



NCBA News

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The Elevator Car Named NCBA

(yes, I borrowed my title format from Tennessee Williams)

You know how the occupants of an elevator shuffle around and reposition themselves when new passengers enter and exit the elevator car? That's the process the board of directors for the NCBA is undergoing presently. We are shifting positions, handing off information to our successors, and gearing up for a new year for our association.

Although I occupied this office of president some ten years ago and the duties are the same, the personalities that comprise the board change every year and that always makes for a dynamic and energizing atmosphere. Just as our field is ever-changing we need to keep developing this organization to help you in your workplace. I commit to you as the president to make sure we meet your need for education and information regarding the "care and keeping" of medical devices.

Glenn Scales has eagerly agreed to serve as vice president and is dedicated to lining up educational opportunities for you both in stand-alone form and in sessions during the symposium. His many years of experience have given him a broad knowledge base and the professional contacts to ensure a successful year. This is an enormous job and requires the patience and planning skills of a tactical commander.

Codi Nelson is moving from the vendor coordinator position to the treasurer role. This is a job that requires attention to details and persistence and he displayed both of those qualities when handling vendor issues. It is a huge responsibility to handle money for other people and a task that most people want to avoid. Codi is

2013 NCBA Leadership

Helen Jones - President

Glenn Scales - Vice-President

Tony Bisese - Recording Secretary

Chad Grenade - Membership Sec

Codi Nelson - Treasurer

Alison Lauer - ExOfficio

Alex Fox

Boyd Campbell

Paul Mundy

Clint McCoy

Paul Strachan

Linda Leitch

Mike Rickman

John Shore

Non-Board Positions

Patrick Lynch - Newsletter Editor

Jeremy Collins - Webmaster

Greg Johnson—Hotel Coordinator

Boyd Campbell - Vendor Coordinator

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approaching this with energy and a true sense of service.

Tony Bisese has moved from a successful term as vice president to serving as recording secretary. With the agreement to fill this office he has committed to the demands of not only attending every board meeting but also recording all significant events and actions taken during those meetings. The job only sounds easy if you have never done this for an organization. It is difficult to record everything and still be able to participate in the discussions. I know that Tony can handle this task with grace and skill.

Chad Granade is stepping into the office of membership secretary. The challenges of this role are tremendous because our membership mix changes dramatically especially at symposium time. Handling the registrations and keeping track of all the details involved can be quite nerve-racking. Chad will use his tremendous willingness to serve in the completion of his duties in this office.

As you read through the descriptions of the positions on the board of directors and of the individuals who are filling those positions you will notice a continuous mention of service and commitment in every paragraph. It is our desire as a board to transition in to our new offices and positions and to get this “elevator car named NCBA” off to a start and continue the work of other boards in the past to strive for the top level of achievement.

Helen Jones, CBET,
President of the North Carolina Biomedical Association

Symposium

Schedule

2013 Symposium – Save the Date

Speakers

Registration

Golf

Hotel

Vendor Resources



The 35th annual Symposium of the North Carolina Biomedical Association will be held this year on Tuesday, September 3rd through Friday, September 6th, 2013. The location for this year's event is the [Embassy Suites Hotel](#) in Concord, NC.

The NCBA hopes that you will choose to stay with us at the Embassy Suites Hotel this year. We have negotiated a special group rate for all our participants. Use the Group Code **NCB** when you register to receive this discounted rate.

Cutoff to use the discounted NCBA rate: July 26th, 2013

Message from the 2012 President - Alison Lauer

2012 was a great year for the NCBA, as always. We were able to offer a couple of standalone classes, Medrad Contrast Injectors as well as a 4 day CBET review. This year's symposium provided excellent educational offerings including hands-on AMX 4 Troubleshooting, Leadership, Networking, and Philips V60, just to name a few. Our attendance at the symposium was up this year by a slight margin, even with AAMI in Charlotte in June. We know that some shops were trying to manage their budget to allow their folks to attend one show or the other. In addition, the DNC forced the NCBA to move the symposium out a week, but rest assured, we will be back to the week of Labor Day in 2013.

Last month, the board elected new officers so we have a new sheriff in town. I have thoroughly enjoyed acting as the 2012 President, but I am looking forward to passing the baton as well as serving on the board as ex-officio. I would like to take a minute to thank all of the board members for their support. Everyone worked together to make things happen. The education committee comprised of Tony Bisese (also your VP), Dan Harrison, and Boyd Campbell worked with all of our presenters to make sure we had the best educational offering possible. Helen Jones, recording secretary (recipient of the President's Award), took excellent minutes so that I didn't have to remember what I said 15 minutes earlier. Paul Mundy, treasurer, made sure our vendors were paid as well as tracking those down who owe the NCBA money. Steven Comas, membership secretary, kept the database in order to make sure membership files were correctly updated. John Shore, scholarship chair, combed through numerous applications to select the best candidates for the scholarships. Vendor coordinator, Codi Nelson, was responsible for creating the vendor hall layout as well as working with the vendors throughout the entire symposium. Alex Fox, John Noblitt, and Clint McCoy were our utility players as they helped fill in the gaps on several fronts. Greg Johnson who was not officially on the board this year was kind enough to volunteer as hotel coordinator so you can thank him for making sure you were well fed at the symposium. David Wilson, also not officially on the board, helped coordinate the golf outing. Pat Lynch also volunteered on the board as our newsletter editor and you wouldn't be reading this article if it weren't for him.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to give a special thank you to Jeremy Collins, our webmaster. He put in countless hours to launch a new, member friendly website. Not only can you get all NCBA information at our new website, you can log-in and maintain your profile and membership. This extra-special feature allows us to eliminate the expense for a database program for membership. This site was built from the ground up by Jeremy so please take a minute to thank him for his efforts. This website makes managing the NCBA easier for both board members and general members.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2012 President. I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2013 Symposium.

The NCBA exists to serve our members and the board spends a lot of time trying to anticipate the wants and needs of our membership. We are always looking for ideas and suggestions to keep our members happy. You can always email pres@ncbiomedassoc.com with your thoughts. This email will always go to the current president.

Alison

The NCBA would like to thank the following sponsors
of the 2012 Symposium

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Shop of the Year

This past year the NCBA accepted nominations for the new Kevin Scoggin Shop of the Year Program. This program, in honor of our late honorary member Kevin Scoggin, was established to recognize nominated bio-med shops in the NCBA newsletter during the year. From those nominated the NCBA Board of Directors awarded one shop *The NCBA / Kevin Scoggin Shop of the Year Award* at our 34th annual symposium.

Each biomed shop nominated promotes the value of the biomed profession displaying unique and special things being done to set their shop apart from the others. The shops that were nominated this past year were from Rex Healthcare, Wake Medical Center, Wayne Memorial Hospital, and Wilson Medical Center. All nominated shops deserved this award which made selecting a winner difficult. At our symposium luncheon held on September 13, 2012, Wayne Memorial Clinical Engineering in Goldsboro, North Carolina was awarded The First Annual NCBA / Kevin Scoggin Shop of the Year Award!

Wayne Memorial Clinical Engineering, managed by **Mark Renfro** CBET, consists of 5 technicians, **Benjamin Chestnut** CBET, **Mark Dutton** CBET, **Jessie Jones** CBET, **Mike Howell** CBET, and **Stephen Howell** BMETII. Five of six members have received their AAMI certification and the staff members have shown a real interest in the biomedical field by furthering their knowledge of the profession. Wayne Memorial Clinical Engineering shop boasts 82 years of biomedical experience with 79 years being achieved while working at Wayne Memorial. They currently maintain all the facilities--general bio-med as well as diagnostic radiology, ultrasound anesthesia systems, and four off site physician practices. The NCBA Board of Directors was very impressed by their years of service, average tenure, and feedback from countless customers/vendors about their efficient, courteous, and helpful staff.

Congratulations Wayne Memorial Clinical Engineering!

W. Glenn Scales, CBET-E

My name is Glenn Scales and I have the honor to serve as the Vice President of the NCBA for this year. This is interesting because I served as the first Vice President of the NCBA when it was first formed in 1980. Little did I realize that I would be doing it again 32 years later. In the interim I have served in several different officer roles, including twice as President. I consider the NCBA to be a very special organization with a very special mission.



I feel blessed to have been associated with the NCBA for so many years. It has allowed me to know and work with some of the best people in our profession. It has been directly responsible for me going to work for Duke University and ServiceMaster (Aramark) in 1997. In many ways this job profoundly changed my life and took me in an unexpected direction. I recently retired from the Duke Health System, but continue to stay active in the profession through my involvement with the NCBA and AAMI.

In addition to my activities in the NCBA, that connection also led me to start working with the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI). Over the past 20 years I've acted as the program track chair for four AAMI annual meetings and the Program Chair for two more meetings. I currently serve as the Vice-Chair for BMETs of the AAMI Board of Directors. I'm also a Trustee for the AAMI Foundation.

My work as a Patient Safety Specialist for the Duke Health System has led to an appointment as the Co-Chair of the Infusion Devices Standards Committee and a member of the Infusion Systems Steering Committee. These safety initiatives have occupied much of my time for the past few years and I will probably continue my work with AAMI for the foreseeable future.

I started my career as a BMET in the U.S. Air Force in 1967 and served for six years including a 18 month tour in Ankara, Turkey and 30 months as a instructor in the BMET Program at the School of Healthcare Sciences. I was certified in 1972 (Certificate # 70) as a part of the first group to take the new AAMI certification exam. I moved to North Carolina in 1973 when I left the Air Force and have lived here ever since. Definitely found a home here.

On a personal note, I live in Raleigh with my wife of 38 years. I have been a member of Toastmasters for the past 12 years and belong to three clubs in the Triangle area. I serve as the President of Duke Toastmasters and Secretary and Treasurer of Bull City Toastmasters. I enjoy competing in public speaking contests. I also compete in handgun shooting competitions and have been a certified firearms instructor for the past 20 years.

Michael Rickman , NCBA Board Member

My name is Michael Rickman and I am 31 years old, and have a wife and 3 boys. I graduated from the Biomedical Technology Program in 2006. I am an employee of Samaritan's Purse, in the World Medical Mission division, as a biomedical technician. I prepare medical equipment that has been purchased or donated to be sent to mission hospitals around the world. I also often get to go and work in these mission hospitals. I cannot begin to explain the value of my trips into Africa, and what I have learned.



It is often like the old show MacGyver, where making equipment work is not an option it is a necessity and I have to say I really love it.

Why NCBA board:

My position at Samaritan's Purse, is different in the fact that I see and work on a much larger variety of equipment than the average biomed. I enjoy this because I am constantly learning new things, and I can truly say that one of the greatest lessons I have learned in life was in college from John Noblitt, and that is that we are to be lifetime learners.

One of the best ways I have found to learn is to surround myself with others whom I respect for being more experienced and more knowledgeable than myself. The NCBA is filled with many technicians whom I already know, respect, and would be humbled to serve with as a board member. Samaritan's Purse has a long standing track record of supporting the NCBA for well over a decade, and I would like to draw that relationship even closer, for the growth of both Samaritans Purse and the NCBA.

I do believe I am well fitted for a position as a board member, not only because of my biomedical training, but the training I have received through my B.S degree program of Leadership and Administration. I also served as president of the Biomedical Student Association, held many positions as a Student Government Officer, and was the founding member of my Future Business leaders of America

Paul Strachan – NCBA Board Member

Biomed career started in 1993 where I worked for Laser Centers of America who contracted w/ Presbyterian Hospital as a Medical Laser Technician. In 1996 changed over to Presby's Biomed Dept and spent the next ten years working in the OR's and Endo Dept.

2005/2006 started on the leadership track first as a lead tech then moved into the managers role until 2012 where I am now the director for the Southern Piedmont Region of Novant Health.

I also have had the pleasure of being involved w/ Operation Smile as their Biomed for three mission's trip to Thailand and Cambodian. Great experience and would highly recommend for others to use their talents and get involved

Looking forward to serving and learning about the behind the scenes work it takes to put on the Symposium.

Education :

University of Maryland 78
Stanley Community College 93

Biomed work experience

1993 Presbyterian Hospital Charlotte NC
Maintained lasers for Laser Centers of America

1996 Presbyterian Hospital
Biomed Dept

2005 Presbyterian Hospital
Biomed Lead Technician

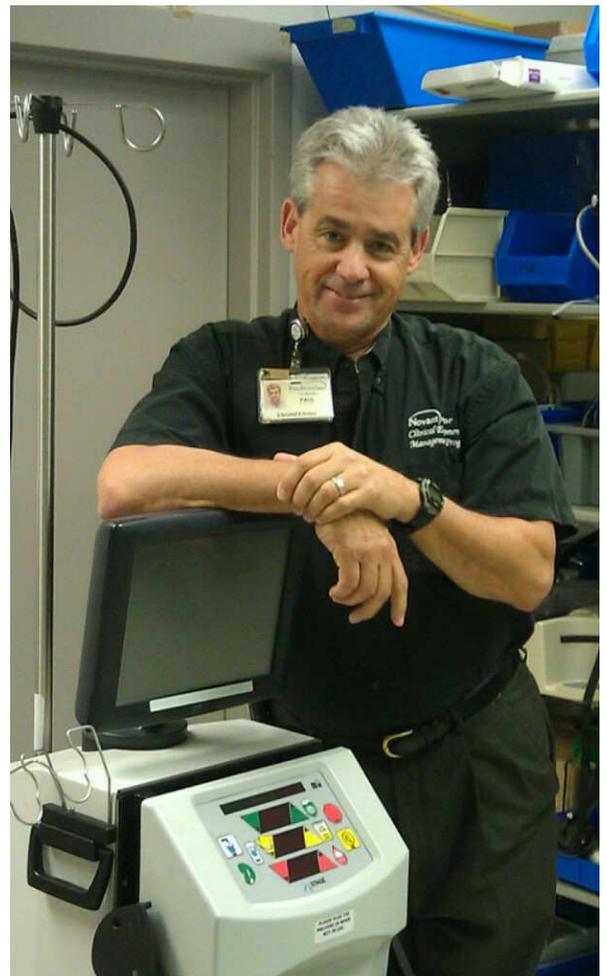
2006 Presbyterian Hospital
Manager

2012 Presbyterian Hospital
Director of the Southern Piedmont Region for Novant Health

Operation Smile Medical Missions

2002,2005 and 2006

Paul F. Strachan
Director Clinical Equipment Management Program
Presbyterian Hospital
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Scholarship Report

The NCBA was proud to be able to award the following scholarships at the 2012 symposium:

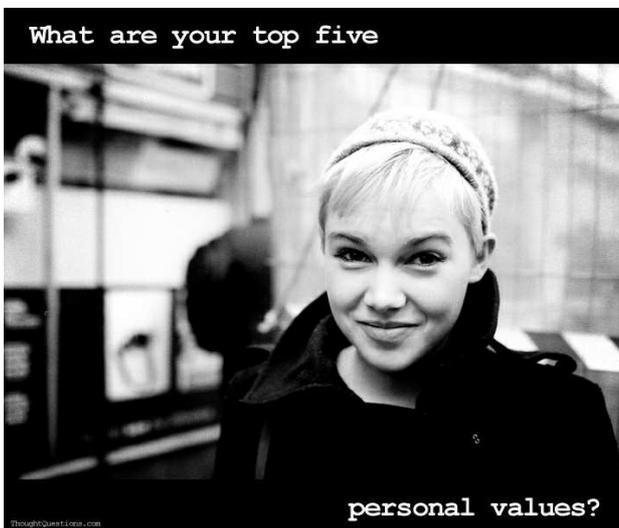
Norm "Red" Reeves was a very active supporter and sponsor of the NCBA in the early years. As the regional Cincinnati Sub Zero representative, he promoted the organization all over the state, as well as providing several schools. The NCBA sponsors a \$2,000 scholarship in his name for a student in his second year of a North Carolina Biomedical Technician program. This year's recipient is Tyler Boswell from Stanly Community College.

Eddie Whisnant was a founding member of the NCBA and served as the first Treasurer. Eddie was a field service technician for Physio Control and presented several programs on their equipment. GMI is sponsoring a \$2,000 scholarship award in Eddie's name that is awarded to Carl Simone from Caldwell Community College.

W. Glenn Scales was also a founding member of the NCBA and the original Vice President. Glenn is a honorary lifetime member and served the organization as president several times. In honor of Glenn, US Medical is sponsoring a \$5,000 scholarship for a NCBA member pursuing a baccalaureate or graduate degree. The winner of this scholarship is Jeremy Collins of Novant Health.

Thanks

John Shore
 Director, Clinical Engineering
 Tanner Medical Center



North Carolina Biomedical Association Balance Sheet As of October 23 2012

| | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Bank Accounts | |
| 1-Suntrust Checking Operating | 63,609.50 |
| 2-Suntrust Savings 6729 | 0.00 |
| 3-Suntrust Savings 6740 | 0.00 |
| Donations (deleted) | 0.00 |
| PayPal Account | 0.00 |
| Petty cash | 0.00 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$63,609.50 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| Grants receivable | 0.00 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | \$0.00 |
| Other current assets | |
| Suntrust CD 1 | 29,284.08 |
| Suntrust CD 2 | 29,688.28 |
| Undeposited Funds | 0.00 |
| Total Other current assets | \$58,972.36 |
| Total Current Assets | \$122,581.86 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Accumulated depreciation | -4,319.00 |
| Furniture, fixtures, & equip | 5,198.81 |
| Total Fixed Assets | \$879.81 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$123,461.67 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | |
| Accounts payable | 0.00 |
| Total Accounts Payable | \$0.00 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$0.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$0.00 |
| Equity | |
| Retained earnings | 57,724.91 |
| Unrestrict (retained earnings) | 56,349.19 |
| Net Income | 9,387.57 |
| Total Equity | \$123,461.67 |

The 20th Virginia Biomedical Association Annual Meeting
Richmond, VA



Wednesday September 18, 2013 is the Golf Tournament at a yet to be determined golf course

Thursday and Friday September 19 and 20, 2013 is the actual meeting at the Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa/Short Pump.

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North Carolina Biomedical Association's 34th Annual Symposium

Hi,

The NCBA would like to take a moment to thank all of the vendors who attended this years 34th Annual Symposium! It's because of you that we are able to coordinate our events and provide training to our members. Please remember that included in your booth purchase are two half page adds for our newsletter. Visit our website at <http://www.ncbiomedassoc.com/Newsletters.aspx> to find all of the requirements for your adds and send them to editor2@ncbiomedassoc.com to be included in our newsletter.

Regards,

NCBA Board of Directors

2012 NCBA Board Meetings

Board meetings will generally be scheduled for the second Friday of each month at 10am to 3pm with the exception of April because of Spring Break times and August because of upcoming symposium. Most meetings will be in person as conference calls are not as productive. There is only one scheduled conference call meeting in June as a result of AAMI being the week prior. Please visit the website for up-to-date locations..

Retreat - December 13-14, 2012

2013 Board Meeting Dates and locations will be decided at the Board Retreat in December.

Next Newsletter

The NCBA News is published 6 times per year. The next one is scheduled to be emailed on **December 24, 2012**. Please send to the editor any articles that you wish published or news to be included. The NCBA News wants to include educational and informative information, not just NCBA operational news, although that is of interest to our members, also.

Pat Lynch

Editor@ncbiomedassoc.com

HTM Week 2013

The biomedical community will celebrate HTM (Healthcare Technology Management) Week from May 19 thru 25, 2013. Please mark your calendars and begin making plans to publicize what we do and how we help our patients and our facilities. |

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In all the ways you can,
To all the People you can,
In every place you can,
At all the times you can,
As long as ever you can.



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