering Excellence Award (CE²):

Several excellent applications for the first CE² award are under review. Watch for the announcement of the first winner for this award for excellence in clinical engineering through recognition of best practices in broad institutional leadership.

Patient Safety Brochures

The next patient safety brochure from the Foundation on the safe use of oxygen will be available soon. As with our previous brochure on bringing personal medical devices to the hospital, the oxygen brochure will be available in hard copy and as a download from the Foundation’s website (http://www.acce-htf.org/about.asp).

Donations in Honor Of: The Foundation’s initiative in accepting donations in honor of was kicked off by Tobey Clark’s donation in honor of
In addition to your personal support, donations to the Foundation can be made “in honor/recognition of…” with the honoree receiving an announcement to this effect from the Foundation. Consider this low-carbon-footprint means of recognizing your professional colleagues.

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