

Florida Biomedical Society

FBS Biomed Buzz

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- FBS Symposium 2018 is almost here
- The Value of Attending
- FBS returns to Disney's Coronado Springs Resort December, 2019

Florida Biomedical Society News

The Florida Biomedical Society was founded in 1985 with one of its objectives being to promote the free exchange of ideas and information involved in the Biomedical Engineering Disciplines. The FBS Newsletter is produced for and by the Biomedics of Florida.



Florida Biomedical Society Members at the close of the 2013 Symposium

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FBS Symposium 2018 is almost Here!

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If you have not registered yet, Do it Now!

This years event will include all the Networking opportunities and Education that make FBS the best.

The activities start off with a Thursday evening Kick off event at Top Golf Orlando to support Tyler's Hope.

Friday morning the FBS annual golf tournament takes place at The Disney Palm golf course.

Educational opportunities also start on Friday with OEM training by Bovie Medical, a full day course

on X-ray service presented by Technical Prospects, and a half day course on sterilizer service presented by Steris IMS.

Friday evening the Exhibit Hall opens at 4:30 pm and attendees can enjoy happy hour while browsing the presentations of over 100 exhibitors. Following the exhibit hall opening, attendees and vendors mingle at the lakeside vendor reception. But the night is not over yet! Disco Party in the convention center 9pm to 11 pm.— Sponsored by CE Tech and Sodexo.



FBS Awards and Scholarships

FBS BMET of the Year



The FBS BMET of the year is someone who embraces and works to achieve the goals and values of the FBS Society and works for the betterment of the Biomedical Profession.

The FBS BMET of Year was established as a way to recognize those biomedical professionals that distinguish themselves during the course of each calendar year. Each chapter may submit a nominee as their BMET of the Year. The FBS BMET of the year is then selected from the nominees. The FBS BMET of the year is

someone who embraces and works to achieve the goals and values of the FBS Society and works for the betterment of the

Biomedical Profession. Many Exceptional biomedes have the distinction of being past FBS BMET of the Year.



FBS Scholarships



Bill Yandell

The Florida Biomedical Society awards up to three scholarships each year.

The Bob White & Kevin Joyce Memorial Scholarship Fund is dedicated to the memory of Bob White & Kevin Joyce, long time members of the FBS Board of Directors. Congratulations 2017 awardee: Lourdes Gonzales

The Bruce McGuire Memorial Scholarship Fund is dedicated to the memory of Bruce

McGuire as a tribute to his passion for our profession.

The Bill Yandell Memorial Scholarship Fund is dedicated to the memory of Bill Yandell, life time champion for the Biomedical Community and the Florida Biomedical Society.

The purpose of these funds is to provide scholarship assistances to qualified applicants for continuing academic pursuit in the field of biomedical engineering. The beneficiaries of the

program shall be people who are studying to start, or further a career in the biomedical profession. Preference will be given to FBS members, relatives of FBS members or U.S. Veterans. These scholarship funds have been established and will serve to assist our members as they continue to advance their professional education.



Bruce McGuire

FBS's President's Award

The Florida Biomedical Society holds an awards ceremony as part of its annual symposium.

Each year FBS awards up to three scholarships to deserving students. The society also recognizes nominees for BMET of the year from the individual chapters and selects one of them as the FBS BMET of the Year.

FBS's President may select an outstanding vendor OEM or ISO to receive the special recognition of the FBS Presidents Award.

The FBS President's award was created to recognize a vendor,

OEM or ISO that has distinguished themselves in the Florida Biomedical Community by providing outstanding service, supporting of Biomedical societies, educational outreach and humanitarian aid and support to communities in need.

The First FBS President's award was presented to [AIV](#) in 2013. [Southeastern Biomedical](#) received the award in 2014 followed by [USOC](#) in 2015 and [CE-TECH](#) in 2016. [Sonodepot](#) was the 2017 FBS President's award recipient.



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The Value of Attending the FBS Symposium by Carlos R. Villafañe, CBET

If you have attended the Florida Biomedical Society Symposium at any moment in the past, you'll know that during the 3 days of the Symposium we had the opportunity of participating in various activities: from raising funds for Dystonia patients (Tyler's Hope) to attending free Technical Training. We also had fun, had great food and camaraderie!

Although we have hundreds of people going to our symposiums, I've

noticed that many technicians and biomed students from the region don't attend. Sadly, I believe that some individuals don't see the value of participating in events like these.

Why it's important for biomed technicians and students to attend Conferences, Trade Shows and Symposiums?

As Biomed Technicians in our Healthcare Technology Management field

(HTM), attending these trade shows gives us an opportunity to see new medical devices and technologies, meet vendors and fellow technicians, meet publishing agencies representatives, share knowledge and learn from experts on the field. But if you are a student, the benefits can be much more than that!



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FBS 2018 Corporate Affiliates

FBS Corporate Affiliation is open to any company, Independent Service Organization (ISO), or institution engaged in healthcare technology management or related healthcare service.



FBS Membership

FBS offers five levels of membership: full, associate, student, at-large, and corporate.

FULL:

Full membership is available to individuals who are professionally engaged in biomedical activities as their primary means of income.

ASSOCIATE:

Associate membership is available to individuals who are interested in the objectives of the society but do not meet eligibility requirements.

STUDENT:

An individual who is a student of biomedical engineering or technology with a recognizable school or college. Student members may not vote or hold office.

AT-LARGE:

An individual who is professionally engaged in biomedical activities as their primary means of income. This individual is not able to be a member of a local society. At Large members may vote and/or hold office in the society.

CORPORATE AFFILIATE:

Corporate Affiliation membership is available to individuals who represent firms that provide products and/or services to healthcare facilities, i.e., representatives of manufacturers, vendors, contractors, distributors and consultants

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<https://fbsonline.net/membership.html>

Or join your local Chapter

As an individual full member of any of these local societies, you are also a member of FBS

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[GCBS](#)

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[NEFAMI](#)

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Saturday Morning starts off with a breakfast reception featuring keynote speaker Rob Moorey of Trimedx. Next, FBS will present awards and scholarships. Find out more about FBS Awards and scholarships.

Saturday will include a full day of Education.

Attendees can choose from a wide variety of offerings, including full day service partner

training on the Bladder scan Prime Plus from Verathon Medical. There is something for everyone - check out the full schedule of events and see all of the education opportunities from the FBS Attendee Homepage [HERE](#)

<https://fbsonline.net/page23.html>

Classes break Saturday 11:45 am to 3:30pm while the Exhibit Hall is open. Lunch with vendors in the

exhibit hall is sponsored by Southeastern Biomedical.

After the exhibit hall closes and the final class sessions finish, FBS attendees and exhibitors who have registered for the Epcot event will walk from the Yacht Club to Epcot. FBS's annual event will begin with a reception at the Living Seas followed by private firework viewing and deserts in France. Sponsored by AIV and CE tech.



FBS's Board of Directors for 2018



FBS 2016 Board of Directors

The state society's function is to augment the local societies and deal with matters that require their combined efforts for statewide support. Its most visible function is to run an annual meeting where members have the opportunity to meet with other biomedical engineering professionals to exchange ideas and learn about new technologies and procedures.

Who are the volunteers who make up the FBS board and what are their functions? We will take a look at the various positions and the Biomed professionals who have fulfilled them this year.

Each year the FBS membership nominates from their membership and holds elections for the positions of: **President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.** The FBS membership nominates and elects one of their members to be **President Elect.** This person will automatically advance to the position of **President** upon completion

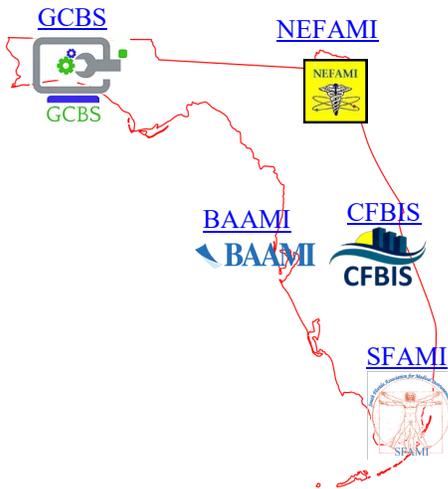
of a one year term as President Elect, and can act as a stand in for the President. After completing one year as **President**, this individual automatically assumes the position of **Past President**. The role of the Florida Biomedical Society's Past President is to act as stand in for the FBS President when needed and to provide advice to the FBS President and Board of Directors. The other two elected positions on the FBS Board are **Secretary** and **Treasurer.**

FBS's **Local Chapter Representatives** are appointed or elected by their local societies. Their role is to act as liaisons for the local biomedical societies to FBS and provide direction and leadership as a voting member of FBS Board of Directors.

The remaining positions on the FBS board are **appointed** by the President with the consent of the Board and are non-voting members. These positions provide vital support for organization of FBS functions and communication with our members and sponsors.

FBS 2018 Board of Directors

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FBS Symposium to Return to Disney's Coronado Springs Resort December, 2019

Save the Date!

December 5-8, 2019

FBS is looking forward to returning to Disney's Coronado Springs Resort for the 2018 Symposium.

We will have all of the great educational, networking and fun events that make FBS the best! FBS's 2019 symposium will be held at the new re-imagined Coronado Springs Resort. The 15 story tower will offer 500 new guest rooms including suites and concierge level services, a new rooftop restaurant and lounge with panoramic views and a new outdoor oasis bar and grill. Arrangements are being made for FBS events and education. Stay tuned for details!

Exhibitors

Exhibitor Booth Space is available for reservation Now

Check out the Exhibit Hall Floorplan and reserve your exhibit space and Sponsorships before its too late!



Attendees

Be the first to know when Education Registration for Attendees is open and get the scoop on Hotel and Event reservations.

Check the [FBS website](#) often, subscribe to the FBS News, and Keep in touch with your **local society's FBS Representative**



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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

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Being a “newbie” in biomed, you can take this opportunity to expand your knowledge. This is one of the best times to do it. How? You’ll start making connections with people that already work in the field: technicians, field engineers, trainers, medical equipment manufacturers, third party vendors, etc. People are there to share what they know! Remember to ask for business cards, as these vendors and technicians will be your coworkers and suppliers in the future. Ask questions and take notes. Take some technical training. You’ll be amazed of the amount of benefits you have as a student. Doing this can also help you decide which of the many branches of the HTM field interests you. (For example: General biomed, Field Services, Digital Imaging, Laboratory equipment, etc.)

At the FBS Symposium, all technical training is offered at no cost and you’ll receive certificates of attendance for each training class you take. Last year I even met a student that flew from Boston to Florida in order to attend the training classes! Other Conferences and shows charge a fee for their training, but most of them offer great discounts to students.

Also, the FBS offers various Scholarships every year: the Bruce McGuire Scholarship, the Bob White & Kevin Joyce Scholarship and most recently, the Bill Yandell scholarship. All scholarships are dedicated to the memory of these great Biomedes as a tribute of their passion for our field and to provide assistance to qualified applicants for continuing their academic pursuit in the field of biomedical engineering.

As you can see, no matter if you are a BMET professional or a student, you can benefit of all these opportunities.

Join your local Biomed/HTM Association. There are 5 chapters in Florida. Attend the yearly FBS Symposium. Get involved!

