

NESHMM

An Affiliated Chapter of the Association For Healthcare Resource & Materials Management

New England Society For Healthcare Materials Management

Newsletter: **October, 2011.**



On October 19th. we held our 39th. NESHMM Annual Meeting and dinner. Our board met to review activities for 2011, to review the election results for 2012 and to plan for the New Year. We will have two new board members - Jack Coyle (Secretary) and Rick Buzee (Treasurer) effective from January 1st.. Thank you for all who participated in the elections.

Outgoing Board Members, Paul Pistorino and John Willi were thanked for their contributions this year. Paul agreed to explore a vital communications role for 2012 for NESHMM.

We had 2 education sessions on a very stormy day: "**Process Improvement in Healthcare.**" We learnt of the Cape Cod Healthcare process improvement experience in practical settings. The Presenters were: Jim Seymour, Lori Jewett and Kerry Cummings of Cape Cod Healthcare. An overview of process improvement methods used at Cape Cod Healthcare was outlined by Jim and Lori. Kerry provided substantial details of instrumentation handling/management improvements that have been made between the O.R. and Sterile Processing Departments.

"**What's Next -- ACO?**" We had an administrative overview of what the concept is and then had comments from several segments of the industry as to how they see themselves being affected - Manufacturer, Distributor and Hospital. The panelists were: Robert Giffen, VP Healthcare Policy & Reimbursement, Healthcare Economics, Covidien; James Mahan, VP Educational Services, Yankee Alliance, Inc.; Leo J. Proppe Jr., IDN Director - East Region, Cardinal Health Ambulatory Care; Michael Zwirko, Chief Operating Officer, Holyoke Hospital.

Covidien generously sponsored education for the day. Between sessions John gave a brief outline of AHRMM 2011. Unfortunately the AHRMM board was unable to send a representative.

A listing of our 2012 NESHMM Board membership follows:

President – John G. Hayes, Director of Materials Management, St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center	President Elect – Mike Barry, Operations Director Materials Management Cape Cod Health Systems	Secretary – Jack Coyle, Materials Management Director Faulkner Hospital	Treasurer – Rick Buzee, Executive Director New England Regional Healthcare Cooperative	Past President - Larry Curtis, District Operations Manager Stericycle	Education Chair Alan Tolland Director of Materials Management Norwood Hospital
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We had approx. 60 members for the 2 well received educational sessions and 110 for the annual dinner.

During the dinner we had a number of awards: Optima Shipping given the **Vendor of the Year Award**. In a short time they have found new opportunities in health care while also becoming a strong supporter of NESHMM events.

Eric Berger was the popular recipient for the Daniel J. Brady award for **Materials Manager of the Year**. This was to acknowledge the leadership role he has played in NESHMM, the ongoing work he does for sending out our NESHMM messages and continuing contributions to the profession.

The Allied Group were given a special award for all the materials they supplied for NESHMM at AHRMM 2011. Kevin Kando was the first recipient of the **Marit Davies Educational Scholarship** to the AHRMM 2011 Annual Meeting in Boston.

Thank you to the Education Committee, Vendor Sponsors, Volunteers, the Board and Members who make our organization successful.

John G. Hayes
President - NESHMM

