



## President's Forum



John Noblitt, CBET  
NCBA President

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Passion: noun – a) intense, driving, or overmastering feeling or conviction. b) a strong liking or devotion to some activity, object, or concept.

In the recent seminar the NCBA sponsored on Leadership Skills, the presenter, Dr. Garrett Hinshaw from Caldwell Community College shared with the attendees his “recipe” for success. One of Dr. Hinshaw's main ingredients was PASSION. As he stated, “for anyone to be a leader you must have passion about what you are doing.”

Looking back over the years and seeing the NCBA grow and become better at providing quality educational programs for the membership I can only contribute this to the passion of past board members and committee members. For this passion and commitment to the NCBA, I would like to thank all that have served this organization in the past. You have left a high bar for each Board that has followed.

I am proud to say that this passion is not lost. I see it at every NCBA Board Meeting. I see the passion of new board member such as Tony Bisese as he strives to make this symposium the best and most smoothly run for our vendors. I see the passion that Glenn Scales has for this organization as he does so many tasks for the association such as Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. I see this passion in Parker Foster as he strives to make changes in the Treasurer's responsibilities to use new technologies to make this organization run more smoothly. Each of you will soon see the passion that Kevin Potts has for this organization once you see the educational tracts he is putting together for this year's symposium. This passion is also demonstrated by the rest of the board members by their thoughtful input into discussions we have at the board meetings and the duties they carry out between the meetings.

As a state organization we have truly been blessed by the passion so many have brought to the NCBA. From the very first board to the current board, we continue striving to keep the standards as high as possible for the NCBA membership. It is my belief that this passion is why the NCBA is one of the most highly regarded state biomedical societies in the country and an organization you should be very proud to be associated with.

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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 editor2@ncbiomedassoc.com.

# NCBA Board Minutes Friday, March 24, 2006

## WakeMed – Raleigh, NC

Attending Members: John Noblitt, Tony Bisese, Sally Goebel, Glenn Scales, Kevin Potts, Gordon Radke, Parker Foster

Meeting called to order at 10:17 by President John Noblitt.

Motion to pass the previous meetings minutes by Sally Goebel and seconded by Kevin Potts.

Treasurer's Report: Parker reported the NCBA has \$30,065.71 in checking as of today's meeting. The laptop for the recording secretary has been purchased for approx. \$700.00.

Discussion took place about bringing online payments to our members and vendors for registrations at this year's symposium. Costs involved would be in the range of \$250.00 set up fee, 35.00/mo. maintenance fee, and a 2.39% and \$.30 per transaction fee if we went with a company such as [www.yourpay.com](http://www.yourpay.com) Parker will further research for a better deal and report back to board at next meeting.

This is for the online credit card pay for the Symposium. Parker is going to look into this a little more/ research and we will have the information by April 15, 2006. The advantages of this are that the Treasurer will have fewer checks to process. Parker will contact the CPA to just make sure we are able to do this.

Parker gave a report about the idea of getting a No Fee check card (NCBA) with the President and Treasurer and possibly Glenn's name on it. The issue was raised by Kevin on accountability – to make sure that we still can reconcile the individual cards.

Discussion on the cards included: The amount that Glenn actually has ongoing disbursements/reimbursements. Looking into the possibility of specific cards for President, Treasurer and other offices. Parker Foster said the he would look into these possibilities more and report next meeting. Parker will also contact our CPA firm to see if there is anything about these new processes that the Board needs to be aware of

Finance: Committee is going to look into an audit with an independent line item Audit with a CPA.

Parker made a motion asking to be able to move towards a paperless online bill payments and bank info. Gordon seconded. Motion passes. Parker will

create an SOP (standard operating procedure) for all electronic transactions. Parker is going to ask Dale Almond if he will take care of Writing the S.O.P.s

Under finance committee: Parker did some research on routers so board members would have access to the internet during the symposium with out having to buy another internet drop from the hotel. Discussion ensued about renting projectors at the symposium or should NCBA purchase projectors. It was reported that projectors run about \$650.00 – 750.00 each.

Right now we are giving a booth to Lee Hartman for the use of his AV equipment. Discussion about getting Helen to renegotiate the use of screens. Kevin Potts, will talk to Helen Jones. We are tabling the issue of projectors until we learn more about the screens, and determine our use and need.

Membership: Glenn sent out newsletters to all of the old members and the new members from this past symposium. There have been 7 members that have paid membership for this year.

Education: Kevin went through all of the classes. We have 17 classes that have been confirmed for the Symposium. Kevin is looking for possible teachers for A+, Net +, computer hardware installation and wireless standards.

There was discussion on all of the classes.

Possible standalone class – Teacher: Albert deRichmond, Essentials of Accident Investigation in a Biomedical setting. Possibly late summer.

Kevin Potts motion to make the accident investigation class NCBA biomed sponsored. Parker second and it passes.

**Continued on the next page**

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# Dollars and Sense: Treasurer's Report

## By Parker Foster CBET, NCBA Treasurer

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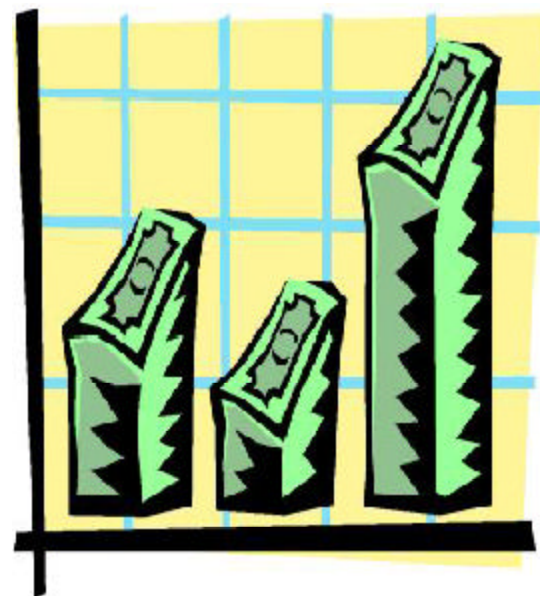
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| Checking:     |                | \$17,531 |
| CD's:         | XX205          | \$25,717 |
|               | XX257          | \$25,182 |
| Scholarships: | Eddie Whisnant | \$605    |
|               | Norm Reeves    | \$605    |

### *(Income highlights)*

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Membership renewal | \$100 |
|--------------------|-------|

### *(Expense highlights)*

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|----------------------|---------|
| Scholarship Payments | \$1,000 |
| Capital Equipment    | \$661   |
| Newsletter Printing  | \$409   |
| Postage              | \$355   |
| Bank Fees            | \$140   |
| Telephone            | \$34    |



### **BOD Minutes continued from page 3**

Stand alone classes:

Leadership class did take place and turnout with only 6 people attending.

Medex Medfusion 3500 Syringe Pump class at Wake Med sometime in June.

The CBET review class will be April 3-7 at Stanly Community College

The Puritan Bennett 840 class is scheduled for next year.

Scholarship: No report – Mike McCoy wasn't in attendance.

Newsletter: No Report. Need articles within one week for the newsletter. Newsletter will go out as soon as President's forum and Board meeting minutes are received.

Vendor Relations: Vendor registration is already online and Tony said that there has already been very positive response. 24x7 is asking for a booth in return they will give us a free half page advertisement about the symposium. Tony Bisese will continue negotiating to get us two half page adds in the July and September issue. Price last year was \$5376 for Southern Exhibition Services. Tony has been looking into another service.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance - Line by line audit look into and credit cards

Sally Gobel motioned to keep the golf on Sunday to better accommodate our educational goals. second by John Noblitt. Motion passed

### **Old Business**

Biomedical week for North Carolina John is taking care of getting it set up.

There was discussion on giving an out of state board member a free three day registration for one member of board of directors from adjacent states.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm. The next meeting will be at Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute in Hudson NC on May 12.

### **President's Forum continued from page 1**

I know many of the NCBA members bring this same passion to your work with you every day. This passion, this commitment to excellence to do the very best job you can, ensures the best healthcare possible for patients all across our region. For that commitment to excellence I personally thank each of you.

As members of the NCBA I am sure you will continue to strive to bring your passion and leadership to your facility and I can promise each of you that this years Board of Directors will continue to bring our passion and commitment to this wonderful organization.

Passionately,

John Noblitt, CBET





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## In-Service For World Medical Mission

### By Joel Buck

After working as an endoscope repair technician for more than ten years, I decided to return to school at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute to pursue a degree in Biomedical Equipment Technology. Currently, I am completing my eight week internship. During this internship, I have rotated through all facilities in the Moses Cone Health System and have been quite amazed at how modern biomedical technology has changed the way patients receive care. I have also had the opportunity to spend a day at World Medical Mission, located in Boone, NC, performing an in-service on their flexible endoscopy equipment.

World Medical Mission, a division of Samaritan's Purse, arranges short-term mission trips and provides equipment, supplies, and technical and medical support for missionary physicians and dentists around the world. World Medical Mission's BMETs and electrical engineers refurbish donated equipment that might be considered obsolete in the modern hospitals of our country. In the mission hospitals this same equipment, when properly functioning and installed, can be a blessing.

With a fellow expert in endoscopy repair and our testing tools and supplies, we spent the day evaluating as much of their inventory as time would permit. We soon found that World Medical Mission's need for properly functioning equipment was greater than we had anticipated. Many of the flexible endoscopes were non-submersible models from the 1970's. In our combined 18 years experience in the industry, our exposure to this outdated equipment had been minimal at best.

Although much of their equipment is outdated by western standards, we determined that with some repair it would still be very useful. We gave special attention to the endoscope models most often requested by the mission hospitals. We were able to evaluate and perform minor, on-site repairs on a gastroscope and a sigmoidoscope. . Another gastroscope, sigmoidoscope and a bronchoscope needed major repairs and had to be taken to our facility. We also instructed several of the World Medical Mission technicians on proper handling of the endoscopes and evaluation procedures.

When the day was over we found ourselves driving down the Blue Ridge Parkway. We knew the time and hard work we donated made us feel we made a difference in someone getting proper medical attention with the proper equipment. We were thankful to have the knowledge and time to help someone in need. While we left with a sense of accomplishment, their need for experienced help with endoscopy equipment is substantial. Our

sense of accomplishment was not only in the time we donated but also in the beginning of what we are sure will be a lasting friendship.

World Medical Mission does not solicit donations. If you would like to donate equipment or supplies, please contact one of their biomedical technicians at (828) 262-1980.

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In a recent Safety Alert, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices reported on another case of tubing misconnection, this time involving a hospitalized child being treated for asthma. The tubing that connected an oxygen wall outlet to the child's nebulizer became disconnected. A staff member later reattached this oxygen tubing to the Baxter Clearlink valve on the patient's IV set, and the child died. Baxter has issued a safety alert to directors of nursing on this type of tubing misconnection hazard.

ISMP notes that oxygen tubing generally doesn't have a Luer connector, but they point out that it's still possible to make a connection between the tube and a Clearlink valve if you use excessive force. Although this kind of connection might not hold for very long, it only takes seconds for an air embolism to occur and kill the patient if you connect an oxygen or air tube to an IV port.

ISMP says that staff training is vital in preventing these kinds of accidents. They suggest that whenever tubing is connected or reconnected to a patient, staff should be required to completely trace it from the patient to the point of origin. They also note that if IV lines were labeled, this could help alert staff if they were about to access that line accidentally.

ISMP points out that it's possible for anyone, even a trained professional, to misconnect patient lines, but that untrained people, like ancillary staff, students and transport personnel, are more likely to commit errors. And so ISMP recommends that these people not be allowed to connect and disconnect patient tubing.

ISMP notes that in the rush of patient care, sometimes a student or a transport worker or a lab technician will be asked to connect or disconnect a tube. ISMP suggests that these people be taught how to refuse if someone asks them to connect or disconnect medical tubing.

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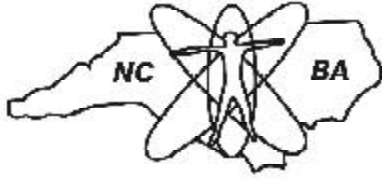
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**February 10-11, 2006, Time: 8:30 a.m.**

Board of Directors Planning Retreat  
Ocean Reef Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC

**March 24, 2006, Time: 10:00 a.m.**

WakeMed, Raleigh, NC  
Host – Parker Foster, Ph: 919-350-5915

**May 5, 2006, Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Caldwell Community College, Hudson, NC  
Host – John Noblitt, Ph: 828-726-2263

**July 21, 2006, Time: 10:00 a.m.**

WFU Baptist Med. Center, Winston-Salem, NC  
Host – Kevin Potts, Ph: 336-716-3437

**September 8, 2006, Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC  
Host – Gordon Radke, Ph: 704-446-0255

**November 10, 2006, Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Pinehurst Resort & Hotel, Pinehurst, NC  
Ph: 800-487-4653, [www.pinehurst.com](http://www.pinehurst.com)

**December 10-13, 2006**

2006 NCBA Symposium and Expo  
Pinehurst Resort & Hotel, Pinehurst, NC

**January 12, 2007, Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Stanly Community College, Albemarle, NC  
Host – David Wilson, Ph: 704-991-0277

**February 9-10, 2007, Time: 8:30 a.m.**

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**Board Meetings are open to the NCBA Membership.**

**Please plan to attend.**