



NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKERS, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello everyone! I can't believe that summer is in full swing. We had an amazing Spring Workshop in April where we featured Emergency Preparedness – a topic that all of us blood bankers face each day. We heard from a blood bank manager in Galveston, TX about their experience during Hurricane Harvey. We also had a panel of local blood bankers that shared their solutions to managing emergency situations, ensuring that patient care is not compromised.

Innovation is becoming more and more necessary as we face challenges unique to emergency transfusion. This past year in my role as a clinical analyst for an electronic medical record, we have created a paperless workflow to order, prepare, and transfuse blood products during Massive Transfusion Protocol. In the workflow, all of the pertinent pieces are represented from the physician order to activate to complete documentation of the blood products in the patient's medical record. With the teamwork of Nursing, IT and Laboratory, the workflow is efficient and effective.

Another example of innovation that could help the blood bank during emergency situations is a new program with the NC Department of Transportation. They have received a grant to see how drones can be used to transport medical supplies during emergency situations, including blood products. Can you imagine receiving the blood products ordered from your blood supplier arriving by drone? No worries about the courier being stuck in traffic.

One of NCABB's goals is to provide continuing education and opportunities to learn from one another – the perfect beginning to innovation. We are so excited about our Fall Meeting this year in Concord, NC at the Embassy Suites and Resort. Starting with our Third Annual Leadership Workshop on Sunday, September 9th, we will be talking about The Manager's Toolbox: Essential Tools and Skills to be an Effective Manager. Our Fall Meeting program starts Monday, September 10th with topics about Whole Blood in Trauma Situations, Employee Engagement, Case Studies, and Cold Storage Platelets, to name a few. We hope to see you there! Visit our website for more details: www.ncabb.org.

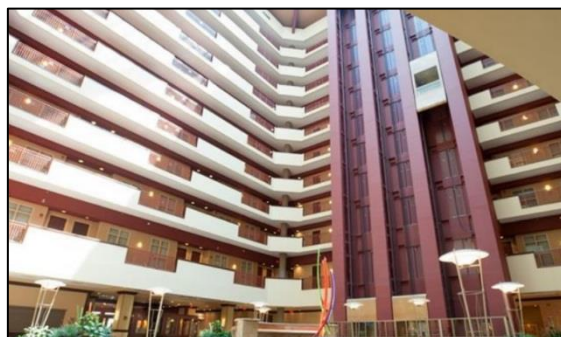
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46TH ANNUAL FALL MEETING

Reserve
your place
now !

Make plans now to join us at this year's **Fall Meeting** in Concord, North Carolina! The meeting will be held at the **Embassy Suites Golf Resort & Spa** on **September 10 – 11th**. Come one day early and attend the **Leadership Workshop** on **September 9th**.



The Embassy Suites offers their guests free made-to-order breakfast, complimentary drinks and snacks at the evening reception and every room is a **two-room suite**. There is an on-site spa and hotel guests receive discount greens fees for the Rocky River golf course.

Reserve your room today!

The NCABB has secured a block of rooms for Fall Meeting attendees with the discounted group rate of \$132 a night. Use the Group Code **ABB** when making reservations. There are several ways to secure your room. ***Discounted rates apply until midnight 08/17/2018.***

- Book online using the link https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/es/reservation/book.htm?execution=e1s1
- Or Call the hotel directly at 704-455-8200. Give dates and code **ABB**
- Or Call 1-800-362-2779. Give dates and code **ABB**

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46TH ANNUAL FALL MEETING

This year's Fall Meeting is shaping-up to be very exciting with a wide range of topics and excellent speakers. The fall program chairs are working hard to bring you sessions on current trends and addressing topics recommended by passed meeting attendees - Thank you for your feedback.

The 2018 Fall Meeting will include topics on

- ♦ *Red Cell Storage Lesion*
- ♦ *Iron Mitigation*
- ♦ *Sickle Cell Disease*
- ♦ *Molecular Case Studies*
- ♦ *Massive Transfusion Protocol*
- ♦ *Training/Engaging New Grads*
- ♦ *Blood Bank Automation*
- ♦ *The Whole Blood Revolution*
- ♦ *Research on Cold Stored Platelets*
- ♦ *And more.....*



The full meeting schedule will be posted on the NCABB website soon.

Back by popular demand....

The NCABB will offer a Leadership workshop again this year on **Sunday September 9th**, prior to the Annual Fall Meeting.

"Leadership workshop is a great addition", "provided an opportunity for me to reflect on my professional relationships and behaviors and inspired me to try to be a better manager", "having the workshop in front of 2 days of up-to-date technical presentations was a great bonus for me", the workshop "addressed pertinent real-world issues". These are a few of the comments received from last year's Leadership workshop attendees.

The NCABB is pleased to offer the cost-effective 2018 Leadership Workshop covering the topic ***The Managers Toolbox: Tools to be an Effective Manager.***

If you aspire or have been 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 **4 hours of leadership training** and the opportunity to connect with other laboratory professionals and leaders.



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 one-night stay at the hotel to attend the conference. Two recipients will be selected and notified by the NCABB President prior to August 17, 2018.

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. Applicant must submit a letter of reference. Students must submit a reference letter from their program director. Employees must submit a reference letter from their immediate supervisor.
3. Applicant must 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.
4. **Complete applications include: the application form, reference letter and essay. Must be postmarked or emailed by August 1st, 2018.**

Applications should be mailed to: NCABB, Inc., P.O. Box 34213, Charlotte, NC 28234 or emailed to Christina Pipgras: clpipgras@gmail.com.



**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
46th Annual Meeting, Embassy Suites and Resort, Concord, NC
September 9-11, 2018

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 16, 2018.**

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

I am a current 2018 NCABB member: Yes ☐ No ☐

(Please note that NCABB membership covers the calendar year January – December 2018). Please go to 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.



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.

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New Membership \$35.00

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Membership Renewal \$35.00

Name: _____

Certifications: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Required Field)

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

(Required Field)

Place of Employment: _____

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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 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 !**

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.

Courtney Robinson: cbrobinson@carterethealth.org

Khou Moua: kns moua@gmail.com

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

Career Opportunity for 2018



Coordinator Laboratory Blood Bank/Transfusion

The Coordinator will be **responsible for ensuring the laboratory is operating in compliance with all accrediting agencies' standards.** Additional job responsibilities include:

- Establishing and maintaining accurate and compliant policies, procedures and protocols
- Supervision (clinical and administrative) of the sections
- Timely review of quality control and process management
- Instrument maintenance and problem solving
- Assist managers in evaluation of new instruments/equipment and laboratory procedures
- Acts as a resource for patient caregivers, laboratory management, the medical director and the laboratory staff and serves as the Technical Supervisor in the absence of management

Requirements:

- BS in Medical Technology
- MT (ASCP) or equivalent
- 3+ years of experience as medical technologist in Blood Bank testing

Preferences:

- Specialist in Blood Banking, SBB(ASCP)

If you are looking to take the next step in your career, Wilmington, NC is a growing coastal community of around 100,000 people in Southeastern North Carolina. 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.

New Hanover Regional Medical Center offers a benefits package designed to ensure access to quality healthcare and help you maintain a healthy lifestyle.

- Teaching hospital, regional referral center, and Level II Trauma Center
- Southeastern North Carolina's largest employer with more than 7,000 employees

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**WakeMed Health
& Hospitals
Raleigh, NC**

Histology Technician (Part-Time Days)

The Histology Technician assists the pathologists in preparing tissue specimens for pathological diagnosis by documenting the accession of specimens, preparing the tissue for gross examination and description, processing tissue blocks to provide slides of tissue for microscopic evaluation. Processes frozen sections, biopsies, and bone marrow biopsies and performs special stains as needed. Files tissue blocks and slides for reference and participates in training of personnel unfamiliar with any aspect histological technique and theory. Prepares specimens for consultations and reference work. Performs routine maintenance and quality control on all laboratory equipment and assists in trouble-shooting problems which may arise with technical equipment or procedures.

Qualifications:

- 2 Years Clinical - Clinical Laboratory Required
- Associate's Degree Science or Equivalent Required
- Histotechnician Required

Work Schedule:

- Hours of work: 1:00pm – 5:00pm (Weekdays)
- Weekend requirements: No Weekends
- Call requirements: None

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For more information and to apply, please visit us online at **jobs.wakemed.org** and reference job ID: **27505**. EOE

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. 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.*