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NCBA President

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PRESIDENT'S FORUM

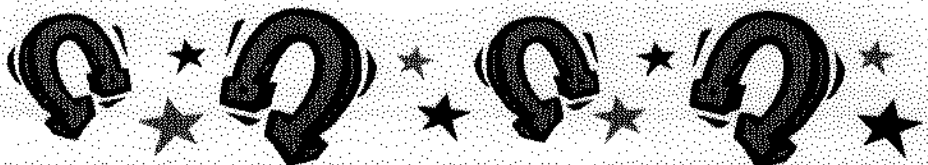
EDUCATION! Going back to the beginnings of the NCBA, education has been our number one priority. Each year we endeavor to bring to our members, meaningful educational experiences, culminating in the Annual Symposium in the fall. This message has been repeated many times over the years, but recently the value of the NCBA education programs has been brought home to me very directly.

Several months ago I had to fill a vacancy in the team that covers the Surgery and Anesthesia areas here at Duke Medical Center. The technician that was ultimately hired to fill the position told me several weeks after he started that the NCBA classes he had taken over the years gave him a significant advantage in getting started with his new responsibilities. His previous employment required him to be highly specialized, but he continued to take classes at the Symposium on lasers, electrosurgery, monitoring equipment and fiberoptic systems. He understood that ultimately these classes would prove to be beneficial to his professional advancement, even though they were not relevant to his duties at the time he took the classes.

We all have to look to our own technical and professional advancement. The NCBA is developing a series of classes for our Annual Symposium that will offer something meaningful to all

of us - students, entry level technicians, the "old pro" and managers. I would encourage all of you to look at the Symposium program with your future in mind. I have sometimes found myself limiting my Symposium selections to those classes that are directly related to my current duties. While that may be beneficial in the short term, you are limiting yourself and short-changing your employer if you don't strive for advancement and growth. I'm sure that every one of you reading this will agree that you are performing more advanced and challenging work now than you were several years ago.

You can't get there without education and the NCBA needs to be your first and best source for that education. If we are not meeting your needs, we need to know about it. Virtually every class and program developed by the NCBA is in direct response to surveys and feedback from our members. Without your guidance, we are only guessing about your needs. My phone number and e-mail address are printed elsewhere in this newsletter and I am encouraging all of you to comment on our past programs and provide direction for our future. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in December at the Pinehurst Resort - this is going to be a great year.



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NCBA News intends to disseminate information and ideas to its subscribers. While the NCBA News accurately reflects the source of the articles, the content is of variable quality and validity. The Newsletter Committee will attempt to verify all articles, but neither the Editor nor the NCBA is responsible for information.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!! Articles of interest to our readers are constantly needed and sometimes in short supply. If you have written any articles that may be of interest to our readers, submit it to Newsletter Committee Chairman Lane Rushing.

CBET CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

In May of this year I had the privilege of taking the CBET examination in Greensboro, North Carolina. I have to thank Howard Wigle, for the encouragement and opportunity that he extended to each member of our department, that participated in the May examination. The CBET exam is not easy to pass, at least from my perspective it was not. To be successful, one must spend a lot of time in preparation by studying the material to be covered on each of the five sections of the test. Knowing what to study is the difficult part, especially for the first timers. As good a job as you might think you did, you still wonder right up to the last day, if you studied long and hard enough, and whether you forget something in the process. Personally, I found it helpful to discuss the material in the AAMI Study Guide with my fellow employees, especially those who had already obtained their certification. This gave me the insight and confidence I needed to take the test. After completing the exam, I found that there were some questions that really made me stop and think, and ask the question "how does this apply to biomedical technology." Perhaps this was one of those situations in which it is not for us to question why, but do or die.

Thankfully, I was fortunate enough to pass the test, and having done so, can not begin to tell you how proud I am to be a Certified Biomedical Equipment Technician. I would like to challenge each and every BMET to take the CBET examination and to continue to take it as many times as may be required to achieve this special recognition. It will be well worth your time and effort; I guarantee it! As my closing comment, I would hope that every CE Manager would show their support for certification by sponsoring their employees, as my Manager did for me.

By Ronnie M. McBride, CBET

Balance Sheet

As of 6/20/09

Account	6/20/2000 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Eddie Whisnant	1,500.00
NCBA First Citizens	42,442.31
NCBA First Union	0.00
Norman Reeves	1,500.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 45,442.31
Other Assets	
Certificate of Deposit	20,000.00
Certificate of Deposit	20,000.00
Certificate of Deposit	0.00
NCBA Asset List	1,738.38
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ 41,738.38
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 87,180.69
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
EQUITY	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 87,180.69

Membership Update June, 2000

We are here in the middle of the year and membership activity is slow. There has been a couple of renewals, changing our current membership in the NCBA to as follows: 251 Individual members, 195 Corporate, 15 Students, 12 Honorary, and 4 Associate members for a total of 477 members.

The most important thing to know is that symposium information will be coming in the next quarter or so and I want to

be sure that if you have moved or your address has changed that we receive that information prior to the mailings. Please send name, address, phone number, email address, and employer changes to the following:

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The Certification Saga Continues....

By Brian R. Poplin

I promised all of you that I would keep the organization updated on the progress of the CCE certification program. I know we are fortunate to have some CCE members in our ranks, and I applaud your efforts. However, on June 5, 2000 the United States Certification Commission (USCC) gave preliminary approval to the American College of Clinical Engineers (ACCE) to move forward as secretariat of the CCE exam process. This move severely hinders the possibility of adapting the exam for our professional majority; biomedical equipment technicians and managers.

By allowing the program to be assumed by the ACCE the ASHE Clinical Engineering committee was forced to reexamine the possibility of creating a certification of professional relevance. The current CCE exam focuses on a very narrow segment of the biomedical community, and provides little benefit to technicians seeking to advance their position in the field. I received feedback from a few members of our organization related to the ASHE development of a clinical technology certification that could be used

as a stepping stone for future advancement within the field. This proposal would be very different from the CCE exam in that the focus would be on technology management and would be accessible to all biomedical professionals based on an education vs. experience approach.

Some of you recently received a survey related to certification from ASHE and completed it, thank you. I am pleased to tell you the initial sampling of clinical engineering identified a 82% favorable response to creating a certification program through the American Hospital Association certification center. This positive response must now be followed up on with a 100% survey of clinical engineering members of ASHE to assess the viability of the exam. I encourage all ASHE members to fax their survey in and let your opinion be heard. Additionally, if you are not a member of ASHE and want to contribute to this process please feel free to e-mail me at brian.r.poplin@duke.edu or call 919-681-2525.

Thanks for your input, and "I'll keep you posted."

very welcome during our week stay, and of course a very special thank you to Jay Mathis, CRES for his excellent instruction.

NCBA Board Meeting May 19, 2000

Members present:

Glenn Scales, Howard Wigle, Brian Poplin, Linda Leitch, Ray Laxton, Obie Godley, Chris Dissinger, Tommy Ballard, Lane Rushing, Jim Tripp, and Dan Harrison.

The board meeting began with a presentation from Triangle Community Foundation represented by Frank Stang. The purpose of the presentation was to provide the NCBA with some diversity with Association funds. The partnership will allow the NCBA to receive funds through different avenues such as stocks, partners, memorials, and grants. It would also offer the security in that management is more in control. A discussion took place as to how the Association may benefit from the partnership. A problem was found with the Association's tax status. The Association has a 501C6 tax status but needs a 501C3. The Foundation would do research on that particular issue and report back to the Association to its findings. A 501C3 account can be created, but tax and audit issues are uncertain. The newly formed account would be a charitable organization and may not be named as NCBA but would have "Foundation" in place of "Association". It may be used to sponsor the golf tournament providing that it be held at a different time during the year. In that respect the Association could receive donations and charitable contributions. More research is needed.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were not available for board members. The minutes had been e-mailed to the members and there were no issues. Brian made a motion to approve. Chris seconded the motion.

Treasurer: Jim reported that the phone bills were to be paid. The Association bonds have reached \$100,000

Caldwell Community College goes to DITEC

Caldwell Community College's second year BMET class has recently returned from DITEC level one x-ray training boasting a 100% passing rate. For the past four years the second year BMET class at Caldwell Community College has traveled to Cleveland to attend DITEC for level one x-ray training. All the students' comments were overwhelmingly positive. As graduating student Chad Cook said, "I didn't think it would be that hard but, I learned a lot."

The students spent many hours in the evening studying the material covered that day and trying to prepare for the next day's assignment. It wasn't all work and no play, however, for the

students. On Saturday after the final exam the students enjoyed the sights and sounds of downtown Cleveland. Several students enjoyed a game between the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox at Jacob's Field while other went to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. After participating in these activities several students went to the Flats area of Cleveland, the nighttime happening place in the city. All the students seemed to enjoy themselves while learning a lot about x-ray equipment.

Many thanks to Manny and Ruth Roman for making this opportunity available to Caldwell Community College students. Thanks also to the fine staff at DITEC for making us feel

and the recommendation was made to increase the bond insurance to \$150,000.

It was decided to increase the bond insurance. Jim will meet with the IRS before June 15, 2000.

Membership Report: Diane was not present. Glenn presented an e-mailed report from Diane.

Education Report: Lane reported for Sonny. A list of classes and confirmations were handed out. Agilent will give a stand alone class on Project Management as well as at the symposium. The classes will be held on the weeks of July 10 or July 17. Dawn Lovedahl is the contact for the class. The week of the 10th was chosen. Class times are not set. Glenn suggested to contact Ode Kiel or Ted Cone of UC-Davis in California. Fees and honorariums need to be checked. Lane suggested to have the "Jeopardy" battle of the schools and winning school would receive \$200.00. Also, the format for "Who wants to be a Millionaire" was also suggested. Datascope is planning a stand alone class on IABPs. Location or time not set. Schedule would depend on advertisement from newsletter.

Scholarship Report: Lane presented the letter for Joann Adcock of UHS thanking UHS for the \$600.00 scholarship and soliciting for the same this year. It was suggested to include that the scholarship is presented before a large group of biomedical technicians and is good advertisement for the company. The letter was to be changed to say such. It was then to be submitted to Glenn for approval.

Rules and By-Laws Report:

Glenn had nothing to report.

Newsletter Report: Howard reported the newsletter has been sent out. Glenn questioned the return of undeliverable newsletters and that information was not configured correctly. Lines had been left out of addresses. Howard asked for more consistency from printing company. Next issue will include Moses Cone and Cape Fear. Howard would like to write about some of the small hospital biomed departments and possibly travel and visit different shops. Sept-Oct.

newsletter will include advertisement about Pinehurst. **Nominating Committee:** Tommy will check with Diane and Sonny about membership and the current status of the board members.

Internet: Nothing to report. Attempting to use website for newsletter and biomedical information. Glenn also suggested building an archive for past newsletters. Glenn was thanked for the improvements he has made to the website.

Symposium Planning: Hotel Accommodations -Helen was not present. Hotel report not given.

Education-Nothing to report.

Vendor Relations - Chris presented Ken's report. Changes included date changes and the vendor agreement is more specific. Negotiating with Southern Exhibitors for cheapest cost of chairs and accessories.

Membership - Nothing to report.

Finance - All bills were paid. Southern Exhibitors sent invoice for approximately \$2000.00. Expenses were asked to be seen for symposium.

Seminar Planning: Nothing to report.

Golf Course: Linda signed the contract to reserve the golf course for the symposium with the cost being added to the hotel bill. Course must be closed to cancel. Have to have 76 players for a shotgun start. Deadline date was set for October 20, 2000. Tournament advertisement to change \$10.00 late charge. A notice will be given in the newsletter stressing deadline. No refund will be given. "Check must accompany registration" statement placed on registration form. Dress code also must be included on registration.

New Business: Glenn and Ray met with representatives from the Virginia Biomedical Association to discuss the possibility of merging Associations and organizing a joint biomedical convention to be held in eastern region. Issues that were raised: where to hold the convention, revenue sharing, fee structure for vendors and participants, advertising, and travel discounts. A concern was the difference in memberships. Virginia membership does not include the symposium unlike the NCBA which includes both. A task

force was created with the following members: Ray Laxton, Brian Poplin, Obie Godley, Linda Leitch, Diane Aker and Mark Renfrow. Howard suggested to inform members of both Associations about the planned action for reflection. Jim motioned to go ahead with the investigation of the possible merger. Howard seconded the motion. The motion was made for adjournment.

Quotations To Ponder And Inspire

- ◇ It is an endless and frivolous pursuit to act by any other rule than the care of satisfying our own minds in what we do.
Richard Steele (1672-1729)
English playwright, essayist, and editor.
- ◇ Questions are never indiscreet. Answers sometimes are.
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
English poet, playwright, and novelist.
- ◇ Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.
David Lloyd George (1863-1945) Prime Minister of Great Britain
- ◇ *The Business* of leaders, of heroes, is tricky. Leadership is not something that is done to people, like fixing your teeth. Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better.
Bill Bradley,
Retiring U.S. Senator
- ◇ The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success.
- ◇ To break a bad habit, **drop it.**
- ◇ You're never as old as you're going to get.





NORTH CAROLINA BIOMEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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****ASSOCIATE CLUB MEMBERS**** WE LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF OUR ASSOCIATE CLUB MEMBERS.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

CLUB WITH WHICH YOU ARE AFFILIATED: _____

YOUR MEMBER NUMBER: _____

VBA ANNUAL MEETING

- ◆ For those desiring to attend the Virginia Biomedical Association (VBA) Annual Meeting, the following information is provided.
- ◆ The theme selected for the 7th Annual Meeting of the VBA is "Onward and Upward" - a focus on the challenges confronting Biomedical Professionals in the 21st Century.
- ◆ The three-day meeting, scheduled for September 20-23, 2000, is structured along the same lines as the Annual NCBA Symposium. Special events consist of a Vendor Fair, Educational Classes, Golf Tournament, and Annual Business Meeting.
- ◆ Keynote addresses will be delivered on day 2 & 3 of the meeting by: Binseng Wang, ScD., CCE, National Quality Director, Mediq PRN Life Support Services, Inc., and Ode Keil, VP, Safety management Services, Inc.
- ◆ To obtain information on Registration Fees, Class Offerings, and Accommodations, contact Brian Blackwell, VBA VP and Annual Meeting Chairperson at (804) 947-3605, or visit the VBA online at www.vabiomed.org.

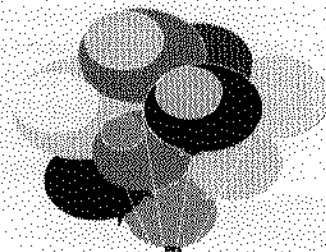
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BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN WEEK

August 6-12, 2000

- ◆ As proclaimed by James B. Hunt Jr., Governor of the State of North Carolina, Biomedical Equipment Technicians Week is set for August 6-12, 2000. It is one of the few opportunities we have as a group of Healthcare Professionals to draw attention to ourselves and the work we do to support and sustain a high level of quality patient service within the institutions we serve.
- ◆ Biomedical Equipment Technicians Week should be a time of celebration in every facility in which we serve. Open the doors to your shops and invite your customers in to share in the celebration.
- ◆ Biomedical Equipment Technicians Week is also a golden opportunity for the Management Staff of our Biomed Departments to recognize and reward the contributions of their Technical and Support Service Staff.

Editor



SCHEDULE OF NCBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS FOR 2000

September 15, 2000 Time: 10:00 A.M.
Moses Cone Health Systems, Greensboro, NC
Host – Chris Dissinger Phone 336 832-7911

November 3, 2000 Time: 10:00 A.M.
First Health Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst, NC
Host – Sonny Richards Phone 910 215-1298

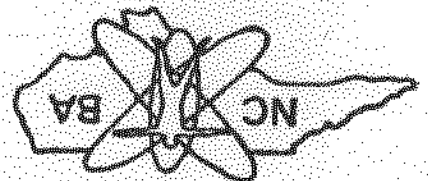
January 12, 2001 Time: 10:00 A.M.
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC
Host – Glenn Scales Phone 919 681-6638

Board Meetings are open to the NCBA Membership. Please plan to attend.

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