



NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKERS, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As laboratory technologists, on a daily basis, we strive for perfection in all we do. We know our work helps to ensure the correct diagnosis of health for some and the diagnosis and course of treatment for others. As blood bankers in blood centers and transfusion services, we work to provide a safe blood supply, maintain optimal donor safety, and deliver safe and effective blood transfusions for our patients. This is the essence and excitement of transfusion medicine.

I have been a blood banker for over 30 years; working in a hospital transfusion service department and more recently teaching blood bank and immunology to students in a NC medical laboratory science program. This year, I have the privilege of serving as president of the North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers (NCABB). Having been on the NCABB board for a few years, I know how diligently the board members work to bring the NCABB mission to life:

"To provide educational opportunities, to stimulate and coordinate efforts related to blood banking endeavors, to publicize and disseminate related information to the blood bank community in North Carolina through workshops, seminars and newsletters. To assist members with interpretation and implementation of regulations and emerging technologies."

Your NCABB board members are currently working to bring you timely sessions for the 2019 spring workshop and the fall annual meeting. We utilize your feedback from previous workshops and meetings in determining the next topics. Our focus is to help you stay up-to-date on critical issues in the ever-changing world of blood banking. The 2019 spring workshop will focus on "Demystifying Molecular" utilizing a case study approach. Some of the questions the workshop will answer are "When should molecular testing be part of a patient's workup?" and "How can molecular results impact our practice?" So, save the date of April 9th and plan on joining us as we explore this exciting subject together.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find a recap of our 2018 leadership workshop and fall annual meeting along with membership information. I encourage you to renew your membership for 2019 and challenge you to invite your colleagues to join. The success of your NCABB is only as strong as the commitment of its members.

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and I wish you a healthy and happy new year.

Kelly D. Shirley

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Highlights of the 46th Fall Meeting

The NCABB hosted its 2018 annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina kicking off with a leadership workshop on September 9th followed by the general sessions on September 10th – 11th.

Leadership Workshop

The NCABB started offering the annual leadership workshop three years ago and has received enthusiastic positive responses from all in attendance. This workshop is designed to provide information on common management challenges across all areas of the laboratory. The 2018 speakers were engaging and had the attendees working together to accomplish common goals. The topics included discussion on essentials of leadership and information on growing as a leader of influence.



Plan to attend the 2019 Leadership Workshop and add valuable tools to your leadership tool box.

*Join us in September 2019 in Concord, NC
Leadership Workshop: September 15th
Fall Meeting: September 16th – 17th*

Highlights of the 46th Fall Meeting



Attendees of the 46th annual fall meeting enjoyed two days of networking with colleagues and informative continuing education sessions presented by engaging speakers. The meeting sessions included a variety of timely topics such as **red cell storage lesion, alloimmunization, genotyping for donors, massive transfusion, immunohematology case studies, FDA reportable events, utilization of whole blood in trauma patients, and platelet dysfunction in storage and the injured brain.** 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.



Attendees participated in interactive sessions.



Vendor Mixer & Reception



NCABB recognizes the tremendous role 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 2018 fall meeting:

American Red Cross, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Cerus Corporation, Community Blood Center of the Carolinas, Digi-Trax, Fresenius-Kabi USA, Grifols Diagnostics Solutions, HemoBioscience, Immucor, Kol Bio-Medical, Laboratory Corporation of America, Novant Health, Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Quotient Biodiagnostics, Sarstedt, Siwa Biotech, Inc and The Blood Connection, Inc.

Awards at the Fall Meeting



Petteway-Shepherd Recipient, Dr. Harvey Klein (left), with 2018-2019 NCABB President-elect Rebecca Coward (right)

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 2018 Petteway-Shepherd Award recipient was **Dr. Harvey Klein**. Dr. Klein is known nationally and internationally for his expertise in blood transfusion. He is widely published on numerous blood bank related topics including co-authoring the 20th edition of Mollison's textbook. Dr. Klein is devoted to service to the blood bank community including serving on the HHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, the WHO Committee on Biologicals Standardization, the FDA Blood Products Advisory Committee, and the National Marrow Donor Program Council, to name a few! He has received the ISBT Presidential Award for Lifetime Achievements in transfusion medicine and is only the 5th recipient of the AABB Fantus Medal for Career Contributions.

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 2018 fall meeting, **Jeff Davis** was presented with the Widmann Service Award for his dedicated service to the NCABB. Jeff has served as board member and local arrangements chair for the past 4 years. He offers a business and vendor perspective that is invaluable to the board and spends an extensive amount of time in preparation for the fall meetings which has directly contributed to the success of the meetings. Thank you, Jeff, for your service to the NCABB board and the association members.



Jeff Davis (right), Frances K. Widmann Service Award Recipient, with 2017-2018 NCABB president, Christina Pipgras (left).



Elizabeth "Kizzy" Moore Gabriel Memorial Scholarship recipient, Michael Rupert (right), with Rebecca Coward (left).

Each year the NCABB offers a scholarship to a current student or recent MLS/MLT graduate and to a working blood banker. This scholarship is presented in memory of **Elizabeth "Kizzy" Moore Gabriel**. Kizzy was a dedicated blood banker whose expertise was recognized nationwide. She was a valued colleague, teacher, and advocate for those who strive for excellence in transfusion medicine and blood banking. Kizzy served on the NCABB board in various capacities including president and she received the NCABB Service Award in 1996.

The 2018 scholarship was awarded to Michael Rupert. Michael is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and currently works at WakeMed. His application included a discussion on the critical nature of lab and nursing communication and the importance of working as a team.

Current blood bankers and students are encouraged to apply each year for the Kizzy Moore scholarship. See NCABB website for details and application.

Career Opportunity



Coordinator Laboratory – Blood Bank/Transfusion Services

Forbes Magazine has announced **New Hanover Regional Medical Center is one of America's Best Employers of 2018**. Our organization is the region's largest healthcare provider, employing over 7,000 people who have a passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others. **This is the ideal place for you to further your career.**

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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NCABB SPRING WORKSHOP



April 9, 2019

Demystifying Molecular: Case Study Approach

- Free for NCABB Members (with 2019 membership)
- P.A.C.E. ® approved CE credits
- Easily accessible and centrally located at Davidson County Community College, Thomasville, NC

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

http://www.davidsonccc.edu/about/driving_directions.htm#Davidson

Campus Map --- Conference Center is building # 14

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

Missed the 2018 NCABB Fall Meeting?

NEVER FEAR...THE DVDS ARE HERE!

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 2019 meetings to discover what NCABB has to offer.

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 for more DVD information:

- ✓ Titles of included talks and speakers
- ✓ Priced right at only **\$125.00** for **12.0** hours of CE
- ✓ Easy instructions for *on-line* purchase.

Available Now!

Become a member of NCABB !

North Carolina Association of Blood Bankers Membership Form 2019

(Please Note: Membership spans the calendar year, January – December 2019)

NCABB is an affordable professional organization open to interested individuals. It offers opportunities for continuing education and networking. Membership gives you free admission to the spring workshop and reduced registration fees for the Fall Meeting.

☐ New Membership \$35.00

☐ Membership Renewal \$35.00

Name: _____

Certifications: _____

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(Required Field)

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____
(Required Field)

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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.

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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. 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*