

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKERS, INC.

NEWSLETTER

REBECCA BULLOCK, MT(ASCP)SBB, EDITOR

LOOKING AHEAD

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

2015 DATE	MEETING
Feb 7	NCABB Board Meeting, Durham, NC
Feb 19-21	Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference, Cincinnati, OH
March 25-27	Carolinas Clinical Connection, Myrtle Beach, SC
April 15	NCABB Spring Workshop, DCCC Campus, Thomasville, NC
April 19-25	National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week
July 28 – Aug 1	ASCLS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
Sept 21-22	NCABB Fall Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC
Oct 24-27	AABB Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA
Oct 28-30	ASCP Annual Meeting, Long Beach

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tara C. Moon, PhD, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

I am pleased and honored to begin my term as president of NCABB. It is especially gratifying to be working with an extraordinary board of directors that has great energy and passion for Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine. As you will see in this newsletter and subsequent ones, the board has been active in many ways, but most notably the launch of our new and improved website, completion of the 2014 Fall Meeting and the planning of our 2015 Spring Workshop and Fall Meeting. If you've been out of touch with NCABB or haven't attended a conference in a while, I encourage you to visit our new website (ncabb.org) to explore the changes and what is available.

NCABB strives to provide a nice range of quality continuing education workshops that are valuable and desired by all members of the blood banking community. We have learned a great deal in the past from the comments and feedback provided by attendees following the spring and fall meetings. In my role this year, I would like to reach out further to the members and ask for more feedback about the organization itself, our operations and the continuing education events that we provide. To this end, a survey was created and distributed via email. If you have already completed this survey, thank you! If you have not, please go to: https://qtrial2014az1.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0GIl6F1XCVuqjz or use the link posted on the NCABB website. The survey timeframe has been extended and will close on February 28, 2015. If you have any questions about the survey, please email me: tmoon@med.unc.edu. It is my hope that your responses can help inform the board as they make future decisions.

As we prepare for the upcoming **Spring Workshop at Davidson County Community College on April 15, 2015**, I want to acknowledge the terrific program that Caroline Immel and Malu Anderson are coordinating. We are looking forward to themed presentations that address maternal and neonatal health and monitoring. Please keep an eye out as more details will be coming soon. We are also busy planning the **2015 Fall Meeting which will be held in Chapel Hill on September 21-22**. I look forward to seeing everyone at both events!

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THE NEW NCABB WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED!

PLEASE CHECK IT OUT AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

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Highlights of the 42nd Fall Meeting

The 42nd annual NCABB Fall Meeting was held September 22-23, 2014 at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill, NC. Attendees enjoyed two days of distinguished speakers presenting on numerous subject matters. Topics included the clinical laboratory workforce, the management of patients on anticoagulants, treatment for high risk pregnancies, hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn, the development of a massive transfusion protocol and technical problems in blood bank testing. Again this year, the presentations were videotaped and they are available for purchase as a DVD set. The DVDs can serve as an excellent way to view the presentations if you or your colleagues were not able to attend in person. If you are interested, please see the order form within this newsletter or on the NCABB website for more information.

Exhibitors from the following companies also attended and/or sponsored the fall meeting:

American Red Cross, Ashland, Inc., Blood Connection, Bio-Rad, Community Blood Center of the Carolinas, CSL Behring, Fenwal, Haemonetics, Helmer Scientific, HemoBioscience, Kedrion, Kol, Laboratory Corporation of America, Novo Nordisk, Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Quotient and the University of North Carolina McLendon Clinical Laboratories. In addition, the **Transfusion Service of Duke University Medical Center** sponsored the production of the Fall Meeting DVD sets. NCABB recognizes the tremendous role all the exhibitors play in our ability to host the annual meeting. Our gratitude is extended to them for their continued support.



Planning for the fall meeting is the NCABB board's foremost task throughout the year. We hope that NCABB members can obtain some of their necessary continuing education at the meeting but also use it for networking and the exchange of ideas with colleagues from across the region. The board reviews the meeting evaluations carefully and makes every effort to incorporate the helpful suggestions of attendees to improve the meeting each year. We hope you will plan to attend the meeting at the Carolina Inn in 2015.



The NCABB Board would like to extend our continued gratitude to **Lindsay Suber** for taking photographs at NCABB events. He is able to capture the spirit of the meeting and document the education and camaraderie each year. In addition, the board would like to thank **Ronda Gooch** for working with the Carolina Inn on the arrangements again this year. Her expertise in planning is invaluable.

*Join us at the Spring Workshop on April 15, 2015!
Check the website and the next mailing for registration.
We look forward to seeing you at Davidson County Community College!*

Awards at the Fall Meeting...



Petteway-Shepherd Recipient,
Christine Lomas-Francis, MSc,

During the fall meeting, NCABB takes the opportunity to honor individuals who have contributed to transfusion medicine as well as the NCABB organization. The Petteway-Shepherd Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of transfusion medicine, and whose prominence is well established nationally. This is certainly true for the 2014 recipient, Christine Lomas-Francis, MSc, FIBMS. As Technical Director of the Laboratory of Immunohematology and Genomics at the New York Blood Center, Christine Lomas-Francis is recognized as a most excellent serologist world-wide, and has always been most generous in sharing her knowledge, having presented at NCABB meetings in the past. With Marion Reid, Ph.D., she co-authored three editions of the Blood Group Antigen FactsBook, as well as Blood Group Antigens & Antibodies: A guide to clinical relevance and technical tips. An active member of the AABB, the British Blood Transfusion Society, and the International Society of Blood Transfusion, she currently serves on the ISBT working party for Red Cell Immunogenetics and Blood Group Terminology, and is chair of the Rare Donor working party. Her presentation was entitled "Immunohematology in the Age of Genomics".

The Frances K. Widmann Service Award honors those members who have given generously of their time and energy in support of NCABB. This year we honored two hard-working members, Lindsay Suber and Ronda Gooch. Both recipients have been active members of NCABB for many years. Lindsay Suber served on the board before taking over the arduous task of treasurer. Lindsay is a talented photographer whose excellent work adorns our website and newsletters, giving NCABB his professional touch. Ronda Gooch has served on the board, and was NCABB President in 2010. She coordinated local arrangements for multiple fall meetings, including this one. NCABB is lucky to have such dedicated and talented members. Thank you again Lindsay and Ronda!



Frances K. Widmann Service Award Recipients
with Past-President Caroline Immel.



Elizabeth "Kizzy" Moore
Gabriel Memorial
Scholarship Recipient,
Carlita Johnson
(Winston-Salem State
University) with Past-
President, Caroline
Immel.

Thanks again to our Fall Meeting Program Chairs, Rebecca Bullock and Linda Braddy!

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



The North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers

4-DISC DVD set of the 42nd Annual Meeting

September 22-23, 2014

For the nominal cost of \$110.00* you and your staff can receive over 10 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>Clinical Laboratory Workforce Issues: How to Retain Experts</i>	Tara C. Moon, PhD, MLS(ASCP) ^{CM}
<i>Platelets Across America</i>	Al Whitney
<i>Monitoring and Managing Bleeding with Unmonitored and Nonreversible Anticoagulants</i>	Anne M. Winkler, MD, MSc
<i>The Evolution in the Treatment of Isoimmunization in Pregnancy</i>	John Allbert, MD
<i>Transfusion Related Necrotizing Enterocolitis in Preterm Infants</i>	Ravi Mangal Patel, MD, MSc, FAAP
<i>Red Cell Alloimmunization in High Risk Pregnancies</i>	William Goodnight, MD, MSCR
<i>HDFN, Cases from the Blood Bank Perspective</i>	Yara A. Park, MD
<i>Immunohematology in the Age of Genomics</i>	Christine Lomas-Francis, MSc, FIBMS
<i>Development of a Massive Transfusion Protocol</i>	Mary Lee Campbell, MT(ASCP)SBB
<i>Blood and Bombs: Blood use after the Boston Marathon April 2013</i>	Karen Quillen, MD, MPH
<i>The Autologous Control vs the DAT</i>	Tiffany Walters, MT(ASCP)SBB ^{CM}
<i>It's in the Details – Unexpected Problems with Blood Bank Testing</i>	Rebecca Bullock, MT(ASCP)SBB

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Join NCABB!

North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers Membership Form 2015

(Please note: Membership spans the calendar year, January – December 2015.)

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: _____

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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:

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NEW!

You can also join or renew membership online at
ncabb.org!

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!

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 Rebecca Bullock, 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 2014-2015 directory of NCABB officers and board members is:

Past President	Caroline Immel, MT(ASCP) UNC Hospitals	Cimmel@unch.unc.edu
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Don't forget to fill out the NCABB Membership Survey at:

https://qtrial2014az1.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0GIl6F1XCVuqjz

The link is also available on NCABB.org. We are looking forward to receiving your feedback!