

NCBA NEWS

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GREETINGS

by Brian Lefler, NCBA President



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Happy Easter! I hope everyone is safe and healthy and enjoying the spring renewal season as best they can. Without a doubt, Covid-19 has brought unprecedented times not only for our nation, but for our industry. Hospitals and healthcare providers are facing challenges not seen at anytime in our careers. In all the instances I have seen, our state has performed very well. There are HTM teams all around North Carolina and this country giving their very best to support the caregivers in their communities. They need our best, and HTM can be counted on to deliver!

The NCBA has always strived to provide educational opportunities for our members. Unfortunately, with Covid-19, the CompTIA Network+ Certification Review class being planned for this Spring has been cancelled.

Based on your feedback, this was to be a companion class to last year's CompTIA A+ Certification Review. Jeff Hogan has indicated he will maintain his instructor contacts and look at revisiting in the fall. If this class was something you were interested in, please send him a note at vp@ncbiomedassoc.com.

The Board of Directors has continued to work on preparations for the 42nd Annual Symposium this August in Pinehurst. Jeff Hogan and the educational track chairs have put together another outstanding lineup of classes. As of this time, the event is still on schedule, but we're also very aware of the current circumstances. We have been meeting weekly via conference call and have had regular contact with the hotel. We'll make a decision on how we plan to move forward as soon as we're able. If you have any thoughts on this feel free to reach out to me directly at pres@ncbiomedassoc.com. I'd love to hear from you.

Please do everything you can to stay safe! Look out for each other. We'll get through this, but we will all be affected by this crisis in some way. Thank you for what you are doing for your customers and our communities. I hope to see each one of you in August.

Best,

Brian Lefler, CHTM, CBET

President, NC Biomedical Association

THE FRONT LINE HEROS

I'm sure none of us ever dreamed when we entered the Clinical Engineering/Biomedical field that we would be supporting devices during a worldwide pandemic. I know each of us have experienced a whole different level of stress; every call we respond to, every piece of equipment we touch, is treated like there is a "red" sign on the door. I know with confidence, each of you are/have stepped up to the call and performed your duties as if "it's just part of your job". If you haven't been told by your customers yet, we want you to know that your efforts to press forward and carry out your daily task have not gone unnoticed. You are a HERO, whether you realize it or not, because our patients are safe.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors



2019 Mike McCoy Golf Tournament



After another great Mike McCoy Golf Tournament at one of Pinehurst's famed courses, I would like to thank all participants and sponsors for their support. It truly was a successful day thanks to the overwhelming turnout, the great course conditions and little help from mother nature. Congratulations in order to the Avante Health Solutions team of Doug Adams, James Hawse, Jeff Hogan and David Wilson for bringing home the Mike McCoy Trophy for 2019.

Mike McCoy was a man who shared his work and personal lifetime with a lot of people. As most of his coworkers he spent many hours working in the Biomedical Engineer career area. He was truly a gentleman, full of wisdom, love of his family and very proud of the work he accomplished in this healthcare arena. Many of us knew him personally and can say that we were fortunate to have worked alongside of such great wisdom. Mike truly loved to see others succeed and accomplish their individual goals in the biomedical field. He loved the NCBA because it was there, he could share knowledge,

improve other professional skill sets and personal development relationship to impact them outside of the work environment.

Mike loved to golf... I mean he "LOVED TO GOLF", because it always challenged him to be aware of the ever-changing environment that he was passing thru. From the moment he would find out he was going to have the opportunity to play at a certain course he started to assemble a plan to challenge himself and others that would be playing with him. Things like, "Have you seen the golf course layout", or "Did you know that there was water hazards on 15 of the 18 holes". From the moment he woke that morning (which was sometime around 2-3 in the morning "Milkman Time") he was ready to play. Early for the task, focused and well prepared for what was to come that day.

Many of us will go through life as Mike McCoy did, excited, having a plan, focused on achieving a goal, accomplishing many things that has been set before us! I would only say that our association, its members, sponsors and vendors continue that example that Mike shared with us.

We look forward to another successful tournament at the 42nd Annual NCBA. Please remember to get signed up as quickly as possible for this event. We are only allowed a specific number of players by Pinehurst and the tournament is always a sellout. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at golf@ncbiomedassoc.com.

Aaron Watts
NCBA Golf Coordinator

2019 Shop of the Year - FMC



BIOMED

James Thompson, Victor Moore, Jeremiah White, Dylan Dula, Nancy Little, Moe Houston, Justin Smith, Dave Taylor, Marilyn Hines, Joe Hamm, and Hanh Tang

RADIOLOGY

Randy Childress, Dalton Love, Dwight Gammons, Ricky Wilson

Director – Michael Bargesser

Biomed Manager – Todd Ruple

Radiology Manager – Jeff Hogan

This past year at our 42nd Annual NCBA Symposium, Forsyth Medical Center won the coveted Kevin Scoggin / Shop of the Year Award. This award was created to serve as a special recognition to the memory of one of our Honorary Members, Kevin Scoggin. Kevin felt that the technicians were the most important part of the business and those were the folks that he fought for the most. Forsyth has shown that their technicians are a wonderfully blended work family. They depend on each other, learn from each other, and enjoy spending time with one another. Older technicians helping newer technicians, newer techs helping older techs....helping each other help the hospital was the theme I heard from everyone.



On Thursday, February 20th a couple of Board members (Jeff Hogan and Clint McCoy) traveled to Forsyth Medical Center to further honor this NCBA shop of the year lunch. In true Kevin Scoggin / NCBA form, we found the best BBQ in the area. Thanks Camel City BBQ! The food was truly delicious and the entire FMC staff was grateful and very appreciative. Once again, Congratulations Forsyth Medical Center!
Thank you Team Forsyth Medical Center



Volunteer Opportunity



**Transcending Borders.
Changing Lives.**

Globally, it's estimated that over 25% of the global disease burden could be addressed with access to safe, affordable surgical care – that's five *billion* people. Seeking to meet the needs of the people behind these staggering statistics is at the heart of the **Mercy Ships** mission - to bring *hope* and *healing* to the world's forgotten poor.

Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development charity that deploys state-of-the-art hospital ships in sub-Saharan Africa. These ships, and their crew of volunteers, deliver free, vital surgical care to people in desperate need while providing volunteers with the opportunity to use their professional skills to help transform lives.

The *Africa Mercy* is currently the largest civilian hospital ship in the world. Crewed by over 400 volunteers from more than 50 nations, this vessel is able to provide lifesaving surgical care, *free of charge*.



Volunteer Opportunity – Cont.

Serving in support of our onboard hospital are our team of volunteer **Biomedical Technicians**, ensuring all of our surgical and diagnostic equipment is working to a professional standard. This team also trains local biomedical technicians to support their local healthcare systems, long after Mercy Ships leaves port.

The daily nitty-gritty of this role includes overseeing the management of medical devices, including arranging for scheduled maintenance, calibration, and repair of equipment. The types of equipment onboard include: anesthetic systems, ventilators, CR X-ray, CT, ultrasound imaging, OR and Ward equipment, YAG lasers and ophthalmic devices, autoclaves, oil-free compressors, dental suites, and generators up to 35KVA.

Living and volunteering onboard the *Africa Mercy* provides volunteers with an appreciation for community and the joy of helping others. Learn more below from our Senior Biomedical Technician, Guido Kortleven from the Netherlands!



"Mercy Ships was a perfect fit for me. I wanted to share my God-given talents with people who needed it the most, and this felt like the best place for me to do this. I previously worked in a hospital as a Biomedical Technician, and as far as I know, there are no other NGOs that offer the opportunity to do this kind of work."

- Guido Kortleven (NL), Senior Biomedical Technician

(Also: husband and father!)

The preferred minimum time commitment for this role is six months, and we recommend all interested technicians submit an application at least six months before their target service date. For more information on how you can use your experience as a Biomedical Technician to help bring hope and healing in sub-Saharan Africa, visit mercyships.org/volunteer or contact us directly at med.recruiter.ioc@mercyships.org.

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