



# NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKERS, INC.

## NEWSLETTER

KELLY D. SHIRLEY, EDITOR

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christina Pipgras, MLS (ASCP)<sup>cm</sup>

Hello! I am so honored to be serving as President for NCABB this year. This board is an amazing group of blood bankers and laboratory professionals that work towards providing valuable opportunities for continuing education for all blood bankers and laboratory professionals across the state. Here's a little about me: I'm a certified Medical Laboratory Scientist, graduated from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. I'm married to my husband Matt, and we have 3 fabulous kids: Phoenix (9), Gillis (7), and Greta (5), with one more on the way, due this June. This is the caboose... our final hurrah. Family is everything and they keep me busy – my motivators.

I'm so excited about what NCABB has planned for 2018. On [April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018](#), we will be hosting our annual [NCABB Spring Workshop at Davidson County Community College in Thomasville, NC](#). This year we are focusing on [disaster planning and emergency preparedness](#) – a topic that all blood banks deal with each year. We are excited to have a panel of local professionals that will talk about how they deal with disaster at their facility and answer questions from the attendees. This will be an excellent opportunity to network and share ideas among our colleagues. Please visit our website to register – the Spring Workshop is free for all members!

Another big announcement – we will be hosting our annual two-day [NCABB Fall Meeting in Concord, NC](#) this year **and** next year! On [September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018](#) the Fall meeting will be held at the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa](#). Our [Leadership Workshop](#) will be held on [September 9<sup>th</sup>](#) – an excellent opportunity for any professional interested in a leadership role or simply looking to grow themselves as a professional. This year we will be focusing on the Manager's Toolbox – skills required to be an effective leader.

Please take a look at our website [www.ncabb.org](http://www.ncabb.org) for event registration and updates, as well as membership details and perks. We look forward to seeing you this year!

[WWW.NCABB.ORG](http://WWW.NCABB.ORG)**JOIN NCABB OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON-LINE!**

# Highlights of the 45<sup>th</sup> Fall Meeting

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual NCABB Fall Meeting was held in Charlotte, North Carolina on September 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Attendees enjoyed two days of networking with colleagues and informative continuing education sessions presented by engaging speakers. The meeting topics included: **platelet pathogen reduction, hemovigilance, investigation of benign and clinically significant antibodies to high frequency antigens** as well as case study sessions on **transfusion reaction reporting, molecular RBC typing** and **ABO incompatible transplantations**. NCABB provided P.A.C.E. credits for each session and many of the presentations were recorded and are available for purchase on DVD. The DVD is an excellent way to provide CE credits for students and teammates who were unable to attend the meeting. Please visit the NCABB website for more information.



NCABB recognizes the tremendous role all the exhibitors and sponsors play in our ability to host the annual meeting. Our gratitude is extended to the following vendors for their support for the 2017 fall meeting: **American Red Cross, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Cerus Corporation, Community Blood Center of the Carolinas, Duke Medical Laboratories, Fresenius-Kabi, Grifols Diagnostics Solutions, Helmer Scientific, HemoBioscience, Immucor, Kol Bio-Medical, Laboratory Corporation of America, Novant Health, Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Quotient Bidiagnostics, and The Blood Connection, Inc.**

## Leadership Workshop

In response to attendee feedback, the NCABB offered its second annual Leadership Workshop on September 10<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday prior to the fall meeting). This engaging workshop presented topics on **leading from behind** and **how to get along with others**. This half-day workshop is designed to inspire, engage, and help all current and future laboratory leaders develop skills to face common management challenges in all areas of the laboratory. Plan now to attend another informative leadership workshop in fall 2018.



Thank you, **Jeff Davis** for an excellent job with local arrangements.

Thank you to our Fall Program Committee for the excellent variety of sessions:  
**Roxanne Clark,**  
**Rebecca Coward,**  
and **Angela Mahathey**

*Join us in September 2018 in Concord, NC*  
*Leadership Workshop: September 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*Fall Meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>*



# Awards at the Fall Meeting



Petteway-Shepherd Recipient,  
Dr. Joann M. Moulds

The NCABB **Petteway-Shepherd Award** recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of transfusion medicine and whose prominence is well established nationally. Each year, at the fall meeting, the NCABB honors one individual with this award.

The 2017 Petteway-Shepherd Award recipient is **Joann M. Moulds PhD, MT(ASCP)SBB**. Recently retired Scientific Director of Grifols' new Immunohematology Center, Dr. Moulds has a distinguished career history in the blood bank community. She has published approximately 200 manuscripts, abstracts and review articles and edited several books. She has served as the AABB Chairman of the Molecular Testing Standards Program Unit and the AABB liaison to the Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute. She is also the recipient of various national and state awards recognizing her contributions. At the 2017 fall NCABB meeting, Dr. Moulds could not appear in person due to hurricane weather conditions, however she provided an informative recorded lecture for the attendees on the topic of *"From Test Tubes to Transfusion: When is an Antibody Clinically Significant"*.

The **Frances K. Widmann Service Award** honors those members who have given generously of their time and energy in support of NCABB and its mission. The award is named in honor of Dr. Frances Widmann, an original member of NCABB, whose life's work reflected the mission of association. At the 2017 fall meeting, **Malú Anderson** was presented with the award for her many years of dedicated service to the NCABB. Malú has served on the board in several roles including president, program chair, and board member. She is deeply committed to serving the members of NCABB with her creative ideas and tireless energy. Malú is currently a mentor to the NCABB board where she performs those duties with grace and always a smile. She consistently asks, "How may I help?". The board was delighted to present Malú Anderson with the **Frances K. Widmann Service Award**.



Malú Anderson (right), Frances K. Widmann Service Award Recipient with 2016-2017 NCABB president, Angela Mahathey (left).



Elizabeth "Kizzy" Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship Recipients, Joshua Wiest (center) from WakeMed North and Joseph Locklear (right) from Duke University Hospital. Pictured with NCABB board member and local arrangements chair, Jeff Davis (left).

**Join us at the Spring Workshop on April 4, 2018!**

**Check the website for registration.**

**We look forward to seeing you at Davidson County Community College!**

## Career Opportunity for 2018



### Medical Technologist and Medical Lab Technologist

***Multiple Opportunities Available!***

#### **Medical Lab Technologist:**

- Education: Minimum of two years of college and at least one year formal training in a recognized certification program required.
- Licensure/Certifications: Based on assigned area. Will consider if certification eligible, but must be certified within 60 days of start date. MLT required
- Experience: None required.

#### **Medical Technologist:**

- Education: Bachelor's Degree required.
- Licensure/Certifications: Based on assigned area. Will consider if certification eligible, but must be certified within 60 days of start date.
- Experience: 1 year training in an accredited medical technology program or 3 years' experience in a laboratory under the direction of a board certified pathologist.

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### ***Upcoming Meeting and Educational Opportunities***

#### **2018 Date**

**March 22 - 24**

**April 4**

**April 22- 28**

**Sept 9 - 11**

#### **Meeting/ Events**

**Carolinas Clinical Connection, Myrtle Beach, SC**

**NCABB Spring Workshop, DCCC Campus, Thomasville, NC**

**National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week**

**NCABB Leadership Workshop and Fall Meeting, Charlotte , NC**

# NCABB SPRING WORKSHOP



**April 4, 2018**

***The Role of Blood Banks in Emergency Situations:  
Tools for Disaster Preparedness and  
Inventory Management***

- Free for NCABB Members (with 2018 membership)
- P.A.C.E. ® approved CE credits
- Easily accessible and centrally located at Davidson County Community College, Thomasville, NC
- Register on the NCABB Website [NCABB.org](http://www.ncabb.org)

Directions to **Davidson County Community College, 297 DCC Road Thomasville, NC**

[http://www.davidsonccc.edu/about/driving\\_directions.htm#Davidson](http://www.davidsonccc.edu/about/driving_directions.htm#Davidson)

Campus Map --- Conference Center is building # 14

<http://www.davidsonccc.edu/about/maps/LargeCampusMap.pdf>

**NCABB is ASCLS P.A.C.E. ®  
approved!**

The board is very excited to offer **P.A.C.E. ® approved CE credits** for the Spring Workshops and Fall Meetings. The board reviews meeting evaluations carefully and makes every effort to incorporate attendees' helpful suggestions to improve the meetings each year. While the NCABB Workshops and Meetings are a great way to obtain continuing education credits, they also serve as an excellent opportunity to network and exchange ideas with colleagues from across the region. We hope you will plan to attend the 2018 meetings to discover what NCABB has to offer.

***Missed the 2017 NCABB Meeting?***  
**NEVER FEAR...THE DVDS ARE HERE!**

DVDs are a cost-effective way to stay current and provide CE for staff. Attendees wrote it was a "Great Program" with "Excellent Speakers".

Check out the **NCABB** website [www.ncabb.org](http://www.ncabb.org) for more DVD information:

- ✓ Titles of included talks and speakers
- ✓ Priced right at only **\$125.00** for **8.0** hours of CE
- ✓ Easy instructions for *on-line* purchase.

***Available Now!***



**Become a member of NCABB !**

## North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers Membership Form 2018

(Please Note: Membership spans the calendar year, January – December 2018)

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 \$35.00

☐ Membership Renewal \$35.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete all information so that we have current contact information and for us to send your new membership card. Return this form with payment of \$35.00 to:

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



You can also join or renew membership  
online at [www.ncabb.org](http://www.ncabb.org) !

*If renewing online – look for your electronic receipt and  
membership card via email!*

Please contact the NCABB Membership Chair (Courtney Robinson) or Treasurer (Khou Moua) for questions regarding membership or for notification of change of address.

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# 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 Kelly Shirley, Tara Moon, and Khou Moua. Please contact any board members with questions, concerns or let us know if you are interested in becoming more involved in the organization.

The 2018 – 2019 directory of NCABB officers and board members is:

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