

## Association Roundtable

*Insights and advice  
from leaders of local and  
state biomedical associations*



### What was the best session at your last conference, or the session you are most looking forward to at your next conference?



"The Clinical Engineering Society of Illinois' 2013 Annual Conference had so many great sessions with wonderful speakers that this turns out to be a tough question. George Mills' update on the Joint Commission always fills the room, and some of our members won't attend if he's not there. Actually, each of the management,

biomed, imaging, and IT tracks were loaded with hot topics and drew crowds.

My own favorite was a general conference session for everyone during the luncheon given by Mercy Ships, "Bringing Hope and Healing to the World's Forgotten Poor." The shipboard nurse talked about Mercy Ship's mission, and their work in Africa. Many of the people they help had never seen a doctor or had medical treatment in their lifetime. She also talked about life aboard the ship, requirements for a biomed tech, and different ways to volunteer. The work Mercy Ships does is amazing! The reason I thought it was the best session is that it was a reminder to me that we are all really in the business of helping people.

*Rich Soden  
Secretary  
Clinical Engineering Association of Illinois (CEAI)*



"The best session at the 2014 AAMI conference was the keynote address on Monday morning titled, "Bringing Critical Backstage Work to Center Stage— Explaining What It Takes to Deliver Healthcare." This session was filled with short discussions from HTM professionals about the importance each of us brings to quality and

safety. The message that we HTM professionals need to represent and discuss our capabilities to the rest of the healthcare team and to the general public hit the mark, especially considering how many of us do great work but very few know us for our efforts and expertise. I am really looking forward to the next AAMI conference. From my vantage point, I saw AAMI staff start a new level of professionalism and community togetherness at this year's conference. I can only imagine that holding the next conference on the home turf of CABMET [Colorado Association of Biomedical Equipment Technicians], one of the leading technician-level associations, will bring more technicians and service engineers to the community.

*Dustin Telford, CBET, CRES, CLES  
President  
Medical Equipment & Technology Association*



"I am most looking forward to the presentations on alarm management and device integration at our upcoming symposium this November. The two areas appear separate, but the potential for one to build upon the other, especially as both are under the microscope, has the very real potential to be an incredible opportunity for the HTM field to show value."

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