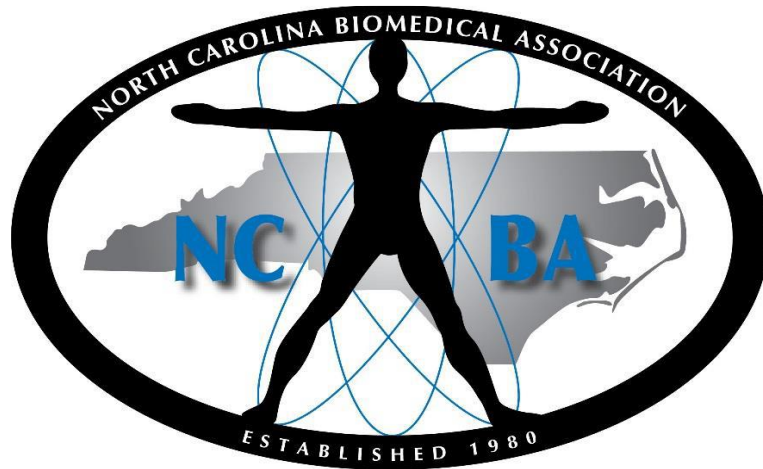


# NCBA NEWS

*The NC Biomedical Association Newsletter*

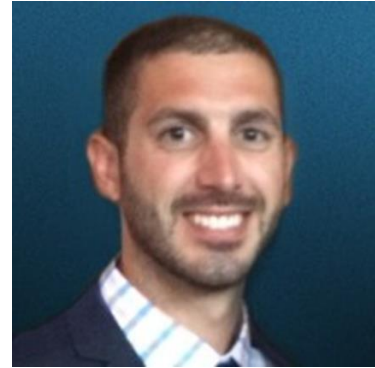


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## President's Letter

by Aaron Watts, NCBA President



May 22, 2021

Dear NCBA Community,

As we are all aware, the COVID19 pandemic has had an immense global impact and has changed our industry like nothing before. It took our 2020 Symposium from us among many other social events. As we try to put the dreaded year of 2020 in our rearview mirror, it is with great pleasure that I announce registration for the 2021 Symposium, which was opened on May 12.

To protect everyone's health and wellbeing, as well as staying within state mandates, this year we will have to reduce the number of participants in the classroom and vendor setting. It will be extremely important for you to get registered as quickly as possible for the 2021 Symposium.

Due to all of the uncertainties, we have adjusted our schedule and format for this year. Our symposium this year will be August 17-19. We will kick off the event that Tuesday with the Mike McCoy Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held at Pinehurst No. 5. There are limited spaces in this year's tournament so be sure to register early. As always, there will be numerous educational opportunities as well as our vendor exhibit on the Wednesday and Thursday. Stay tuned for a more detailed schedule and education curriculum.

I am very grateful for all the work that has been done by our Board of Directors for organizing and preparing to launch this year's annual conference. The continued support and patience from our members and vendors leave no doubt that we will have yet another successful event.

We will be sending out additional details and new timelines to keep you informed.

Aaron Watts  
President, NC Biomedical Association

On behalf of the NCBA Board of Directors, we hope each of you enjoyed this year's HTM week and were able to be recognized in your respective workplaces. Thank you for what you do each day for the customers and communities you service!

# Healthcare Technology Management Week

May 16–22, 2021



## 2021 NCBA Kevin Scoggin Shop of the Year

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 Kevin Scoggin Biomedical Shop Recognition Program.

Last year's recipient from WakeMed was very worthy. There are many other shops across the state making similar impacts for their organization and should be recognized. If you know of a group that is in this class, please nominate them.

<http://ncbiomedassoc.com/Repository/ScholarshipAwards/Applications/shopoftheyear2020.pdf>

The current deadline for submission is **September 17, 2021**.

Please direct any questions about this award to Rich Solomon, Shop of the Year Coordinator at [bod4@ncbiomedassoc.com](mailto:bod4@ncbiomedassoc.com)



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

With COVID-19 continuing to create uncertainties on multiple fronts, this year's Symposium is being streamlined with Friday's activities being curtailed. Vendor, attendee, and golf registration is open! The educational classes are in the process of being reprogrammed with final adjustments expected very soon. With registration being open, you will still be able to make changes once the final class offering is released. Thank you for your patience!

## **August 17, 2021 (Tuesday)**

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

## **August 18 - August 19, 2021 (Wednesday and Thursday)**

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



## Meet your newest Board Member Rich Solomon



**Current employer/position:** Duke University Health System / CBET, BMET II

**Years in HTM field:** 2 1/2

**Currently live:** Mebane, NC

**Hometown:** Prospect Hill, NC

**What led you to this field?** Retired from the USAF after 22 years. I was a firearms instructor/maintainer and have always enjoyed teaching people and taking things apart, fixing, and putting them back together.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** I most enjoy the comradeship of the team here with everyone sharing the same vision and dedication to our customers and the hospital.

**What do you plan to do to contribute to the success of the NCBA?** I feel that since I'm new to the board and the HTM career field, I can hopefully bring fresh eyes and a different perspective to a quickly evolving field with heavy emphasis on the IT/IoT of current medical devices.

**What advice would you have for those entering this field?** Establish a mentor right off. Learn from them. As you develop your hard skills, don't neglect your soft skills. Establish rapport with the clinical side/customers. Remember that you will make mistakes; ensure you learn from them. Above all, do the right thing. You are working on/certifying/repairing medical equipment that has direct impact on patients and indirect impact on that patient's friends and family. There will be some autonomy and repetition in what you do. Don't cut corners and do the right thing.



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## Scholarships

**UPDATE: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2021**

Contact Matt Woods at [scholarship@ncbiomedassoc.com](mailto:scholarship@ncbiomedassoc.com) for details or any questions.

Since its inception, the NCBA has strived to provide educational opportunities to its members. More specifically, there has been a strong history of giving back through educational scholarships. Surprisingly, interest has waned in recent years. Please take advantage of the opportunities listed below:

### **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.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/25f3cfb22675403db1402c29ed1d9117>

The logo for Dräger, featuring the word "Dräger" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter 'ä' is stylized with a dot above it and a horizontal line through it.



## Scholarships

### **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.

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### **Eddy Whisnant Scholarship**

The Eddy Whisnant 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.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e044d4be6f7945d4a476cb8a233dad3c>

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.

