

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKERS, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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Caroline Immel, Photo courtesy of Lindsay Suber

LOOKING AHEAD

Some exciting educational opportunities are on the horizon. Mark your calendars now!

2014 DATE	MEETING
July 29 – August 2	ASCLSC Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
September 22-23	NCABB Fall Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC
October 8-10	ASCP Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL
October 25-28	AABB Annual Meeting and CTTXPO, Philadelphia, PA



Old Well Ballroom – Lunch Location at the Carolina Inn for Fall Meeting 2014 – Photo Courtesy of Lindsay Suber.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Caroline Immel, MT(ASCP)

"Time flies when you're having fun" is an idiom that you say which means time passes quickly when you are enjoying yourself. Well, I can't think of a better phrase to express the last 10 months as President of NCABB. As difficult as it is to fathom that another annual NCABB Fall Meeting is upon us, the planning is almost done and the preparations are in full swing. To use another very popular idiom..."it will be here before we know it"!

The Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill will host the fall meeting on September 22nd and 23rd. This picturesque backdrop has everything that the board was looking for when selecting the meeting location. All the guest rooms have been completely renovated, a monstrous task that was completed last fall. Parking, which is always at a premium in Chapel Hill, has been expanded and all attendees will be able to park at the Inn. A myriad of restaurants and shops are within walking distance and, for those who love to mall shop like me, beautiful Southpoint Mall is just a short drive away. The elegant and spacious ballrooms provide plenty of room for attendees to interact with the vendors and network with each other.

The program is going to be fantastic! A variety of topics are on tap including troubleshooting, quality, massive transfusion protocol, and an afternoon on mom and baby issues. We are bringing you outstanding speakers from right here in North Carolina, as well as, some nationally recognized and respected individuals. We think you will appreciate the variety in the topics, the quality of the presentations, and relevance of the information that is shared with attendees. So, to quote the Price Is Right's Rod Roddy, "Come on Down"! The board hopes you will spend a couple late September days in Chapel Hill with us enjoying the program.

Lastly, as hard as it is to believe that the fall meeting is almost here, it's even harder for me to believe that my year as President is almost over. I have an incredible group of board members this year who have helped me in making some fabulous upgrades and improvements to the organization. We are all very proud of the new website and bringing that into the 21st century with online registrations and payments. We are excited about bringing you P.A.C.E accreditations by the Spring Workshop in 2015. We are also excited about updating the newsletter and hope that you find it more useful and appealing.

This year has been an incredible opportunity and, for that, I am very grateful. Thank you for your continued support of the organization and for allowing me to serve as the NCABB President in 2014. I am truly honored.



NCABB, INC.

WWW.NCABB.ORG

THE WORK ON OUR NEW WEBSITE IS NEARING COMPLETION WITH AN EXPECTED LAUNCH DATE OF JULY 25TH! PLEASE CHECK IT OUT AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

P.O. Box 34213
Charlotte, NC 28234



Frances K. Widmann, Allene McNeil,
Rebecca High-Shipp and Eugenia Petteway

September will be
here before you
know it! Make
plans now to
attend the Fall
Meeting!

FALL MEETING 2014 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

FRANCES K. WIDMANN, MD

In the fall of 2013, Dr. Frances Widmann died at age 78. Dr. Widmann was an active NCABB and AABB member, serving on many committees and on the Board of Directors. She was the recipient of NCABB's Petteway-Shepherd Award in 1990 and served as NCABB president in 1995. The AABB also presented her its John Elliott Memorial Award in 1984 and the Distinguished Service award in 1993.

Dr. Widmann received her medical degree from Western Reserve in Cleveland and completed her residency at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and remained at UNC-Chapel Hill as a faculty member until 1971. She also served as medical director of the blood bank at North Carolina Memorial Hospital (Chapel Hill, NC) and the medical technology program at Duke University (Durham, NC). She directed the blood bank at the Durham Veteran's Administration Hospital and also taught in the Duke Department of Pathology. She was also assistant chief of the laboratory service at the Durham VA, 1972-1998.

Dr. Widmann was well respected for her editorial skills and served as Editor-in-Chief of the 8th and 9th editions of the AABB Technical Manual. She also served as Chair of the AABB's Standards Committee. She published books in immunology and serology, pathobiology and the interpretation of laboratory tests.

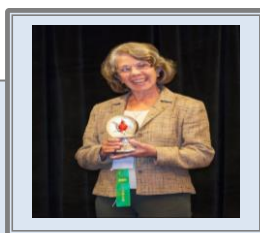
She will forever be remembered for her scholarship, her service and her passion for Transfusion Medicine. Since 1994, NCABB has honored her each year with the presentation of the Frances K. Widmann Service Award and will continue this tradition as a tribute to her legacy and in appreciation of those who follow in her footsteps of service and work on behalf of NCABB.

NOMINATIONS

There's still time to nominate someone for one of the 2 awards we present at the annual fall meeting.

The Frances K. Widmann award recognizes service to NCABB and the Elizabeth Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship provides a financial award to attend the NCABB Fall meeting.

Nominations forms can be found on pages 5-7 of this newsletter.



Rita Joseph, 2013 Recipient of the
Frances K. Widmann Service Award

Sunday, September 21, 2014

6:30-7:30pm Registration

Monday, September 22, 2014

7:30-8:30am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:15am	The Future of Transfusion Medicine Dr. Benjamin
9:15 – 10:00am	CLS Workforce: Retaining Experts Dr. Tara Moon
10:00-10:45am	Break and Exhibits
10:45 – 11:30am	Monitoring Un-monitorable Anticoagulants Dr. Winkler
11:30-12:00	Platelets Across America
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-1:45pm	Hemolytic Disease of the Fetus and Newborn Case Studies Dr. Allbert
1:45-2:30pm	Transfusion Related Acute Gut Injury Dr. Patel
2:30-3:00pm	Break and Exhibits
3:00-3:45pm	Intrauterine Transfusion Dr. Goonight
3:45-4:30pm	Hemolytic Disease of the Fetus and Newborn Case Studies Dr. Park
4:30-5:00pm	Neonates and Hemolytic Disease of the Fetus and Newborn Roundtable
5:00-6:30pm	Wine and Cheese Reception

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

7:30-8:15am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15am	Elizabeth "Kizzie" Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship Award Presentation
8:30-9:15am	Massive Transfusion Protocol – Lessons Learned Mary Lee Campbell
9:15-10:00am	Disaster Preparedness – Boston's Experience Dr. Quillen
10:00-10:45am	Break and Exhibits
10:45-12:00	How have Blood Groups Changed? Christine Lomas-Frances (Petteway-Shepherd Award Presentation)
12:00-12:30	Membership Meeting and Widmann Service Award Presentation
12:30-1:15pm	Lunch
1:15-2:00	Autologous Control vs. the DAT Tiffany Walters
2:00-2:45pm	It's in the Details – Problems with Blood Bank Testing You Never Saw Coming Becky Bullock

*Join us at the Fall Meeting!
Registration form is on page 8.*

We look forward to seeing you in Chapel Hill!

More about the Fall Meeting...



Carolina Inn – Photo Courtesy of
Lindsay Suber

PLANNING YOUR TRIP...

From I-40 WEST (Coming from the East - RDU Airport, Raleigh, Wilmington)

- Follow I-40 West to Exit 273A (Chapel Hill)
- Turn right onto NC-54 West toward Chapel Hill
- Stay straight to go onto Raleigh Rd./NC-54 BR West. Continue to follow Raleigh Rd./NC-54 BR West.
- Turn slight right onto South Columbia St.
- Turn left onto West Cameron Ave.
- Turn left on Pittsboro St.

From I-85 NORTH (Coming from the South - Charlotte, Atlanta)

- Take I-85 North to I-40
- Take I-40 East toward Raleigh
- Take the NC-86 Exit, Exit 266, toward Chapel Hill
- Turn right on NC-86
- Turn right onto West Cameron Ave.
- Turn left onto Pittsboro St.

From I-85 SOUTH (Coming from the North - Virginia and Points North)

- Take I-95 South to I-85 South (I-85 becomes US-15)
- Keep left to take US-15 S./US-15-501 South via Exit 174A toward Chapel Hill
- Take the Exit toward UNC Chapel Hill
- Turn onto Raleigh Rd./NC-54 BR W. Continue to follow Raleigh Rd./NC-54 BR West
- Turn slight right onto South Columbia St./NC-86 North
- Turn left onto West Cameron Ave.
- Turn left onto Pittsboro St.

From I-40 EAST (Coming from the West - Winston-Salem, Asheville)

- Take I-40 East to NC-86
- Take the NC-86 Exit, Exit 266, toward Chapel Hill
- Keep right at the fork to go on NC-86
- Turn right onto West Cameron Ave.
- Turn left onto Pittsboro St.

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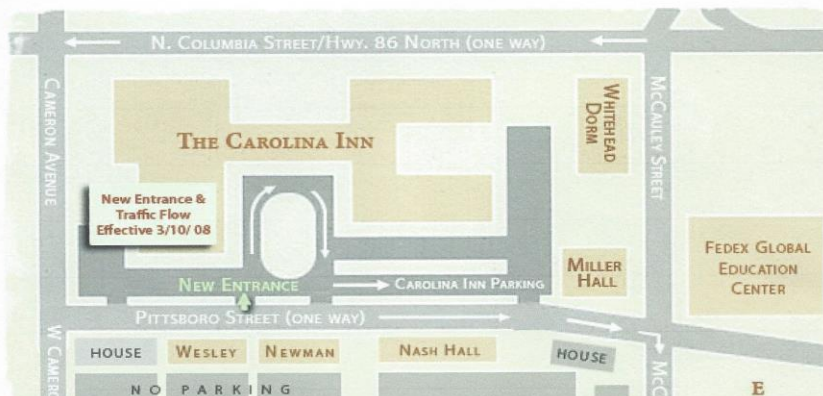
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ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

The 2014 Fall Meeting will be held in Chapel Hill, NC at the historic Carolina Inn. The location provides Southern charm, modern amenities, gracious service, and excellent food. The Carolina Inn is a AAA Four Diamond Award Winner, member of Historic Hotels of America and is conveniently located within walking distance of many shops and restaurants.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Sunday and Monday nights (September 21 and 22, 2014). The room rate is **\$149 per night**. Included in the room rate is complementary parking and Wi-Fi. Room reservations must be made by **September 1, 2014** to receive this rate.

There are 3 methods to book your room: the direct link, the main Carolina Inn website, or phone. The direct link is: **Book Carolina Inn**. This link will allow guests to access guest room reservations and will be routed directly to the NCABB group rate. You can also book via the main Carolina Inn website (<http://www.carolinainn.com>). You will need to enter the code **"405136"** in the "Group Code" field on the website. To book by phone call: **800-962-8519** and give them the code **"405136"** or tell them you are attending the NCABB fall meeting.



VISIT THE **CAROLINA INN** WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.CAROLINAINN.COM OR [HTTP://WWW.CAROLINAINN.COM/CHAPEL-HILL-TRIP-PLANNER.PHP](http://WWW.CAROLINAINN.COM/CHAPEL-HILL-TRIP-PLANNER.PHP) FOR MORE MAPS AND DIRECTIONS.

Join NCABB today! Membership provides discounted rates for the Fall Meeting and free registration for the Spring Workshop.

Join NCABB!

North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers Membership Form 2014

NCABB is an affordable professional organization open to interested individuals. It offers opportunities for continuing education, networking, and reduced registration fees at the spring workshop and fall meeting.

☐ New Membership \$25.00

☐ Renewal \$25.00

Name: _____ Certifications: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Place of employment: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

☐ Please check here if you prefer that your email address not be shared with educational organizations or vendors.

Please complete all information so that we may have current contact information. Return this form with payment for \$25.00 to:

NCABB, Inc.
P.O. Box 34213
Charlotte, NC 28234

Please contact the NCABB Membership Chair (Angela Mahathey) or Treasurer (Lindsay Suber) for questions regarding membership or for notification of change of address.

Angela Mahathey: ammahathey@novanthealth.org
Lindsay Suber: Lindsay.suber@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers!

Elizabeth “Kizzie” Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity for two recipients to attend the NCABB Fall Meeting. The scholarship award includes waived registration fees for the NCABB Fall Meeting and up to \$150 in expenses associated with attending the conference. Eligible expenses would include hotel room, meals or travel expenses associated with attending the meeting.

Award:

Two recipients will be selected and notified by the NCABB President prior to August 15 of the current year. One recipient will be a current MLS/MLT student and one recipient will be an MLS/MLT currently working in a Blood Bank/Transfusion Service.

Guidelines:

1. Applicant must be currently working in Blood Bank/Transfusion Service in North Carolina OR an MLS/MLT student enrolled in a NAACLS accredited program in clinical laboratory science in North Carolina.
2. Students must submit a reference letter from their Program Director. Employees must submit a reference letter from their Immediate Supervisor.
3. **Complete applications include: the application form, reference letter and essay. Must be postmarked or emailed by August 1 of the current year.**
4. Applications should be mailed to:

NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234

Or emailed to Caroline Immel:

Cimmel@unch.unc.edu

**Elizabeth (Kizzie) Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship
APPLICATION FORM**

Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle Initial)

Home

Address:

(Street)

Phone:

(City, State, Zip)

Mailing

Address:

(Street)

Phone:

(City, State, Zip)

Check appropriate category:

☐ MLS/MLT Student

☐ MLT/MLT Employed in Blood Bank

Place of Employment or MLS/MLT Program:

Facility or Program Name

Facility of Program Street Address

City, State, Zip

Immediate Supervisor or Program Director Name

Verification by Program Director OR Immediate Supervisor:

I certify that the applicant is currently enrolled in a NAACLS accredited MT/MLT Program.

Signature of Program Official _____

I certify that the applicant is currently employed/working in a Blood Bank/Transfusion Service in North Carolina.

Signature of Immediate Supervisor _____

Essay:

Please include an essay (500 words or less) describing one current challenge or issue facing Clinical Laboratory Science or Transfusion Medicine. Include how you, as an individual, can make a difference.

The Frances K. Widmann Service Award CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Please consider nominating a deserving member of NCABB for the Frances K. Widmann Service award. If you would like to see someone you know receive the recognition they deserve, please submit a letter or complete the form below and send to Caroline Immel at Cimmel@unch.unc.edu or mail to NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234.

Deadline is August 1, 2014.

The winner will be announced and the award presented at the NCABB Business meeting, which is held during the Annual Fall Meeting, September 22-23, 2014.

The nominee should:

1. Exemplify service to the NCABB.
2. Assist other NCABB members.
3. Maintain a professional attitude.
4. Demonstrate integrity.
5. Cooperate and interact with other organizations.
6. Demonstrate loyalty to NCABB, Inc.
7. Use his/her expertise for the betterment of the NCABB, Inc.

Your Name: _____

Nominee: _____

I would like to nominate this person for the Frances K. Widmann Service award for the following reasons:



North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers
41st Annual Meeting, Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill, NC
September 22-23, 2014

Registration Form

Name: _____ Certifications: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City, State, Zip Code)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____
(If student, MLT/MLS Program:) _____

☐ Please check here if you prefer that your email address not be shared with educational organizations or vendors.

Registration Fees

Registration fee includes breakfast, breaks and lunch on Monday and Tuesday and a vendor reception on Monday night. **Please register by August 29, 2014.**

	NCABB Member	Nonmember	Student
Monday	\$130	\$155	\$40
Tuesday	\$105	\$130	\$35
Both Days	\$225	\$275	\$75
Half Day	\$85	\$100	

I am a current 2014 NCABB member:

(Please note that NCABB membership covers the calendar year (January – December 2014).)

Yes ☐ No ☐

I plan to attend: (check all that apply)

Full Days:	Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Monday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor Reception <input type="checkbox"/>
	Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>	
Half Days:	Monday AM <input type="checkbox"/>	Monday PM <input type="checkbox"/>	Monday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>
	Tuesday AM <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday PM <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>

Total Payment Due: _____

I would like to pay by:

☐ Check

Make checks payable to: NCABB, Inc. and send with completed registration form to:
NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234.

☐ Credit Card*

Email address: _____

When paying by credit card, you must include an email address. You will be contacted by the NCABB Treasurer through PayPal for payment. You do not need to be a member of PayPal to pay with PayPal.

***Please note, A 2.3% processing fee will be added to all credit card charges.** Send your completed registration form to: NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234.



The North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers

DVD set of the 41st Annual Meeting

September 16-17, 2013

For the nominal cost of \$100.00* you and your staff can receive 9.4 hours of blood banking continuing education. This is an efficient and cost effective way for your facility to help both blood bankers and generalists meet their educational requirements.

Contents:

<i>"Transfusion-Associated Babesiosis"</i>	Thomas Lightfoot, MD
<i>"Transfusion Options For The Patient Refractory To Platelet Transfusions"</i>	Pam Killian, BS, CHT(ABHI)
<i>"Exploring Blood Bank and Transfusion Medicine from the Military Perspective"</i>	Corey Jenkins, MS, MT(ASCP)SBB
<i>"Case Studies"</i>	Lisa Ross, MLT(ASCP)
<i>"Case Studies"</i>	Marian Fortmann, MS, MT(ASCP)SBB
<i>"Competency Assessments: Is Your Program Competent?"</i>	Judy Sullivan, MS, MT(ASCP)SBB, CQA(ASQ)
<i>"The Communication Conundrum or Anesthetists are from Mars and Blood Bankers are from Venus"</i>	Janet Cass-Baxter, MT(ASCP)SBB, Roger D. Baxter, CRNA, MHS, COL(Ret)AN
<i>"Performing Effective Internal Audits"</i>	Judy Sullivan, MS, MT(ASCP),SBB, CQA(ASQ)
<i>"The Evolution Of Apheresis In Transfusion Medicine"</i>	Nicholas Bandarenko, MD
<i>"Using Your Serology Toolbox, A Systematic Approach To Problem Solving"</i>	Martha Rae Coombs, MT(ASCP)SBB
<i>"The Roads To SBB"</i>	Melissa Jackson, MLS(ASCP)SBB
<i>"Case Studies"</i>	Donna Dixon, MT(ASCP)SBB

To purchase a copy of this valuable educational tool, please complete this form &

Mail to: NCABB, Inc.
P.O. Box 34213
Charlotte, NC 28234

Or

Fax to: Tara Moon
919-966-5200

I would like to pay by: ☐ Check

☐ Money Order

☐ Credit Card

If you are paying by check or money order, please include payment with your completed form.

If you are paying by credit card, you must include an email address (below). You will be contacted by the NCABB Treasurer through PayPal for payment. You do not need to be a member of PayPal to pay via PayPal. A 2.3% processing fee will be added to all credit card charges.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

*Please note: An additional \$25.00 processing fee will be added to all orders requiring the completion of vendor forms other than a W-9. A 2.3% processing fee will be added to all credit card charges.

NCABB, Inc. Board of Directors

The NCABB Board is comprised of volunteer members of the NCABB. Each board member was nominated and invited to join. The length of tenure varies with responsibilities. The board meets 3-4 times per year and plans the continuing education provided in the spring and fall workshops. The board hopes to bring together interested individuals for networking and professional enrichment. The current nominating committee is Tara Moon, Kelly Shirley and Lindsay Suber. Please contact any board members with questions, concerns or let us know if you are interested in becoming more involved in the organization.

The 2013-2014 directory of NCABB officers and board members is:

Past President	Malú Anderson, MT(ASCP) SBB American Red Cross, Carolinas Region	andersonmag54@gmail.com
President	Caroline Immel, MT(ASCP) UNC Hospitals	Cimmel@unch.unc.edu
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