

# NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKERS, INC.

## NEWSLETTER

CHRISTINA PIPGRAS, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, EDITOR

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Angela Mahathey, MT (ASCP)

I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying their summer and able to carve out some time to unwind. Much has transpired since the March edition of the Newsletter. We hosted the Spring Workshop on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Davidson County Community College, we had a board meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Double Tree Suites in Charlotte, NC, site of our 2017 Fall Meeting, and we ramped up our presence on social media; check us out on Facebook. We even had a board member get married; congratulations, Lindsey!

I mentioned in the last newsletter that as an organization we strive to diversify and grow in order to meet the needs of our members. We have recently increased our presence on social media as a way to reach a larger, broader audience and as a way to promote and communicate our profession as well as our organization. In addition to being the vendor chair, Khou Moua, accepted the additional responsibility of social media chair. She's increased the number of posts to our page and it's exciting to see the posts highlight our activity as a board, our organization's events, and even a throwback Thursday post of our 2001 Fall Meeting, which also happened to be in the Queen City of Charlotte, NC. Search our page at "**North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers**". **Like Us** and **Follow Us** to stay informed about NCABB and become part of our professional community.



Each fall the NCABB hosts a two day conference with a variety of relevant topics and distinguished speakers. Last year we piloted a new educational opportunity, a Leadership Workshop. It was a great success and we are excited to offer the same opportunity again this year. The Leadership Workshop is on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> followed by the traditional conference format on Monday and Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This newsletter includes a Preliminary Program as well as the Registration Form. If cost is an issue, become an NCABB member to enjoy reduced registration fees, nominate someone for the "Kizzy" Moore Gabriel Scholarship; this will cover the registration fees along with providing \$150 towards expenses, or partner with a friend or co-worker and reduce the hotel cost by sharing a room. The hotel rooms are suites and provide plenty of space for two people. You can also attend the Leadership Workshop for \$50; that is 3.5 hours of leadership training for a very affordable price.

Fall seems distant when you're in the midst of the dog days of summer, but the weather will be cooler before we know it. Plan now to attend the Leadership Workshop and Fall Meeting. NCABB as well as Charlotte have a lot to offer. I look forward to meeting you in September!

[WWW.NCABB.ORG](http://WWW.NCABB.ORG)

JOIN US FOR THE 2017 FALL MEETING SEPTEMBER 10-12 IN CHARLOTTE, NC  
JOIN NCABB NOW OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO ENJOY REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

The **NCABB is excited to offer a new educational opportunity** this fall. We listened to your requests for Leadership and Management training and developed a cost-effective Leadership Workshop that will be held on Sunday, prior to the NCABB Annual Fall Meeting. Although our annual educational meeting typically focuses on transfusion medicine, this new Leadership Workshop is designed **to inspire, engage, and help all current and future laboratory leaders** develop the skills they need to face common management challenges. If you aspire or have been newly promoted to a leadership role; if you find yourself facing situations you never expected; or if you are interested in developing leaders in your facility, then you will want to take advantage of this workshop. For the affordable price of **\$50** you will receive **3.5 hours of leadership training** and the opportunity to connect with other laboratory professionals and leaders.

★ *Come for the Sunday workshop and stay for the Monday morning session. The Double Tree Suites-South Park is offering reduced pricing with a room rate of \$149/night. Reserve your room today!* ★

## FALL MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS AND INFORMATION

Come to Charlotte!

**NCABB Annual Fall Meeting**

September 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Double Tree Suites – South Park

*While you're in town....*

South Park Mall! Great Food! Football! NASCAR!







NCABB 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
September 10-12, 2017

## Preliminary Schedule of Events

### Sunday, September 10, 2017 Leadership Workshop

12:00 – 1:00 pm	Registration
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Leading from behind: Unapologetically A.W.A.R.E</b> Vanessa Y. Stuart, Ph.D.
2:00 – 2:30 pm	<b>Leading from Behind: Q&amp;A</b> Vanessa Y. Stuart, Ph.D.
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Break with Exhibitors
3:15 – 5:15 pm	<b>Playing Nice in the Sandbox: How to Get Along with Others and How to Help Others Get Along with You</b> Mark Bolte, Psy.D and Judy Brazell MA, MT(ASCP)SBB, CQA (ASQ), NCC, LPCI

### Monday, September 11, 2017

8:30 – 9:30 am	<b>Platelet Pathogen Reduction: Mitigating Transfusion Transmission Risk</b> Corinne Goldberg, M.D.
9:30 – 10:15 am	Break and Exhibits Open
10:15 – 11:15 am	<b>A Platelet Inventory Transitioning Towards Safety</b> Michael Passwater, MT(ASCP)SBB, DLM; CSSGB(ASQ)
11:15 – 12:15 am	<b>The Change Mindset: the pursuit of team member engagement</b> Vanessa Y. Stuart, Ph.D.
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch/Exhibits open
1:15 – 2:15 pm	<b>Ten + Years of US Hemovigilance: Where we are today and how your hospital can contribute and benefit</b> Barbee I. Whitaker, Ph.D.
2:15 – 3:15 pm	<b>Transfusion Reaction Reporting: Clinical Case Studies</b> Kamille A. West, M.D.
3:15 – 4:00 pm	Break and Exhibits open

4:00 – 5:00 pm      **Investigation of Benign and Clinically Significant Antibodies to High Frequency Antigens**  
R. Blake Lawson, MLT(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>

5:00 – 6:00 pm      **Case Studies in Molecular RBC Typing**  
Celina Montemayor-Garcia, M.D., Ph.D.

6:00 – 6:45 pm      Wine and Cheese Reception with Exhibitors

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

7:30 – 8:15 am      Registration and Breakfast

8:15 – 8:30 am      Presentation of the Elizabeth Moore Gabriel Scholarship

8:30 – 9:45 am      **Petteway-Shepherd Award Presentation**  
From Test Tubes to Transfusion: When is an Antibody Clinically Significant?  
Joann Moulds, PhD, MT(ASCP)SBB

9:45 – 10:30 am      Break and Exhibits (Exhibits Close)

10:30 – 11:30 am      **Rh Blood Group Diversity: From Controversy to Fame**  
Ghislain Noumsi, M.D., SBB(ASCP)

11:30 – 11:45 am      NCABB Membership Meeting  
Frances Widmann Service Award Presentation

11:45 – 12:15 pm      Lunch

12:15 – 1:15      **Succession Planning**  
Rebecca Bullock, MT(ASCP)SBB

1:15 – 2:45 pm      **The ABOs of Incompatible Transplantation and Case Study- ABOi Heart Transplant**  
Louisa B. Thompson, MT (ASCP)SBB, Gonzalo Wallis, M.D., and Carol Weida, M.D.

Meeting Adjournment

3:15 pm      NCABB Board Meeting



## Elizabeth “Kizzy” 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. Examples of eligible expenses are the recipient’s hotel room, meals or travel expenses. Two recipients will be selected and notified by the NCABB President prior to August 25, 2017.

### Guidelines:

1. Applicant must be currently working in Blood Bank/Transfusion Service in North Carolina OR an MLS/MLT recent graduate or current student enrolled in a NAACLS accredited program in clinical/medical 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 18, 2017.**
4. Application should be mailed to:

NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234 or email application to Angela Mahathey:  
[ammahathey@NovantHealth.org](mailto:ammahathey@NovantHealth.org)



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)  
(Street)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

Check appropriate category: ☐ MLS/MLT Student/Recent Graduate  
☐ MLT/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 (or a recent graduate of) 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.



**North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers**  
**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Double Tree Suites, Charlotte, NC**  
**September 10-12, 2017**

## 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 25, 2017.**

	NCABB Member	Nonmember	Student
Leadership Workshop	<b>\$50</b>	\$65	\$0
Monday	<b>\$135</b>	\$170	\$45
Tuesday	<b>\$110</b>	\$145	\$40
Two Days (Mon + Tues)	<b>\$225</b>	\$285	\$75
Half Day	<b>\$85</b>	\$110	\$0

**I am a current 2017 NCABB member:** Yes ☐ No ☐

*(Please note that NCABB membership covers the calendar year January – December 2017). Please go to [NCABB.org](http://NCABB.org) to join.*

**I plan to attend:** (check all that apply)

**Leadership Workshop:**

Sunday ☐

**Full Days:**

Monday ☐ Vendor Reception ☐

Tuesday ☐

**Half Days:**

Monday AM ☐ Monday PM ☐ Monday Lunch ☐

Tuesday AM ☐ Tuesday PM ☐ Tuesday Lunch ☐

**Total Payment Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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. Send your completed registration form to: NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234.

# Join NCABB!

## North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers Membership Form 2017

(Please note: Membership spans the calendar year, January – December 2017.)

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

☐ Renewal \$35.00

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email : \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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 \$35.00 to:

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

**Renew  
On-line!**

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

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

Linda Soles: [Linda.Soles@redcross.org](mailto:Linda.Soles@redcross.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!**



# Job Opportunities

## New Hanover Regional Medical Center

Wilmington, NC



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Days/Nights/Rotate  
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Opportunities  
Available!**

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### 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 with 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 with 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.

"Enjoy living and working where most people vacation. Year-round boating, golf, fishing, tennis, and biking are available. We have a vibrant, historical downtown with excellent restaurants and an active cultural arts community."



## Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

Winston-Salem, NC

**FT Blood Bank  
3<sup>rd</sup> shift  
10 hour shifts/every other  
weekend.  
Job ID: 21495**

### Blood Bank Medical Technologist

- Education: Baccalaureate Degree required. Experience is required.
- Licensure/Certifications: MT (ASCP) or Equivalent Certification Required.

### Job Duties:

Performs tests and analyzes body fluids to provide compatible blood components and vital clinical information that leads to diagnosis and/or medical treatment of the patient. Provides support/guidance to non-registered testing and support staff to attain positive patient outcomes. Performs appropriate procedures according to well defined age-specific standards.

"Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center is a nationally recognized academic medical center and health system based in Winston-Salem, NC. Wake Forest Baptist was specifically cited for its quality and safety measures."

# 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 Christina Pipgras, Tara Moon, and Courtney Robinson. Please contact any board members with questions, concerns or let us know if you are interested in becoming more involved in the organization.

The 2016-2017 directory of NCABB officers and board members is:

Past President	Rebecca Bullock, MT(ASCP)SBB Quotient Biodiagnostics	Becky.Bullock@quotientbd.com
President	Angela Mahathey, MT(ASCP) Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center	ammahathey@NovantHealth.org
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