



# NCBA NEWS

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## Welcome from the President!

### Welcome!

Four years ago I got my chance to be a NCBA Board Member. I never anticipated I would one day be Vice President, much less the President of this organization. I feel honored that this group of my peers felt that I would be fit to lead the NCBA for this year. I promise to do everything in my power to continue this organization down the right path, the path that has made it the oldest and the largest state run biomedical society in the nation.

In December of 2006 I was a second year student at CCC&TI where I was entering a new chapter of my life as a biomed. John Noblitt insisted that all second year Biomed students attend this event called the NCBA Symposium in Pinehurst, NC. He also told us this was a chance to interact with the major players in the Biomed world, and this could lead us to our next job. Well...I didn't really know what to expect from this "Symposium", but I knew I needed to dress the part. I went to the mall to buy some new digs to wear, made sure to have my suits dry cleaned, shoes shined, and hair cut so that I might make a good first impression on my, hopefully, future employer.

I had never been to Pinehurst, but upon my arrival I was taken by its beauty. I remember how awesome it was to have manufacturers like Zoll and Conmed teaching me about their current equipment instead of the Code Master and Bovie we had back in our lab. I remember how festive the vendor hall was with games, prizes, and lots of hoopla. I also remember being at the business luncheon seeing the who's who of Biomed conducting a meeting with over a hundred in attendance. The last thing which left a lasting impression on me was how close the biomed community appeared to be. I was very impressed and excited about my first NCBA Symposium and even though I couldn't quite put my finger on it, I knew instantly there was something very special about this group.

The planning for the 2015 NCBA Symposium began at the 2014 Symposium. This planning was then ramped up at the NCBA Board Retreat in beautiful Beaufort, NC. Goals for this year's planning retreat included:

- Ways to make our educational portion even better than it has been the last couple of years. This will be a challenge as our education keeps trending upwards as you are probably aware of.
- Find exciting and informative educational opportunities that can be presented to our members in stand-alone classes throughout the year. These classes provide top notch training without the expensive travel and lodging cost that come with others across the country.
- Discuss and determine what the NCBA should do as it enters the last year of its contract with the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in Concord, NC.

Please check out our website on a regular basis to find out about Symposium information, stand-alone classes, and job opportunities. As always, thank you for supporting the NCBA!

Clint McCoy, CBET

NCBA President

## Symposium Awards

**Are you a second year BMET student or do you know one? Applications are being accepted now through July 15<sup>th</sup> for the Eddy Whisnant Scholarship and the Norman "Red" Reeves Scholarship.**

### Eddy Whisnant Scholarship

The Eddy Whisnant scholarship fund was established in 1991, by the North Carolina Biomedical Association (NCBA) to provide academic scholarships to students enrolled in the North Carolina Community College systems, Biomedical Equipment Technology programs. The scholarship is administered by the NCBA Scholarship Committee appointed annually by the board of directors of the NCBA. A student must be working toward an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Biomedical Equipment Technology.



**Congratulations to Erica Douglas for winning this Scholarship at the 2014 NCBA Symposium!**

# Norman "Red" Reeves Scholarship

The Norman "Red" Reeves Scholarship Fund was established in 1993 to provide academic scholarships to students enrolled in the North Carolina Community College Systems Biomedical Equipment Technology Program. The scholarship is administrated by the NCBA Scholarship Committee appointed annually by the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Biomedical Association. The applicant must be working toward an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Biomedical Equipment Technology.



The Board of Directors of the NCBA would like to express their most sincere thanks to US Medical Systems for their support of this scholarship.



**Congratulations to Leo Juarez for winning this Scholarship at the 2014 NCBA Symposium!**

# W. Glenn Scales Scholarship

The W. Glenn Scales Scholarship was established in 2008 by the North Carolina Biomedical Association (NCBA) to provide an academic scholarship to a biomed in the NCBA that is seeking to expand their degree by attending a recognized program for pursuit of a Baccalaureate or a graduate degree. The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the NCBA will select the recipient and present them with the Scholarship at the annual Symposium.



The Board of Directors of the NCBA would like to express their most sincere thanks to Aramark for their support of this scholarship.



**Congratulations to Derek Fleming for winning this Scholarship at the 2014 NCBA Symposium!**

# Shop of the Year Award

Do you have, or know of a Biomedical Engineering shop worthy of special recognition? In honor of Kevin Scoggin, the North Carolina Biomedical Association (NCBA) is accepting nominations for the new Kevin Scoggin Biomedical Shop Recognition Program.

In each Newsletter, the NCBA Board of Directors will recognize one nominated shop in a feature article that demonstrates some of the special and or unique things that they are doing in an effort to demonstrate and promote the value of the Biomedical profession within their organization.

During the NCBA Symposium Business Luncheon, one shop will be identified as the Kevin Scoggin / NCBA Shop of the Year. As part of this recognition, the NCBA will sponsor a luncheon for the selected shop and feature them in the newsletter following the Symposium.

If you know of a shop deserving of this special recognition named to honor the memory of one of our Honorary Members, Kevin Scoggin, please submit an email about the shop describing why you believe they deserve this special recognition along with a completed nomination form.

Please submit all completed nomination forms to [ShopOfTheYear@ncbiomedassoc.com](mailto:ShopOfTheYear@ncbiomedassoc.com).



**Congratulations to the shop at Wake Med Health for winning this award at the 2014 NCBA Symposium!**

You can find more information on these awards at:  
<http://www.ncbiomedassoc.com/ScholarshipsAwards.aspx>

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# Summer Training Trifecta

The NCBA takes great pride in the practical training opportunities provided to its members. We are excited to announce three great courses that will take place this summer. Here are the details:

## **June 9 – 12 2015**

### **GE Carescape B850/650 Class**

Kevin Jackson - Instructor

Location: Rex Healthcare \_Raleigh, NC

\$5000 per student (\$7585 value)

The CARESCAPE\* B650/B850 Monitor Hardware Training course will introduce the B650 and B850 Patient Monitor platforms and their accompanying modules and peripherals. This Hardware Training will include hardware overview, User Interface navigation, troubleshooting, maintenance and checkout procedures on both B650 and B850 platforms. Some key topics that will be presented are theory and operation of the B650 and B850, use of Webim service interface, configuration, licensing the options and features, calibration procedures for supported hemodynamic parameter modules, and key servicing techniques.

Kevin Jackson is a Technical Instructor with GE Healthcare. He received his B.S. from Cardinal Stritch University and his Masters Degree from Keller Graduate School of Management. Both degrees are in Management of Information Technology. He joined GE Healthcare in 2007 as an instructor for Healthcare IT as well as courses for the Carescape System (B450, B650 and B850), Apex Pro CH, MUSE, and MARS. He has taught classes all over the world including Germany, Finland, Panama and Saudi Arabia. He enjoys the opportunity to interact with HTM professionals in all areas of our community. He currently resides in Milwaukee, WI.

## **June 15 – 18**

### **Biomed Certification Class**

John Noblitt - Instructor

Location: Horizon CSA Center\_ Mooresville, NC

\$350 per student

The NCBA proudly presents its 2015 Biomed CBET Study and Preparation Class Offered by one of the premier biomed instructors in the country. This class will Provide review opportunities of the key areas of the ICC CBET exam and better prepare you for a more successful outcome to becoming a certified biomedical technician. Offered this year at the Horizon CSA Center in Mooresville, NC, do not miss the opportunity to advance your skill set and your career as a HTM professional.

John Noblitt is the Director of the Biomedical Equipment Technology Program for Caldwell Community College located in Hudson, North Carolina. He is a long standing, active member of the North Carolina Biomedical Association Board of Directors.

**July 10<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Smiths Medical Medfusion 3000/4000 Series Syringe Pump Training Class**

Mike Machtemes – Instructor

Location: Rex Hospital \_ Raleigh, NC

\$450 per student

This course will provide the opportunity for the attendee to become certified in the maintenance, service, calibration and functional check out of Medfusion 3000/4000 Series Syringe Pumps.

Mike Machtemes CBET has been a biomedical professional since 1980. He is the technical coordinator for Smiths Medical and has been with the company since 2006.

***Registration can be found on the website. Seats are limited and these classes will fill up, so register today!***

## New Board Member - James Hannah



James Hannah is the Operations Manager for Universal Hospital Services (UHS). Mr. Hannah brings more than 10 years of experience and expertise in the management of operational processes, biomedical services, manufacturing services and logistics coordination. At UHS he manages the full range of administrative, logistical and operational duties in a wide variety of program areas including human resources, budgeting, fleet administration, information technology, property management and procurement. He oversees the day-to-day operations of the Morrisville, North Carolina office, where he manages a \$5 million budget and develops and directs programs designed to meet the needs of the company, vendors, constituents, and staff. James is responsible for compliance and implementation of the District's State and Federal laws and related initiatives.

Mr. Hannah joined Universal Hospital Services in 2004, as the Hospital Operational Manager where he managed an onsite staff, overseeing duties ranging from operational duties to customer service at Rex Hospital. He provided daily administrative support for the staff and Rex employees and was instrumental in implementing workplace policies and procedures and organizational development. In 2010, Mr. Hannah took the position of Operational Manager District Office, which moved him from the Hospital based program to the District location. Prior to joining UHS, Mr. Hannah served as a program manager for a level 4 at risk youth facility in Fayetteville, NC (New Beginnings). Mr. Hannah oversaw the day to day activities for clients and staff, participated in counseling sessions with clients, completed intake and discharge assessments and was responsible for the overall welfare of each client.

Mr. Hannah holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics with a minor in Finance from Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina. A proud Army brat, Mr. Hannah spent his childhood years in various parts of the globe and currently resides in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

An important aspect of his life is family -- his wife (a Microbiologist/ES, Scientist I), one son (a rising sophomore majoring in Biochemistry at Queens University in Charlotte, NC), and one daughter (a rising sophomore at Heritage High School).

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## Exciting News!

The NCBA is now entering our last year of our contract with Embassy Suites Convention Center in Concord, NC. We have enjoyed our stay at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, but after careful consideration of many possible sites we have finally come up with a decision that we feel will greatly benefit our organization for years to come.

### ***We are going back to Pinehurst!***

The NCBA Board of Directors has been able to negotiate a 3 year contract with Pinehurst Resort that includes a great deal on individual room night costs (\$159.00 a night!) and a great deal on golf (\$69.00 per round at #1, #3, or #5!). The dates selected are 8/23/2016 – 8/26/2016, 8/22/2017 – 8/25/2017 and 8/21/2018 – 8/24/2018. We look forward to calling Pinehurst the home of the NCBA Symposium once again in 2016.

