



President's Forum



John Noblitt, CBET
NCBA President

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It always seems to happen this time of year. I'm always amazed that another class has finished their internship and is ready to graduate. It only seems like about four months ago when I had twenty faces staring at me like a deer caught in headlights. Then when they come back from internship they are talking about going to Endo to see about a problem. When just months ago they didn't know what Endo was, let alone an abbreviation for Endoscopy. Now they even know what it is used for and how to take care of the endoscopy equipment. After fifteen years of teaching, this time still just creeps up on me, and before I know it the students are out in the real world. It always seems you will have time to complete those last two chapters but, the time seems to just disappear.

It does seem like we started about six months ago but, graduation was last Friday and now all the students are graduates and anxious to start their new careers in the healthcare field as practicing Biomed Techs. As usual I am once again very proud of the seventeen new graduates from the class of 2006 from Caldwell Community College. Just as in the past years, I'm sure there are going to be many excellent new BMET's from Caldwell Community College as well as Stanly Community College.

I'm sure that many of use think about deadlines that are months away that we have plenty of time to accomplish those tasks, but before you know it your six month window has turned into a six week window and then a six day window. The reason I mention this is because I would hate for any of you to miss the NCBA Symposium because you did not plan ahead. Now is the time to make your plans to attend. From the new graduate, to the experienced tech, to the IT person and the imaging specialist and the shop manager, there is something for everyone. When you see Kevin Potts' line up for the educational opportunities I'm sure you will agree, there is something for everyone.

Of course the NCBA symposium is three days packed full of great educational opportunities, the symposium also allows time to visit with many vendors to check out the latest and greatest in clinical equipment

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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, May 12, 2006

Caldwell Community College – Hudson, NC

Attending Members: John Noblitt, Sally Goebel, Glenn Scales, Kevin Potts, Gordon Radke, Parker Foster, Sonny Richards, Helen Jones, Kevin Scoggin

Meeting called to order at 10:03AM.

There was discussion on the passing of the minutes. A motion was made to pass the minutes in the newsletter, by Helen Jones and seconded Sally Goebel.

Treasurer's Report: Parker reported that we have \$86K in all our various NCBA accounts such as CD's checking etc. Several vendors have already registered and sent in registration fees.

Parker reported that he has been unsuccessful in researching the internet E-commerce. John is going to talk to the teacher at the college.

Parker is also going to continue looking into the check cards for the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Dale Allman will be contacted for some information on a SOP (standard operation procedure). Parker is going to look into Procurement Cards as a safer alternative to the debit cards for routine operating expenses.

Parker reported that we filed our taxes late and therefore there is late fee. Parker offered to pay the late fee and the board has declined his offer. John will be composing a letter to send to the IRS asking for an abatement of the late fees since the NCBA owed no taxes for the year. The fiscal year ended April 30.

Finance Committee: Glenn and Parker are going to continue collaborating to get registration online. Board discussed the purchase of one projector, Helen motioned to purchase an LCD projector, Sally seconded. Motion passed.

Membership: Glenn reported on the status of some of the vendor which have already registered for the '06 symposium. Nothing to report on general membership.

Internet report: Mark Renfro did a walkthrough of the NCBA website to see what needed updating. Some of the things that were found were:

Past president page was updated, golf page updated, vendor schedule updated. Helen stated that our room rates have not changed so Glenn can update the page.

Symposium page has been updated to show all of the current information. The forms are downloadable. The registration will go up in a few months.

Newsletter: Glenn is requesting that we get an article from Mike about the scholarship and professional of the year. Glenn asked Kevin Potts for an article with something about the track education that we are doing. Glenn asked John for a reminder to managers to plan ahead for the symposium.

Discussion on the biomedical week proclamation. John said that we are getting some resistance from the Governors office. Sonny talked about last years experience and he was telling us that it was difficult to obtain the proclamation. We needed to stay persistent in our efforts. David Wilson is working with the Governors office.

Education: Kevin brought in a spreadsheet that showed all of the updated classes. Discussion ensued about the JCAHO Joseph Flannery class.

The performance standards class was scraped. Not able to find anyone that was willing to teach this. There are very few benchmark standards for our industry. Discussion from Sonny and Kevin on possibly coming up with some ideas for the class. There was a suggestion that possibly a root cause analysis class by Sally would be great. There is some concern with having too many room days and not enough class rooms. The board went through and made cuts to the overall list of classes.

Stand Alone Classes

ECRI: Essentials of Accident Investigations at Wake Med. September 2006. Parker is going to look into the availability

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Dollars and Sense: Treasurer's Report

By Parker Foster CBET, NCBA Treasurer

Account balances as of 5/12/2006:

Checking:		\$21,310
CD's:	XX205	\$25,718
	XX257	\$25,182
Scholarships:	Eddie Whisnant	\$606
	Norm Reeves	\$606

(Income highlights)

Membership renewal	\$425
Seminar registration	\$640
Symposium registrations	\$5,900

(Expense highlights)

Newsletter Printing	\$1,601
Postage	\$303
Office expenses/supplies	\$400
Telephone	\$104



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of conference rooms projector and screen at Wake Med. The class is going to be open to everyone interested. The cost is \$1500 plus travel. Discussion on whether or not the class should cost for non-members. \$50 for members \$100 for non members. Motion from Glenn to charge the above listed. Second Parker. Amended to read that current members will be free to this class and non members will pay \$150. This is reflecting the importance of the class. Motion passed.

Editor's Note: Seminar is finalized — see page 14 for details.

The Puritan Bennett 840 Ventilator class is tentatively scheduled for around spring break of 2007.

Scholarship: Mike McCoy wasn't in attendance. The board reviewed the current scholarship application. John is going to send this to all the members to look over. Board members will respond with feedback. John will ask Mike about the funding on the Norman Red Reeves.

Newsletter: Glenn needs articles for upcoming newsletter. Newsletter will go out as soon as President's forum and minutes are received.

Golf: John is going to talk to Mike about changing the golf tourney to Sunday. The board feels that education is our primary purpose and we need Wednesday for classes.

Symposium Planning : Helen reported that the hotel is going to sponsor one coffee break during breakfast. Helen contacted the director of communicate and negotiated a price

break of 15 dollars per room per day.

The Board of Directors voted to take the recommendation of the symposium planning board to use the communicate screens at \$51.50 a room.

Vendor: Tony Bisese was not was not in attendance

Vendor registration is already online and Glenn 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 will go ahead and continue negotiating to get us two half page adds in the July and September issue. Price last year was \$5,376. for Southern Exhibition Services. Tony has been looking into another service.

Committee Reports

Finance - Line by line audit by CPA firm may be too costly. Parker is still looking into credit cards or Procurement Cards for use by NCBA officers for expenses related to the operation of the NCBA.

Sally Gobel motioned to keep the golf on Sunday to better accommodate our educational goals. Second Gordon Radke. Motion passed

Old Business

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm. The next meeting will be at Wake Forrest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem on July 21, 2006.



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Caldwell Community College News

With the winding down of another school year we have been very busy trying to give the students all the information we can to help prepare them for the internship portion of the curriculum, and most importantly being a knowledgeable BMET.

We have had a lot of help over the past month or so from NCBA members and vendors to help expose the students to information that they will be in need of in the very near future.

First, Dr. Larry Kodak from Duke University Medical Center came in and did a two day seminar on issues and equipment found in today's modern laboratory. Larry did an excellent job explaining regulatory agencies such as CAP, along with all the different areas that are found in the laboratory of a hospital. Larry lectured for one day about the many areas of the lab and what type of problems a BMET may encounter while working in this environment. This is the third consecutive year that Larry has given his time and expertise to the students. Here at the college we truly appreciate Larry for sharing his talents with the students.

Next, we had Skip Richmond from GE Healthcare come in for one day to do an overview training session on anesthesia equipment. Skip did an excellent job of showing the students the new GE anesthesia machine as he did a compare and contrast with the older Ohmeda Modulus II machine we have in our lab at the college. Skip walked the students through common problems with anesthesia machines and how to fix them. Also, Skip took the students on a walk through time with anesthesia showing how this technology has evolved from no treatment to today's most advanced machines. This was very fascinating for me as well as the students. After a day with a true expert in the field of anesthesia machines, I'm sure the students feel much better about their knowledge of this technology.

With the Puritan Bennett 7200 ventilators, Mr. Boyd Campbell from Southeastern Biomedical Associates did a one day seminar on ventilators. Boyd has much experience with this product and it really showed in his presentation. He took the students through every aspect you could imagine of ventilation therapy. Boyd even got the tools out and did as much hands on training with the 7200 as time would allow. Boyd was fabulous as he shared with the students his knowledge of ventilators, but also his experiences as a BMET. I had several comments from the students about how much better they felt about starting their internships with all the information Boyd shared with not only ventilators, but also the healthcare industry in general.

Last, but certainly not least, we had several students take advantage of the NCBA seminar on leadership skills

presented by Dr. Garrett Hinshaw of Caldwell Community College. Dr. Hinshaw was a very dynamic speaker as he shared with the class his "recipe for success". This "recipe" as he referred to must work because Dr. Hinshaw is the youngest Executive Vice President in the North Carolina Community College system. He focused in on the many qualities of a leader and different styles of leadership. He spoke about the many ingredients it takes to become a leader. I agree 100% with Dr. Hinshaw in what he had in his recipe as the number one ingredient: PASSION for what you are doing. As Dr. Hinshaw spoke of the qualities of a leader, he shared with the students that these qualities will help make them better employees, better little league coaches, better neighbors, better spouses, better parents and better people. Again, I must agree with Dr. Hinshaw; by employing leadership skills, all of the above mentioned things can and will happen for each of the attendees that use the "recipe".

As you can see, the students have been very busy as they prepare for the internship segment of their education and the real world of work. I feel very confident in speaking for the entire graduating class of 2006 when I again say "thank you" to Dr. Larry Kodak from D.U.M.C., "thank you" to Skip Richmond from GE Healthcare, "thank you" to Boyd Campbell from Southeastern Biomedical Associates and "thank you" to Dr. Garrett Hinshaw of Caldwell Community College.

Submitted by:

John Noblitt, CBET
BMET Program Director
Caldwell Community College

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and services. I'm sure each of these professionals will be more than willing to help in whatever ways they can to help your facility with whatever needs you have. The Symposium also provides a little time to catch up with old friends like Manny and Ruth Roman or Lane Rushing or Dale Crum or my old lab partner from school, Jerry Flake. Not only can you see old friends but it is a wonderful place to make new friends. All while enjoying the wonderful service and food at The Pinehurst Resort.

So, I'd like to remind all the managers out there to not let registration for the Symposium sneak up on you like graduation does me. The registration forms are on line at www.ncbiomedassoc.com and the Board of Directors is hard at work making sure this Symposium is up to what our members have come to expect.

Sincerely,
John Noblitt, CBET

North Carolina Biomedical Association

Manager of the Year Nomination

Sponsored by Spacelabs Medical

Do you know a manager who has given personally and professionally to the field of Biomedical / Clinical Engineering as well as to their local community? The North Carolina Biomedical Association in conjunction with Spacelabs Medical has created the Manager of the Year Award to be presented annually at the NCBA Symposium for just such a person. **The winner will receive a check for \$1,000 and a plaque identifying them as the NCBA Manager of the Year.** We are looking for managers who have made significant contributions in each of the following areas:

Professional Achievement

Professional achievement activities are those turning points during a career that set the manager apart from his or her peers. Criteria for professional achievement are:

- Leadership of employees or projects, in a manner that exemplifies dedication and professionalism to the field of biomedical technology.
- Contributions to the advancement and recognition of biomedical technology within the medical community.
- Seeking out continual development through constant learning, educational participation, and professional growth.

Community Contribution

Community contribution activities include any activities which provide a significant social, moral, economic, or educational benefit to the local community of the nominee. Criteria for community contribution are:

- Participation in community activities that differ from those associated with professional responsibilities.
- Demonstrated leadership in community or charitable organizations.

Biomedical Community

Biomedical community contributions are those activities, which enhance the professional biomedical community. Criteria for biomedical community contributions are:

- Participatory member in the North Carolina Biomedical Association.
- Demonstrated leadership in the field of biomedical technology on a local, state, or national level.
- Significant contribution to the advancement of the profession through speaking, writing, or networking activities.

SUBMISSIONS:

All submissions will be made on the reverse side of this form and submitted to the NCBA Board of Directors so that they are received no later than October 31st in the year of submission.

NCBA Manager of the Year Nomination

(Please Type)

1. Name of Candidate: _____
Title: _____
Employer: _____
Work Address: _____
Work City/State/Zip Code: _____
Work Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
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Home Address: _____
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2. Please attach a letter of nomination that states the reason, and provides a comprehensive explanation of why this individual is being nominated.
3. An updated resume with the current position held by the nominee, **must** be attached for the nominee to be considered.
4. Additional letters of support are strongly encouraged in order to help identify the nominee's ability to meet the criteria listed. Supporting letters should be from individuals familiar with the nominee's contributions, and should not exceed two pages in length.
5. Additional documentation is encouraged, including (but not limited to) a list of cited articles, published materials, or speaking engagements.
6. Mail your complete set of materials to:

North Carolina Biomedical Association
6300-138 Creedmoor Road, PMB 272
Raleigh, NC 27612-6730
Phone: (919) 688-6890
Attention: Manager of the Year

7. All entries must be received no later than October 31st in the year of submission.

North Carolina Biomedical Association

Professional of the Year Nomination

Sponsored by Hill-Rom

Do you know someone who has given personally and professionally to the field of Biomedical / Clinical Engineering as well as to their local community? The North Carolina Biomedical Association in conjunction with Hill-Rom has created the Professional of the Year Award to be presented annually at the NCBA Symposium for just such a person. **The winner will receive a check for \$1,000, and a plaque identifying them as the NCBA Professional of the Year.** We are looking for individuals who have made contributions in each of the following areas:

Professional Achievement

Professional achievement activities are those performed in the course of day-to-day duty to their employer. Examples of professional achievement are:

- Assisted person in another department in a time of great need which clearly placed the needs of others above their own.
- Performed assigned duties in an outstanding manner.
- Made significant contributions to the mission of the institution which were clearly above and beyond the normal assigned tasks.

Community Contribution

Community contribution activities include any activities which provide a significant social, moral, economic, or educational benefit to the local community of the nominee. Examples of community contribution are:

- Organized a community-wide fund raising drive for a charitable organization.
- Contributed numerous hours to a charitable cause.
- Organized a community-wide educational program which improved or contributed to the improvement of the community inhabitants.

Biomedical Community Contribution

Biomedical community contributions are those activities which enhance the professional biomedical community. Examples of contributions are:

- Published articles in biomedical related professional journals, magazines, or periodicals.
- Presentations at a biomedical organization functions.
- Participation in panel discussions at biomedical organization functions.
- Volunteer work assisting a biomedical organization.

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NCBA Professional of the Year Nomination

(Please Type)

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Title: _____

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Work Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

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3. A resume of the individual being nominated **must** be attached for the nominee to be considered.
4. If you wish to provide additional letters of support, each letter should not exceed two pages.
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The Ceiling View

by Sally Goebel

Before I heard the words, "You have cancer", I thought I was always empathetic with the patient. After all, I was the national service manager for oncology equipment for one of the leading medical device manufacturers in the world. And, I had worked on equipment in every single department in a hospital during my career which now spanned decades. But in that split second everything changed and I quickly realized I was viewing the scene from the other side and that previously, I did not really understand the only perspective that would matter to me for the next two years...flat on my back looking at the ceiling. That is the patient's view.

During the course of my treatment, I underwent 2 surgeries, 81 weeks of weekly chemo infusions, 8 weeks of daily radiation and countless tests. My blood was tested more times than I can remember. I had a stereotactic biopsy, several ultrasound tests, multiple echo tests, CT full body scan and sinus scan, and finally bone scans, sentinel node mapping, and MUGA exams in nuclear medicine.

Through all of that, I experienced not one minute delay due to equipment problems. The only equipment problems I encountered were two out of date inspection stickers and one infusion pump with a low battery which were promptly switched with replacements.

I shudder to think how I would have felt if, after being injected with a radioisotope, one of my nuclear scans had been delayed past half life. The entire unpleasant experience would have to have been repeated. If the linear accelerator had suffered a major failure, all treatment would have to be repeated. Believe me when I tell you that a major illness is very scary.

So, be very proud of our current level of medical equipment technology and dependability. And be very proud of your occupation. The work you do everyday improves the experience and the prognosis of every patient that walks through the doors of the facility(s) you serve.

Remember to look at things through the patient's eyes. Remember the ceiling view.



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Golf Tournament Update

The annual Golf Classic date has changed from the date shown in the last newsletter. The Golf Classic is scheduled for a 11:00am Shotgun Start on

Sunday, December 10, 2006

The location, the course and the fees are all the same. Additional information, including registration forms, can be found on the NCBA web site at

www.ncbiomedassoc.com



Saying Thank You Only Takes a Few Minutes

By John Noblitt, CBET

Ever fell like strangling your boss? Ever feel like you work for the best boss in the world? Isn't it strange how often times it is the same person. Work is hard. Tough decisions have to be made. Lately it seems like a broken record – “do more with less”.

If you have a manager who goes the extra mile to improve your work experience, environment, and or simply you know they have your back, you should consider doing a little paperwork for this person – nominate them for Manager of the Year. This is a wonderful way to say, “I appreciate what you do for me at work”. Your nominee may not win, however they will be recognized at the NCBA luncheon during the 2006 Symposium. The nominating forms are on our website at http://www.ncbiomedassoc.com/about_awards_man.htm. Please take a few moments to say thank you to someone.

While I'm on my soapbox, let me tell you about the Professional of the Year award. As a past recipient of the award I can not express the honor I felt for winning this award. Over the years I have worked with some really great people associated with the NCBA. I am so impressed with so many people in this organization. Professionally, I consider it my most prestigious reward except for seeing a new graduate get a job and it turns out they love it.

Many of you work with someone who deserves this award, or maybe you deserve this award. As I said before, take a few minutes; do some paperwork and makes someone's day, maybe your own. The nomination forms are as always on the website.

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Accident and Forensic Investigation Group of ECRI

Bruce Hansel, Ph.D.

Executive Director

Who Should Attend

This seminar would be beneficial to anyone involved in investigating accidents in a medical setting, and those who would like to learn how to conduct an investigation involving medical equipment incidents. Those who would benefit the most are:

- Biomedical Equipment Technicians
- Clinical Engineers
- Risk Managers

About the Session

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2006

Sign-in: 8:30AM – 9:30AM, Seminar: 9:30AM – 4:30PM

Location: WakeMed, Raleigh, North Carolina

Cost

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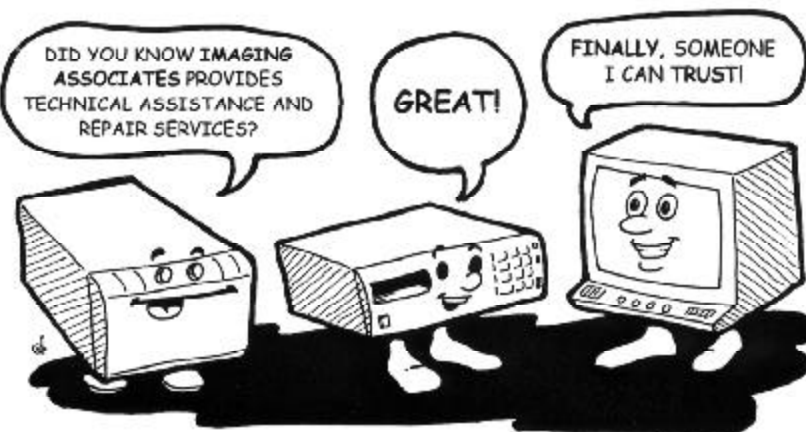
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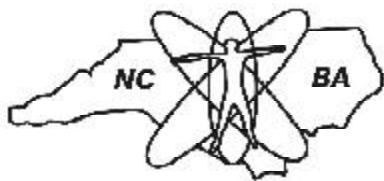
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Schedule of the NCBA Board of Directors Meetings for 2006/2007

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 12, 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

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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Please plan to attend.