



## NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKERS, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

### LOOKING AHEAD

2015 DATE	Meeting
July 29 – 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



Old Well Ballroom – Lunch location at the Carolina Inn for Fall Meeting 2015  
Photo courtesy of Lindsay Suber

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

THE NEW NCABB WEBSITE HAS  
LAUNCHED!  
PLEASE CHECK IT OUT AND LET US KNOW  
WHAT YOU THINK.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Tara C. Moon, PhD, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>**

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, our annual Spring Workshop was held at Davidson County Community College. Our topics centered on Fetal and Maternal Health and we heard from three experts, Dr. John Allbert (Novant Health Presbyterian Hospital), Dr. Matthew Saxonhouse (Carolinas Medical Center) and Marian Fortmann (Carolinas Medical Center). The workshop was well attended and included laboratory professionals as well as students from North Carolina MLS and MLT programs. Many thanks to our speakers, program committee (Caroline Immel and Malú Anderson) as well as our hosts at Davidson County Community College. This year we had two sponsors for the workshop, Kol Bio-Medical and Kedrion, which allowed us to provide lunch for all attendees.

As soon as the Spring Workshop ended, the board continued work on the Fall Meeting. Across the country, attendance at in-person conferences is declining.<sup>1</sup> This is true for many professions, not just medical laboratory personnel. Reasons for the decline include budget cuts, rising costs of travel, a perceived impact on productivity, and staffing shortages. Respondents from our own NCABB membership survey revealed that the two most common reasons for not attending NCABB events, were: an inability to get time away from work and a lack of funding. Another contributing factor could be the prevalence of web-based continuing education that is available and can be more convenient and less expensive.<sup>2</sup>

The many benefits from conference attendance are hard to quantify. Dedicated attendees feel that the top benefit of conference attendance is the networking value. Where else can you find so many blood bankers facing the same issues as your organization? Where else can you seek solutions and support from others just like you? Other benefits include renewed excitement about the work you do; learning about the latest trends or standards and how they are being implemented; and evaluating vendors, their products and services.

NCABB's mission to provide continuing education is the highest priority for the board. The majority of our work and efforts each year are put into developing and planning our Spring Workshop and Fall Meeting. For this year's fall meeting we are planning a high impact agenda focused on educational content and value. By carefully choosing expert speakers and innovative topics, we hope to provide attendees with new skills, new knowledge and insight into the issues that blood bankers care most about. We hope that you will be excited about the program and eager to participate. (continued on page 2.)

**NCABB. INC.. P.O. Box 34213. Charlotte. NC 28234**

September will be here  
before you know it!  
Make plans now to  
attend the Fall  
Meeting! Register with  
the forms provided  
here or on the website.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, FROM PAGE 1

As members, I would like to ask for your help in spreading the word so we can ensure that all potential attendees are made aware of the Fall Meeting and its benefits. The fall meeting will be in Chapel Hill at the historic Carolina Inn ([www.carolinainn.com](http://www.carolinainn.com)), **September 21-22, 2015**. We will also host an AABB Assessor Workshop on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Other program details will be coming soon. Check our website ([www.ncabb.org](http://www.ncabb.org)) and future emails. We look forward to seeing you in Chapel Hill in September!

1. *CME: Drop in Federal Government Attendance at Meetings and Conventions Becoming a Trend*. (2013, October 7). Retrieved from Policy and Medicine: <http://www.policymed.com/2013/10/cme-drop-in-federal-government-attendance-becoming-a-trend.html>
2. Garrison, J. A., Schardt, C., & Kochi, J. K. (2000). Web-based distance continuing education: a new way of thinking for students and instructors. *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, 88(3), 211–217.

## 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 "Kizzy" Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship provides a financial award to attend the NCABB Fall meeting.

Nominations forms can be found within this newsletter.

# FALL MEETING 2015 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### Sunday, September 20, 2015

6:30-7:30pm Registration

### Monday, September 21, 2015

7:30-8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:30-9:30am Normalizing Deviance  
Andrew Woodward, M.A., R.T.(R)(QM)(CT)  
9:30 – 10:15am Break and Exhibit Opening  
10:15-11:15am Installation, Operational & Performance Qualification  
Linda Sigg, MT(ASCP)SBB, CQA(ASQ)  
11:15 – 12:15pm Training Today, Content Delivery and Tools  
Deirdre Parsons M.S., MT (ASCP) SBB  
12:15-1:15pm Lunch, Exhibits Open  
1:15 – 2:15pm Half Pints for Half Pints, Pediatric Transfusion for Neonates  
Susan Roseff, MD  
2:15-3:15pm Anemia of Prematurity, TOP Study  
Matthew Laughon, MD, MPH  
3:15-4:00pm Break and Exhibits Open  
4:00-5:00pm Marian Fortmann, MS, MT(ASCP)SBB  
5:00-6:00pm Is it Really Anti-D?  
Martha Rae Combs, MT(ASCP)SBB  
6:00-6:45pm Wine and Cheese Reception, Exhibitors

### Tuesday, September 22, 2015

7:30-8:15am Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:15am Elizabeth "Kizzy" Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship Award Presentation  
8:30-9:45am Petteway-Shepherd Award Presentation  
Paul Ness, MD  
9:45-10:30am Break and Exhibits  
10:30-11:30am Platelet Bacteria Contamination: Detection or Reduction, Our Current Conundrum  
Mark Brecher, MD  
11:15-11:45am NCABB Membership Meeting  
Frances Widmann Service Award Presentation  
11:45-12:15pm Lunch  
12:15-1:15pm Transfusion-Associated Circulatory Overload Reactions Take My Breath Away  
Jay Raval, MD  
1:15-2:15pm Mononuclear Therapies  
Corinne Goldberg, MD  
2:15-3:15pm Platelet Dysfunction  
Dr. Brian Hogan



Lindsay Suber

Ronda Gooch

2014 Frances K. Widmann Service Award Recipients  
with Past-President Caroline Immel.

# MORE ABOUT THE FALL MEETING...

## CAROLINA INN

211 PITTSBORO STREET, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516

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

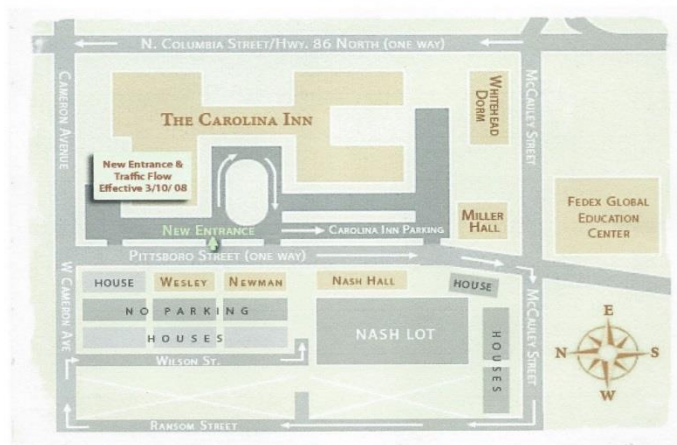


Carolina Inn – Photo Courtesy of Lindsay Suber

The 2015 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 location within walking distance of many shops and restaurants.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Sunday and Monday nights (September 20 and 21, 2015). The room rate is **\$149 per night**. Included in the room rate is complementary parking and Wi-Fi. Room reservations must be made by **August 28, 2015** 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 **"440378"** in the "Group Code" field on the website. To book by phone call: **800-962-8519** and give them the code **"440378"** or tell them you are attending the NCABB fall meeting.



VISIT THE **CAROLINA INN** WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.CAROLINAINN.COM](http://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.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN AABB ASSESSOR?

AABB is offering assessor training in Chapel Hill on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> prior to the NCABB Fall Meeting.\* Training will be held on campus at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill adjacent to the Carolina Inn. Read more about the training and registration on the AABB website:

<http://www.aabb.org/sa/becomeassessor/Pages/default.aspx> .

**Deadline to register is August 21, 2015.**

**What a great way to combine assessor training and continuing education in Chapel Hill!**

*\*There must be at least 10 approved registrants to hold the assessor training. AABB is primarily looking for assessors with expertise in IRL, perioperative activities and donor center activities.*

# Join NCABB!

## North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers Membership Form 2015

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

☐ 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 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**

**NEW!**

**You can also join or renew membership online at [ncabb.org](http://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](mailto:ammahathey@novanthealth.org)

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

*After many years at \$25, NCABB will be increasing membership dues in 2016 to \$35. The board would like to maintain the affordability of NCABB as a professional organization while still offering opportunities for continuing education, networking, and reduced registration fees at the spring workshop and fall meeting. Also beginning in 2016 your membership will be confirmed via an email notification rather than a mailed membership card. The email notification will also include password access for the NCABB website.*

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

## 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 of the current year.

### 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 15 of the current year.**
4. Applications should be mailed to:

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

or emailed to Tara Moon:

[tmoon@med.unc.edu](mailto:tmoon@med.unc.edu)

# 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.

## 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 Tara Moon at [tmoon@med.unc.edu](mailto:tmoon@med.unc.edu) or mail to NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234.

**Deadline is August 15, 2015.**

The winner will be announced and the award presented at the NCABB Business meeting, which is held during the Annual Fall Meeting, September 21-22, 2015.

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**  
**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill, NC**  
**September 21-22, 2015**

## 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, 2015.**

	NCABB Member	Nonmember	Student
Monday	\$135	\$160	\$45
Tuesday	\$110	\$135	\$40
Both Days	\$225	\$275	\$75
Half Day	\$85	\$100	

### I am a current 2015 NCABB member:

*(Please note that NCABB membership covers the calendar year (January – December 2015).)*

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Full Days: Monday ☐ Monday Lunch ☐ Vendor Reception ☐  
 Tuesday ☐ Tuesday Lunch ☐  
 Half Days: Monday AM ☐ Monday PM ☐ Monday Lunch ☐  
 Tuesday AM ☐ Tuesday PM ☐ Tuesday Lunch ☐

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



We have a limited number of 2014 DVD Sets still available.  
Order yours today to secure a copy!



## 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) <sup>CM</sup>
<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 <sup>CM</sup>
<i>It's in the Details – Unexpected Problems with Blood Bank Testing</i>	Rebecca Bullock, MT(ASCP)SBB

To purchase a copy of this valuable teaching 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

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

☐ Money Order

☐ Credit Card

*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.*

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.

# 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	Caroline.Immel@unchealth.unc.edu
President	Tara C. Moon, PhD, MLS(ASCP) <sup>CM</sup> UNC Chapel Hill	tmoon@med.unc.edu
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