

# NCBA NEWS

*The NC Biomedical Association Newsletter*



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## President's Letter

by Aaron Watts, NCBA President



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As a leader, everyone wants to think that their team is special, or their term is distinct in a specific way. Well, I for a fact, know that my team is special and that my term will for sure be distinct. My team is overseeing a symposium during the pandemic that none of us saw coming and quite frankly can't believe is still an issue. My team will be responsible for making up for the lost 2020 conference that held so much promise. My team will be held accountable for getting all the Biomed, vendors, and educators together again and implementing new ways to network and learn in large groups without bringing anyone into danger. This year will be a great challenge but one that I know my team is ready for.

After pondering the strengths of the NCBA Board of Directors this year, it suddenly hit me. I wonder how many lives this board has helped save or improve? I wonder how many millions of dollars they have saved directly, or indirectly?

How many genius processes, improvements, policies, procedures, advancements, and standards, were derived from their thoughts? How many top shelf Biomed have they passed on their knowledge to, and/or helped to train? And what are the strengths and talents of each person that I could help carry into the next generation of HTM professionals? This is an incredible group of individuals that have taken on various jobs within the board in order to carry out our mission statement... "Enhancing Biomedical Professionals since 1978". And having this "Biomed Dream Team" entrust me with the position of President has been such an honor.

HTM is a fantastic, yet widely unknown, career path that has treated a lot of individuals very well. However, it has a workforce that will continue to diminish. A great deal of knowledge will be leaving this field within the next several years, just as technology advances at a higher rate. I would like to encourage all of you to get out and inform your communities and those you know of the benefits of the HTM profession. Help us to grow our workforce, just as the need for it also advances. This world may end up with plenty of other healthcare professionals, but the need for a HTM Professional will always be present.

I would like to thank all of those individuals who have served or supported the NCBA in any capacity in the past or present. Your dedication over the years is what truly allows this association to be in a league of its own.

Aaron Watts  
President, NC Biomedical Association

## 2020 NCBA Mike McCoy Golf Tournament Held October 6, 2020 at Tot Hill Farm – Asheboro, NC



The 4th Annual Mike McCoy Golf Tournament took on a different look than recent years. During this pandemic, we had to step away from Pinehurst and relocate the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NCBA Mike McCoy golf tournament to the rolling hills at Tot Hill Farm in Asheboro, NC. Although relatively close in proximity, the style of courses could not be more different. This did not seem to pose a problem for newcomers to the Mike McCoy Golf Tournament, **Willow Medical**. They took home the trophy by posting a *very impressive* score of 61. Thanks to all participants and sponsors that made this year such a success.

In 2021, we return to Pinehurst playing course #5 on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. As many of you know, this is the start of our symposium and always a great way to kick off the week. If you have any interest in playing or sponsoring a team, please reach out to [golf@ncbiomedassoc.com](mailto:golf@ncbiomedassoc.com) for more details.



## 2020 NCBA Kevin Scoggin Shop of the Year WakeMed Health and Hospitals Clinical Engineering

In addition to providing robust, routine support operations, WakeMed Clinical Engineering has realized successes in many other areas. Key accomplishments for 2020 include: COVID ICU capacity expansion, significant cost savings in infusion pump and CT/MRI service, 3D printing, telemetry expansion and participation in eICU initiatives.

The WakeMed team is led by Director - George Reed; Manager – Dallas Sutton; Supervisor - Seth Blanchard.

Staff members include: Matt Burchett, Amos Burnett, Dwight Castle, Adam Charles, Jack DelloStritto, Paul Ford, Mike Gonsalves, Robert Hall, David Herrin, Shannon Hunter, Anna Kester, Emily Mengel, Randy Murphy, Mike Shaw, Alvin Smith, Eric Sommers, Dwayne Page, and Jared Zimmel. Congratulations to a well deserving team!



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

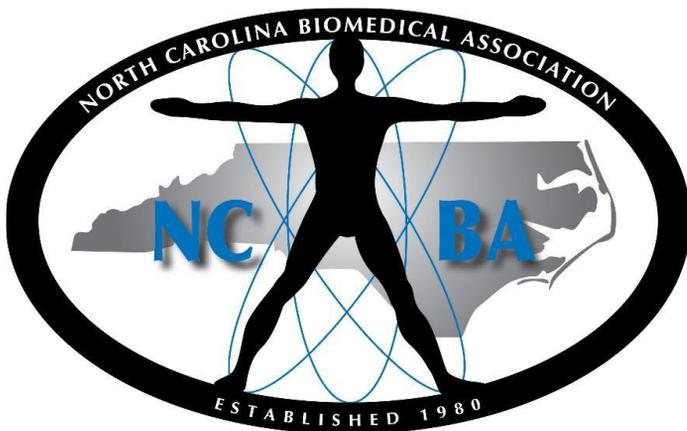
It goes without saying that 2020 was one of the most difficult years on record for all of us. As we turn the page and look onward to 2021, the NCBA is planning for this year's Annual Symposium and Exposition to be as good as any we've had. But we need your participation and support! Please mark your calendars and begin making your plans to attend. Be on the lookout for additional details in the coming weeks. Vendor and attendee registration will be opening soon!

## **August 17, 2021**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual NCBA Mike McCoy Annual Golf Tournament  
Pinehurst Course #5

## **August 18 - August 20, 2021**

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual NC Biomedical Association Annual Symposium and Exposition  
Carolina Hotel – Pinehurst Resort





## Meet your newest Board Member David Sciano

**Current employer/position:** The Intermed Group, based at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin, NC

**Years in HTM field:** 21

**Currently live:** Elkin, NC

**Hometown:** Fair Lawn, NJ

**What led you to this field?** I was at a job fair, looking for a change of pace from retail work and ended up talking to a recruiter from ECPI. It sounded like an interesting field.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?**

Responding to the needs of clinical staff in a timely manner, so they can continue their work.

**What do you plan to do to contribute to the success of the NCBA?** Educate clinical and administrative people who may not really know all that biomed does.

**What advice would you have for those entering this field?** To pay attention, take notes, keep learning.



## Scholarships

Since its inception, the NCBA has strived to provide educational opportunities to its members. Additionally, there has been a strong history of giving back through educational scholarships. Surprisingly, interest has waned in recent years. Please take advantage of this opportunity and contact Matt Woods at [scholarship@ncbiomedassoc.com](mailto:scholarship@ncbiomedassoc.com) for details on how to apply or for any questions you may have. Website information will be updated in the coming weeks.

### **Norman "Red" Reeves Scholarship**

The Norman "Red" Reeves NCBA scholarship is a \$2000 cash award, paid directly to the student in a North Carolina Community College System Biomedical Equipment Technology program. Award winner will be announced during the annual business meeting held at the NCBA Symposium.

### **Eddy Whisnant Scholarship**

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### **W. Glenn Scales Scholarship**

The W. Glenn Scales Scholarship, sponsored by Draeger, is a \$5,000 cash award scholarship which was established in 2008 by the North Carolina Biomedical Association (NCBA) to provide financial assistance to any NCBA member who is seeking to expand their knowledge by pursuing a Baccalaureate or graduate degree.

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the NCBA will select the recipients and present them with the Scholarship at the annual Symposium.