



President's Forum



John Noblitt, CBET
NCBA President

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As the air turns crisp and the leaves turn brilliant colors of red, yellow and orange it can only mean one thing; it's almost time for the NCBA annual symposium and vendor expo. The Board of Directors met yesterday for the last time before the symposium to make sure everything is ready for the big show. I'm very happy to report that it looks as if everything is in order and ready to go. Serving as President this year has been very challenging, yet at the same time very satisfying. I have enjoyed working with the people on this board and hope each of you enjoy the symposium we have worked on all year. This year the board has brought new services to our members and seen new challenges. I hope that everyone that used the new credit card payment system liked the new convenience. To speak of the challenges, you will probably notice some of our long time vendors will not be with us this year. This is because the vendor area sold out months ago. I apologize to any and all vendors who wished to show at our symposium, and promise each of you this board is already addressing this problem and I'm sure the new board will continue to work on meeting the needs of our vendors.

I believe everyone will find this year's educational tracts very exciting. With several of the tracts running multiple days for more in depth information, we hope you find this format beneficial to you and your career. If you have not registered for this year's symposium you can find all the information you need on our website www.ncbiomedassoc.com. I'm sure you will be able to find something to meet your needs. Kevin Potts has worked very hard all year to bring this format to you, so please let us know how you like having the extended classes and how the NCBA symposium can be improved in the years to come.

The NCBA has enjoyed many years of growth, and this is in no small part to the sponsorship that many of our vendors have given our organization. This year, companies such as DITEC, SonoDepot, have helped the NCBA by providing numerous types of sponsorships. Sponsorships for our golf classic, breaks at the symposium and monetary gifts to use as the NCBA Board sees fit to benefit each of our members. As this year's President I would like to say thank you for supporting the NCBA. I would like to give a special thank you to GE Healthcare for sponsorship of this year's Tuesday night dinner which is always a highlight at the Pinehurst Resort. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Aramark for sponsoring our annual business luncheon on Tuesday. The combination of sponsorships from our vendors and the hard work of this and past board members is what makes the NCBA the envy of many state biomedical organizations.

With everything planned and ready to go for this year's symposium I would like to say, travel safe and we look forward to seeing you in Pinehurst.

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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, November 10, 2006

The Pinehurst Hotel – Pinehurst, NC

Meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM by John Noblitt.

Members in attendance: Tony Bisese, Parker Foster, Helen Jones, John Noblitt, Kevin Potts, Gordon Radke, Sonny Richards, Glenn Scales, Kevin Scoggin, David Wilson.

The meeting in September did not have a quorum. Absent members were informed of discussions in September. The passing of the minutes was tabled until we have copies printed.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Report - Parker Foster

PayPal is up and running. Many members have used the new on line registration payment system.

Parker Foster reported total NCBA funds of \$155,953. \$606.48 in each CD. Registrations for symposium continue to come which will increase NCBA funds.

Discussion on Paypal concerning the documentation/recording of the funds and information. Parker will check with CPA firm about records with Paypal and taxes for IRS.

The internal audit was rescheduled with a tentative date of 12/1/2006.

Membership Report - Glenn Scales

Glenn passed out handouts with updated registration information. We have 128 registrations at this time. Registrations are at an all time high to be this far out from symposium. This was attributed to new Paypal payment system.

Glenn will set up the packet to send off to Kinkos for the Symposium member packets. Glenn provided list of things needed by other Board members to complete Symposium attendee packets.

Education - Kevin Potts

Everything is in order for the symposium. All LCD projectors are being provided by Dave Guery, screens will be rented from Hotel. Kevin asked Board members to bring spare projectors if they have one.

December 1st the classroom assignments will be solidified.

Kevin has begun looking at stand alone classes for 2007 with a possible Puritan Bennett 840 class.

Newsletter Report - Glenn Scales

Glenn is basically ready with next issue.

Much of Dec. issue will be vendor advertising. Gordon R. and John N. will be sending minutes and presidents' forum. Glenn's intention is membership will receive Dec. issue before symposium.

Vendor Report - Tony Bisese

We have sold out all of the 91 booths and they have been assigned. Tony will get an idea of how many vendors will be attending the Tuesday night dinner. We have at least 11 vendors on waiting list, with several others not even bothering to sign up for the waiting list.

We started addressing the issue of how many vendors do we think we could accommodate, if we had the space? Many members felt 125 is not out of reach. Vendor space issues must be solved at Pinehurst location.

Nominating Committee - Gordon Radke

Gordon stated that there is only one bio for nominees thus far. The Board members are going to work on getting more bios for people to run for the Board. Gordon is going to get a standardized form for the nominees.

Scholarship Committee - Mike McCoy. No report, scholarship applications will be forwarded to Mike by Glenn.

Hotel Committee - Helen Jones

Helen has everything taken care of. Helen will inform the Hotel about signage for seminar rooms and use of screens to hotel when information is provided to her from Kevin P. NCBA will receive the special holiday menu, which will save NCBA money on food at Symposium

Public Relations Committee - John Noblitt

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NCBA News is accepting advertising that relates to biomedical equipment and of interest to our readers. Suggested subjects are: Positions Desired, Positions Available, Biomedical Equipment Wanted or For Sale (New or Used), or Announcements of Educational Opportunities or Service Schools in the area.

Advertising is open to all individuals, hospitals, and companies. The decision to carry a particular ad or classified will be the decision of the Editor with support of the NCBA Board. Either jpeg or tiff files of the actual size ads is required. **Corporate Members please remember what free advertisement your membership allows.** Please contact the Newsletter Editor for other pricing.

Prepayment of all advertising is required.

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Dollars and Sense: Treasurer's Report

By Parker Foster CBET, NCBA Treasurer

Account balances as of 11/10/2006:

Checking:		\$99,313
CD's:	XX205	\$27,145
	XX257	\$26,744
Scholarships:	Eddie Whisnant	\$606
	Norm Reeves	\$606

(Income highlights)

Membership renewal	\$550
Seminar registration	\$1,503
Tax Refund	\$1,211
Golf Registration	\$1,305
Symposium registrations	\$60,843

(Expense highlights)

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NCBA Co-Sponsors the 2007 AAMI Meeting

Please plan to join the NCBA this June in Boston, MA for the annual AAMI Conference and Expo. In addition to helping sponsor the Conference, the NCBA will also be attending and will have an exhibit next to the AAMI booth in the expo hall. We plan on having prize drawings for early NCBA Symposium registrations taken at the AAMI Conference. We will also be taking early registrations for the "Golf Classic" with a special prize drawing for the golfers who register.

Boston is one of America's best known historic cities and the activities in and around Boston are highly regarded, whether you are interested in historic tours, sporting events or shopping. The AAMI Conference is an exciting event and the Program Committee has planned an exceptional program for 2007. Several NCBA members will be presenting at the Conference, including NCBA President John Noblitt.

Look for further announcements in this newsletter and by e-mail with special offers just for NCBA members. We are looking forward to seeing you in Boston in June.

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Change of Address

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**North Carolina Biomedical Association
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BOD Minutes continued

John has e-mailed the surrounding state biomedical associations inviting them to attend our Symposium. Many surrounding states have been offered one board member to attend the NCBA symposium with no registration fees.

Professional of the Year Committee/Awards - Mike McCoy

Kevin P. reported we have one nominee for each: for Manager and Professional of the Year. John asked Board members to nominate someone they felt worthy of these awards.

Golf Committee - Mike McCoy. Glenn S. reported 34 registered golfers. The NCBA is contracted for 63 golfers.

Old Business

In an attempt to increase Tuesday night dinner participation a motion to earmark \$1,000.00 towards door prizes for the Tuesday night dinner by Kevin Scoggin, seconded by Helen Jones. Motion passed.

New Business

Vendor Expo area expansion - discussion on using the Cardinal

Ball room as another vendor expo area. Tony Bisese made a motion to reserve the Cardinal Ballroom for next year. Parker Foster second. Motion passed. Helen will negotiate a price for the Cardinal Ballroom for next year and Tony B. will inform the vendors at the vendor meeting about the upcoming changes.

Expo area layout and pricing – there was discussion on escalating price structure for higher profile vendor booths such as end caps. The Board decided not to implement the price structure at this time. All vendor booths will be on a first come first serve again next year.

Venue for the future Symposiums were discussed as our contract with Pinehurst in up after 2008 symposium. Other venues will be considered for future years and will be discussed further at the Board retreat in February.

NCBA co-sponsorship of the AAMI 2006 meeting seemed to be beneficial. NCBA booth needs upgrading to draw attention of attendees in Boston in 2007, as NCBA is again a co-sponsor. The Board is going to have a professional marketer evaluate our display and give us some suggestions.

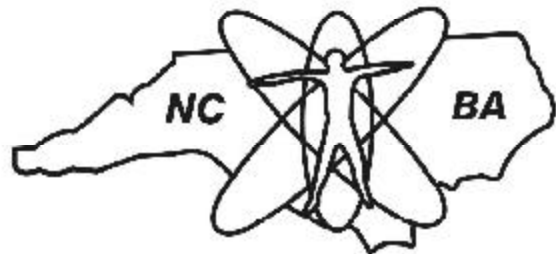
Officer transition issues for next year. We had several issues this year with information not getting passed along regarding vendor registrations, etc. The board is going to work more on making the transition for officers more fluid.

Location of the 2007 planning retreat – the board discussed the idea of changing our meeting sight, possibly the Ashville area.

Honorary membership: A new honorary member will be inducted at this year's symposium. Kevin Scoggin made a motion to induct a new honorary member, motion was seconded by Helen J. and motion passed.

With no further business, motion was made to adjourn by Helen Jones and seconded by Kevin S. and meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Embassy Suites and Convention Center in Concord. 10:00 January 12, 2007.



NCBA 2006 Final Symposium Schedule

Sunday, December 10, 2006

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Monday, December 11, 2006

[illegible]

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

[illegible]

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

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GEN – General Biomed **SPE** – Specialist **IT** – Information Technology **MGT** – Management

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Mail future NCBA information to: Home ____ Work ____ Will you attend the Tue. evening dinner? Yes ____ No ____

*Refer questions to Kevin Potts at 336-716-3437, e-mail vp@ncbiomedassoc.com or
John Noblitt at 828-726-2263, e-mail pres@ncbiomedassoc.com*

◆ Note: Late registration fee in effect after November 24, 2006 ◆

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<input type="checkbox"/> Two Days \$225. ⁰⁰	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Days \$250. ⁰⁰	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Days \$65. ⁰⁰	<input type="checkbox"/> Two Days \$82. ⁰⁰
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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.

Concord Embassy Suites Hotel, Concord, NC
www.embassysuitesconcord.com
Host – John Noblitt, Ph: 828-726-2263

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

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

Board Meetings are open to the NCBA Membership.

Please plan to attend.