

Planning for the Future of Technology Management

By now you have probably heard about the new AAMI Technology Management Council (TMC), which was formed as a direct result of feedback provided by AAMI members in the medical technology field. What we learned from that survey was that you wanted a mechanism to provide input from the field and have that input transformed into action. Those actions would shape, for the better, the direction of the field. You wanted a vehicle to address high-quality and low-cost training needs and advocacy for the needs of BMETs and clinical engineers. You want an organization that is focused on meeting your needs and requirements—and that's the purpose of the TMC.

The membership of the TMC is diverse. It includes clinical and non-clinical members including BMETs, engineers, a nurse, and executives with numerous collective years of experience in the health care field. This broad range of expertise will serve us well as we seek to serve you.

By the time you read this, we will have had the first Council meeting at the Annual Conference in June. Our first order of business was to develop a strategic plan to help guide us. We will then identify specific action items the Council can take to address those concerns. We will continue to keep you abreast of our actions through various AAMI publications.

Over the last few years, AAMI has taken steps to improve services for technology managers—benefits such as new columns in *BI&T*, an employment survey, online career services, and a special publication focused on information technology issues in health care. With the guidance from the new TMC, services will be expanded and other new benefits will be offered.

I feel fortunate to be able to give back to the field that has given so much to me by serving as a charter member of the Technology Management Council. For the Council to meet its goals and serve your needs, please take the time to provide us with your thoughts. E-mail Steve Campbell, AAMI's vice president of communications at scampbell@aami.org, with your suggestions. We want to hear from you.

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