Healthcare Technology Foundation News

New Officers and Board Members Announced

New Board officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Board of the Foundation, which preceded HiMSS in Chicago. These are: William Hyman, President; Tobey Clark, Vice President; Jennifer Ott, Secretary; Henry Montenegro, Treasurer and Wayne Morse, Immediate Past President. Yadin David will continue his active participation as President Emeritus. Two new Board members were elected: Larry Fennigkoh, Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the Milwaukee School of Engineering; and Nancy Presley, Special Assistant in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health of the FDA. Two new Advisory Board members were also added: Mike Dashekfsky, Vice President at Nihon Kohden America; and Dan Schneider, President/CEO of The Schneider Group. It is very exciting for us to have three new components of the profession represented on our Board; FDA, the medical device industry, and the insurance industry. Continuing Board members are Thomas Bauld, David Dickey, Jim Keller, Henry Stankiewicz and James Wear. In addition Jennifer Jackson represents ACCE, Caroline Campbell represents the Healthcare Technology Certification Commission, and Eliot Sloane continues as an Advisory Board member. Further details on the professional affiliations of the Board are available at our web site, http://www.acce-htf.org/.

The Board had a full day of strategic planning with respect to our current and planned projects, future funding opportunities and new collaborative initiatives. The development of patient safety brochures is ongoing with Dialysis soon to join Bringing Medical Devices from Home to the Hospital, and Home Oxygen Safety. These popular brochures are available as free downloads from the web site in both English and Spanish. Our contributions to clinical alarm safety are entering a new phase, and our leadership program, ExCEL will be adding additional activities beyond the award itself. The Marvin Sheperd Safety Award and clinical engineering certification are ongoing, and several new initiatives are in the planning stage. These activities are all volunteer based, and additional help is always welcome. The Foundation Board also met with the ACCE Board, and both presidents are interested in new synergies between these co-named but separate organizations.

Donations of time and money to the Foundation

As always, the Foundation needs your help! We continue to work on the issue of improving clinical alarms and associated processes, and on the next patient safety brochures. We also have initiatives in other areas of broad interest to clinical engineering and healthcare delivery as listed on our web site. As we all know individually, and as organization members, active participants are essential to the performance of volunteer based activities. While it may sometimes appear that our organizations are run by “insiders”, it is in fact easy to become one of them--just volunteer to work on a project, and then actively contribute. You then become known and more importantly recognized for your work, and hence a member of the too-short list of those who can be relied upon to play active roles. Please also remember the Foundation in terms of your personal
donations. Donations “in honor/recognition of…” are also always welcome and will be recognized with a suitable communication to the honoree.

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