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# North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers Newsletter

North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers, Inc.



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## President's Message

Caroline Immel

Have you ever built a house, planned a major renovation, or constructed a new workspace? Remember the excitement and anticipation as the details were considered and scrutinized? Remember all the questions that you asked yourself – What will it look like? What did we forget? How long will it take? How much will this cost? What extras can we afford? What extras can we NOT live without? Constructions and renovations are a great deal of work but they are worth the effort!

I'm excited to share with you that the NCABB is looking into several improvements and upgrades for 2014. As with all change, the planning, preparation, and construction take time.

One of the upgrades that the board is particularly excited about is our website. We have heard from the blood banking community that the website needed some "sprucing up" and that's exactly what we are planning to do. Lots of details are being considered, lots of inter-active options are being scrutinized but that's as much as I'm allowed to share right now! More to come as the board makes final decisions...stay tuned!

Unfortunately, this also means that the website is currently non-functional. The opportunity to share details about upcoming events, like the Spring Workshop, are now more limited. Thus, we are relying primarily on the newsletter to spread the word.

The Spring Workshop will again be hosted by Davidson Community College on April 16th. This afternoon of speakers promises to be educational and is a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues in the Clinical Laboratory Science field. Oh, and lunch is free!

So, would you mind helping us out? Would you share event information with your co-workers and supervisors who may not be NCABB members and therefore not receive the newsletter? The board would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out to everyone!

We look forward to seeing you on April 16th!

Caroline Immel, MLS(ASCP)

NCABB President

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# Looking Ahead

Great opportunities are ahead for enriching educational offerings and other professional events. Mark your calendars now and make plans to participate. Bring a colleague!

## Upcoming Events

April 9-11, 2014	Carolinas Clinical Connection
April 16, 2014	NCABB Spring Workshop, DCCC campus, Thomasville, NC
April 20-26, 2014	National Medical Laboratory Week
July 29 – August 2, 2014	ASCLS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
September 22-23, 2014	2014 NCABB Fall Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC
October 25-28, 2014	AABB Annual Meeting and CTTXPO, Philadelphia, PA
November 4-7, 2014	ASCP Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL

In addition to the Spring Workshop, NCABB is also looking forward to the 2014 Fall Meeting which will be held in Chapel Hill at The 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. The Fall Meeting promises dynamic speakers, networking and continuing education. We hope you will begin to make plans to attend. More information and the program will follow in our next newsletter. For now, please consider making a nomination for our two awards presented at the Fall Meeting: the Elizabeth



<http://www.carolinainn.com/>

“Kizzy” Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship and the Frances K. Widmann Service Award. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information about the awards and nomination forms.

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## 2014 NCABB Spring Workshop

April 16, 2014

### “Transfusion – Compatibility Testing through Post-Transfusion Complications”

The spring workshop will be held again this year at Davidson County Community College in Thomasville, NC. For the cost of NCABB membership (\$25), attendees will receive valuable continuing education on the topics of basic compatibility testing, unexpected reactions and post-transfusion complications. We have a diverse group of speakers who will provide timely and informative educational sessions. Please join us in April for lunch, continuing education and networking! You can find the registration form in this newsletter.

#### Spring Workshop Program:

12 noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Basic Principles and Procedures in Compatibility Testing	Susan Beck, PhD, MLS(ASCP) <sup>CM</sup> Professor & Director Division of Clinical Laboratory Science University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	“The Dreaded Positive Screen...What to do?”	Nancy N Mann, MT(ASCP)SBB Transfusion Technical Specialist Ortho Clinical Diagnostics / Johnson & Johnson
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	An Overview of Post-transfusion Complications	Jay S. Raval, MD Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Medical Director of Therapeutic Apheresis Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

DCCC Conference Center



Campus Map



Link for directions to Davidson County Community College, 297 DCC Road, Thomasville, NC

<http://www.davidsonccc.edu/about-dccc/directions>

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## Spring Workshop 2014

### REGISTRATION

#### **“Transfusion – Compatibility Testing through Post-Transfusion Complications”**

Davidson County Community College  
297 DCC Road  
Thomasville, NC

April 16, 2014

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifications: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Spring Workshop Fee:

\_\_\_\_\_ NCABB Member (no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member Registration, \$25.00 (includes NCABB 2014 Membership)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Student (no charge) MLS/MLT Program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail completed registration form and payment (if applicable) to:

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

Thank you Spring Workshop sponsors!



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## 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 July 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](mailto:Cimmel@unch.unc.edu)

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

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First)

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(Middle Initial)

Home

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

Check appropriate category: ☐ MLS/MLT Student

☐ MLS/MLT Employed in Blood Bank

Place of Employment or MLS/MLT Program:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Facility or Program Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Facility or 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 MLS/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.

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## 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. Send to Caroline Immel at [Cimmel@unch.unc.edu](mailto:Cimmel@unch.unc.edu) or mail to NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234.

**Deadline is August 15, 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:

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## 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.

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Please complete all of the 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](mailto:ammahathey@novanthealth.org)

Lindsay Suber: [Lindsay.suber@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsay.suber@gmail.com)

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

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## 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.

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# ABOUT THE NCABB BOARD

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**, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup> -  
UNC Hospitals (Cimmel@unch.unc.edu)

President Elect: **Tara Moon**, MS, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>  
- UNC Chapel Hill (tmoon@med.unc.edu)

Secretary: **Kelly Shirley**, MAEd, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>  
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Treasurer: **Lindsay Suber**, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup> -  
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**Angela Mahathey**, MT(ASCP) - Presbyterian  
Hospital (ammahathey@novanthealth.org)

1yr Board Member: **Linda Soles**, MT(ASCP)  
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1yr Board Member: **Melissa Woods**,  
MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup> SBB<sup>CM</sup> - Wake Forest Baptist  
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2yr Board Member: **Kris Kindy**, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>  
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Kindy@msj.org)

2 yr Board Member: **Meredith Eller**, MBA,  
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3yr Board Member: **Jody Iarossi**, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>  
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3yr Board Member: **Amanda Miner**,  
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Fall Meeting, Local Arrangements: **Ronda Gooch** (rGCGooch@yahoo.com)

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