



PRESIDENT'S FORUM



Brian R. Poplin, CBET
NCBA President

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During the past twenty-five years the NCBA has distinguished itself as a leader both regionally and nationally within the biomedical profession. This rich history of leadership was once again demonstrated during our 25th annual symposium. The mission of providing quality educational opportunities to our membership centered the entire event and provided a springboard for many great experiences that our members have come to count on from their association.

In this month's issue of the newsletter you will find lots of pictures and observations from the symposium. Each year, we have many members whose careers are improved because of the hard work of other members. In the following pages some of those experiences are highlighted. When a student wins a scholarship, a member wins professional of the year, a tech finds their next dream job, the NCBA is there. The time spent during the symposium is priceless and contributes to the fabric of the North Carolina biomedical community.

Each year the incoming president uses this first issue to highlight the great job of the previous year's board in putting on the symposium. This year is no exception. Completing the many tasks associated with a world class symposium was a talented board, exemplary speakers, dedicated vendors, generous sponsors, and a historic hotel that continues to amaze year-after-year.

One of the most admirable qualities of the NCBA is that each year after the symposium we ask ourselves one very important question:

"What could we do better next year?"

Many of you have responded to this question with suggestions that the board worked through during its annual planning retreat. I am pleased to share with you that the turnout at the planning retreat topped 18 board members and volunteers, each with a desire and a willingness to do whatever it takes to make next year even better. Over the next couple of weeks you will begin receiving feedback on the agenda for this year. Plans are already underway for five stand alone classes, two CBET review courses, and a couple of changes to next years symposium format that will help make the experience rewarding for everyone in attendance.

As always this work takes commitment and passion for our community. I encourage anyone interested to reach out and get involved. If there is one lesson I have learned during my time with the NCBA, it's the fact that the return is exponential to your investment.

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!! Articles of interest to our readers are constantly needed and frequently in short supply. If you have written any articles that may be of interest to our readers, submit it to Newsletter Editor, Glenn Scales, at editor@ncbiomedassoc.com.

NCBA Board Minutes Friday, January 16, 2004

WFU Baptist Medical Center — Winston-Salem, NC

I. Call to Order

Helen Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The January meeting was sponsored by Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Present: Glenn Scales, Helen Jones, Linda Leitch, Sam Wright, David Wilson, Chad Granade, John Noblitt, Tom Barnes

Absent: Christina Flemming, Sally Goebel, Michael McCoy

Guest: Brian Poplin and Jim Tripp

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes for the previous meeting will be sent to the board members via email for approval per Sam Wright

III. Election of Officers

One position on the Board will be vacated by Helen Jones moving into the Ex-Officio position. Two names were submitted for the open position: Jim Tripp and Brian Poplin. Brian Poplin was voted in through unanimous vote.

Office of President— Sam Wright and Brian Poplin were nominated for the office of President. Brian was elected as the NCBA president for 2004 by unanimous vote.

Office of Vice President – Chad Granade was nominated and there being no other nominations he was elected Vice President by unanimous vote.

Office of Membership Secretary – Crisci Fleming and Glenn Scales were nominated. Glenn was elected by unanimous vote.

Office of Recording Secretary – Sam Wright and David Wilson were nominated. David was elected by unanimous vote.

Office of Treasurer –Sam Wright was nominated. Sam was elected as Treasurer by unanimous vote.

IV. Reports

Treasurer's Report: Linda Leitch

Linda reported that all bills with the exception of the hotel bill have been paid for the symposium. Linda submitted Income/Expense statement and P & L statement for November 2003 through January 2004. Suggestions were made for ways to eliminate expenses for the symposium. Food and beverage costs were the greatest expense. Donations for next year already total \$5000.

Membership Report: Glenn Scales

Glenn submitted the Annual Membership Summary report for calendar year ending December 31, 2003. Total membership was 523. Glenn suggested that a membership renewal invoice be sent to those members from 2003 that did not attend the Symposium. Targeted areas for membership in the coming year will be those organizations that do not currently support the NCBA as well as Biomedical professionals from surrounding states.

Education Report:

The report from the education committee will be given at the February retreat.

Rules and Bylaws report:

There were no changes to the rules and Bylaws so no report was necessary. Brian stated that the last review of the Bylaws was in 1999, and may need to be revisited.

Newsletter: Glenn Scales

Glenn has the newsletter on hold for the completion of the board meeting and the announcement of the newly elected officers. Six newsletters are planned for 2004 with six to seven half-page ads from vendors to appear in each letter. It was suggested that the January issue contain a full or half page thank you from the NCBA B.O.D. to the vendors who made the 25th Annual Symposium such a success.

Nominating Committee: Sam Wright

No Report

Internet Committee: Glenn Scales

Glenn reported that the web site is up to date. New board members were listed and 26th

Annual Symposium information was to be coming soon.

Scholarship Committee:

Michael McNeil was the 2003 winner of the Norm "Red" Reeves scholarship sponsored by Parts Source. Lee Propst was the winner of the 2003 Eddie Whisnant scholarship sponsored by the NCBA B.O.D.

V. Old Business

Hotel/Vendor Report: Helen Jones

Helen reported that the dates for the 26th symposium will be December 5–8, 2004. Suggestion was made to send via email or postal service a questionnaire about the 25th symposium. John Noblitt is to submit five questions concerning the facility, the classrooms, the vendor area, etc. Helen Jones was appointed as Hotel Coordinator for 2004. Tom Barnes was appointed as Vendor Coordinator with assistance from Mark Renfro.

25th Anniversary Committee:

Feedback from the symposium has been great. Mention was made about the large crowd and the great success. The BOD recognized that the anniversary celebration could not have been possible without great vendor support. Suggestions were made that Helen send a thank you letter to the contributors. Feedback has been excellent concerning the Symposium and the anniversary celebration.

Tom Barnes motioned for adjournment and Sam Wright seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

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Except "Position Wanted" notices by members (one ad per year – limit 50 words – no charge) the following ad rates apply:

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Dollars and Sense

By Linda Leitch, NCBA Treasurer

Account balances as of 1/16/2004:

Checking:		\$87,522.30
CD's:	XX205	\$25,129.04
	XX257	\$24,729.70
Scholarships:	Eddie Whisnant	\$603.61
	Norm Reeves	\$603.61
Asset Liability (tax)		\$2,125.00

(Income highlights)

Memberships	\$22,400.00
Symposium income (2003)	\$50,075.00
Symposium income (2004)	\$5,000.00
Golf registration	\$2,950.00
Interest income	\$127.27

(Expense highlights)

Symposium expense	\$33,308.07
Professional of Year	\$1,000.00
Scholarships	\$600.00
Taxes	\$593.73
Office expenses	\$239.25

Thank You

Dear NCBA Members,

I would like to thank the NCBA for offering Biomed student's scholarship opportunities. It was an honor to be selected for the Eddy Whisnant Scholarship during the 2003 NCBA symposium at Pinehurst. It is a humbling experience to be recognized for academic achievement.

I was a casualty from the downturn in the telecommunications industry. Trading the workplace for the classroom was a challenge and sometimes, overwhelming task. The recognition gained by receiving the scholarship will hopefully bring about job opportunities as I prepare to re-enter the workforce.

I met many fine people during the 2003 symposium. I look forward to working with and meeting more of the association members. The professionalism and organization that has been demonstrated by the NCBA, makes me proud to be associated with this organization as I enter into the BMET profession.

Sincere thanks to all,

Lee M. Propst
Caldwell Community College

New Board Member Chad Granade

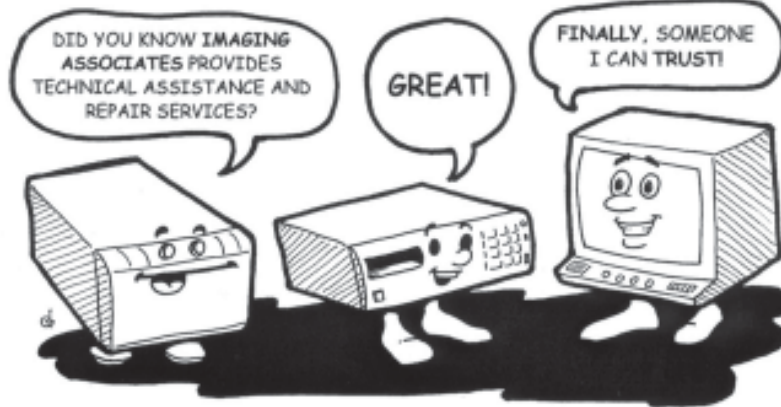
In December 2002 I experienced my first NCBA Symposium. Needless to say, I was very impressed. At that point I knew that I wanted to be involved with this organization. I began my career as a fresh BMET 1 deep in South Georgia. I was fortunate to have some excellent mentors and a manager who believed in me and allowed me opportunities to develop my skills. After about seven years of learning, I was privileged to take a Director position in Western NC. For the past two years I have managed the Biomedical Engineering Department at a growing 222 bed hospital in Hendersonville NC. Aside from the responsibilities to my Biomed family, I have yet another family that keeps me equally busy. I have a wife of almost 9 years, a beautiful six year old daughter, and two active boys, one three and my youngest at 10 months.

I am honored to have been chosen for this years Board of Directors and I am very excited to be apart of this team. The NCBA wouldn't be the NCBA without you guys and the support that you give. It's amazing to see what this organization had become over the last 25 years, and I look forward to starting the next 25.

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25TH ANNUAL NCBA SYMPOSIUM



Brian Poplin from ARAMARK Clinical Technology Services addressing the Business Lunch on Tuesday



Lee Propst receiving the Eddie Whisnant Scholarship



Michael McNeil receiving the Norman Reeves Scholarship award from Doug Brown of PartsSource



Mark Renfroe being congratulated by President Helen Jones after being presented with the President's Award



Helen Jones presenting the Professional of the Year Award to Jan Measley of Pitt County Hospital



Medtronic Physio Control booth in the Exhibit Hall

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The 24x7 booth in the Exhibit Hall



Greg Smith with MET Labs playing the piano at the Silver Anniversary Celebration



Newly elected board members for 2004. Front l-r: Mike McCoy & Chad Granade. Rear l-r: David Wilson, Crisci Fleming & Tom Barnes



Manny Roman with DITEC - one of the four Honorary Member inductees for 2003



Sam Wright (with the mic) and Vendor Coordinator Mark Renfroe giving away prizes at the Vendor Social

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2004 Subscription Renewal



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Since, unfortunately, you were unable to attend the 2003 Symposium, your renewal is now due. Please fill in the form, include with your payment, and mail to the address shown above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we hope to see you at the 2004 annual meeting on December 6-8, 2004 at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, NC.

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My First Year on the Board

This past year seems like a whirlwind of activity, little did I know that my first year would coincide with the 25th anniversary of the NCBA. I do feel quite honored that I was able to serve the board during this momentous celebration. I arrived at my first board meeting, which luckily for me was at my hospital, and I am elected the Recording Secretary. I guess this was my initiation into the board of directors and I must admit that I have enjoyed the position. Needless to say, the first meeting was very busy as we elected new officers for the year and of course with me writing like mad to get everything into the minutes. Electing the officers and finishing symposium business dominated the first meeting along with camaraderie of peers that I had not experienced since leaving the military. As the new kid on the block I had a lot of questions which the newly elected President was happy to answer, especially since she had so much fun calling me her secretary.

Let me explain, I am the director of the Clinical Engineering department and the President of the NCBA was one of my team leaders. The new President was enjoying this so much that she even bought me a secretary days present (Cool!). The next meeting was the board retreat held in Myrtle Beach, SC and I, the new kid on the block, was thinking this will be great two days at the beach to do a little business and a lot of recreation. Wow, I was definitely mistaken we started at 9:00 am and worked until 5:30 pm the first day and then 9:00 am until 2:00 pm on the second day. The board retreat is where I realized that my first year on the board was going to be busy as we lined everything up for the 25th anniversary celebration and for the symposium.

I left the board retreat with a lot of respect for what the board of directors do and with a serious case of writer's cramp. I believe it was our next meeting that we went to look at an alternate location for the NCBA symposium and I can tell you right now that there is a whole host of questions that go into selecting a site like is there enough space for the vendor exhibition, or is there enough classroom space, is there attractions in the local area for spouses to visit, is there a quality golf course that can handle our tournament, does the hotel have enough rooms at a discounted price.

The rest of the meetings for the year were dedicated to preparing for the 25th anniversary celebration, general membership business, and the symposium at Pinehurst. I was quite impressed with all the details that go into setting up educational opportunities for the NCBA membership and I felt pride in being able to be a part of this association. I highly recommend anyone reading this article to contact myself or board member to see what you can do to help the association and to be an active member to help shape the future direction of the NCBA.

Sam Wright
2003 Recording Secretary

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Thank You

Ladies and Gentlemen of the NCBA,

I would like to thank you for selecting me to receive the Norman "Red" Reeves scholarship. I can not express just how much this scholarship money has helped me in the

situation that I have been left in the past two years. I am also very relieved to know that I will be entering a profession where the people try to help and look out for others.

I was fortunate enough to attend the symposium last year, which was very educational, but this year's symposium seemed to be more fitted of the honor of being the 25th annual NCBA symposium. I would like to thank the committee, Board members, Parts Source and those who had a hand in the event for their hard work. It was evident that a lot of time and work went into the planning of this event. I learned so much this year in the classes that I attended and my knowledge of this field has grown so much in the last year. Everything I have learned so far has made me look forward to becoming a part of this profession.

It is my impression this is a very professional and helpful organization. One in which I am very proud to say that I am a member. After I become employed, I hope I can eventually be able to make such a positive impact on this organization. I will be graduating from Caldwell Community College in May and would greatly appreciate any news of available entry level jobs.

Respectfully,

Michael McNeil, Jr.

Norman "Red Reeves" Scholarship winner 2003.

Second year students at Caldwell Community College

CORRECTION

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NCBA 25th Anniversary Symposium “Sold Out”

Those were the words I spoke somewhere around late November. I never thought we would be so successful that we could not provide a booth to a vendor, but we were. This year's expo hall was full with 90 booths and 3 side tables, 2 for the community colleges and one for the NCBA. Thank you!!

The vendor expo was very well received with an opening reception on Monday evening, visit the vendors on Tuesday morning and later on that evening a Vendor Social occurred with everyone getting some casual time to discuss issues, futures sales and a few tall tales. Truly a wonderful time was had by all.

Door prizes were abundant to the point the board will have to plan a more efficient way to give them away! Thanks to everyone for providing them. Door Prizes are always a highlight of our Vendor Social. Also this year we included our fantastic vendors in their very own exclusive door prize drawing. Kitty de La Rosa of Express Systems and Parts Network won a 25th anniversary clock, and Jeff Jones of Erbe, USA won a 25th anniversary watch. The vendor hall was decorated with balloons and banners, and it truly was a festive time for the board, we hope it was for you too.

Being the vendor coordinator has been a wonderful experience. Our vendors are not only essential to our success, but are very special people that are joy to work with.

On behalf of the North Carolina Biomedical Association I would like to say “Thank you”, for your continued support and participation in our 25th anniversary expo.

Mark Renfroe
NCBA Vendor Coordinator

SCHEDULE of NCBA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETINGS for 2004

March 12, 2004, Time: 10:00 a.m.
ARAMARK Clinical Technology Svs., Charlotte, NC
Host – Brian Poplin, Ph: 800-825-1786

May 7, 2004, Time: 10:00 a.m.
Margaret Pardee Hospital, Hendersonville, NC
Host – Chad Granade, Ph: 828-698-7194

July 9, 2004, Time: 10:00 a.m.
Duke University Hospital, Durham, NC
Host – Glenn Scales, Ph: 919-681-6638

August 27, 2004, Time: 10:00 a.m.
Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC
Host – Sam Wright, Ph: 336-716-3437

November 5, 2004, Time: 10:00 a.m.
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2004 NCBA Symposium and Expo
Pinehurst Resort & Hotel, Pinehurst, NC

January 7, 2005, Time: 10:00 a.m.
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February 11-12, 2005, Time: 8:30 a.m.
Board of Directors Planning Retreat
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