

**Biomedical Engineering Society Accreditation Activities Committee (BMES/AAC) Meeting Report  
January 20-21, 2007**

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The Committee held its 1.5-day annual meeting in Baltimore. I was unable to attend the meeting, but have been debriefed as to the discussions that took place. I will be receiving the complete minutes of the meeting by March. The agenda included discussion of reports from representatives from the ABET EAC, ABET TAC, ABET Board of Directors, Advisory Council of Cooperating Societies, BE/BME Council of Chairs, and the BMES sponsored training workshops. Much of the meeting was spent discussing BE/BME program reviews from PEVs, and the analysis of those reviews by the "Consultants" assigned to each PEV. The Consultants were members of the BMES/AAC with considerable experience as PEVs. This consensus was supported by the data from evaluations of the PEVs by the team chairs and programs visited.

Applications for new PEVs (both engineering and technology) were reviewed. Several of the applications were ones that I forwarded to the Committee from the IEEE PEV application pool. However, it is my understanding that none those from the "IEEE pool" were approved. In my opinion this is justified as I was not impressed with the biomedical backgrounds of any of those applicants.

There was some discussion regarding the inclusion of a "clinical component" to the program criteria. In addition issues related to listing admission to medical school as a program objective were also discussed.

The Committee elected a new chair, Donna Bea Tillman Ph.D. Dr. Tillman is the Director of the Office of Device Evaluation for the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

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