



# THE INTERMITTENT SHORT

November 2010

What a great time we had at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual NCBA Conference. Special thanks to everyone who help make this event such a big success. Especially all of the instructors, Vendors and their great door prizes, Richard Skroch for hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Nuts & Bolts Art Contest, Holiday Inn staff for setting everything up for us, the NCBA Officers and those elected Officers who stepped up to take on the challenges that are before us. There were several very informative classes offered and some exciting demonstrations were presented. Please fill out the survey at the end of this news letter so that with your help, we can put on even a bigger and better conference next year. Our guest speaker Bill Hintz from Medtronics has provided me with a copy of the power point presentation on IEC 80001-1 Standards that he discussed during the conference. I can send a copy of the presentation to members who ask for it.



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**NCBA Officer's**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next quarterly meeting of the NCBA will be:

Date & Time: December 10, 2010 @ 10:00

Location: Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. S.W. Rochester, MN

Topics of Discussion: Phillips will be demonstrating their new wireless SP02 & NIBP monitoring system, Location of next years NCBA Conference.

Contact Steven May @ 507-255-7234

## **NCBA 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Biomed Shop Nuts & Bolts Scrap Box Art Show**

Have you ever been to a museum or saw a work of public art and said "I can do better than that?"

Below is the art submitted by Richard Skroch. The piece is called (crazy bio med) or (by the end of the work week!) you turn the eyes & mouth (hospital bed wheels) he smiles or frowns. Now that you know what we are looking for, you have a whole year to get together with your coworkers and present your exhibit for viewing next year. Can hardly wait to see what everyone comes up with. Don't be left out..... We know you have talent....



## **Meeting Minutes**

10 September, 2010

Holiday Inn

Elk River, MN

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by: President, Jon Crissinger.

Members present: 26, Guest: 0

Secretary's Report

The secretary read the minutes from the May 2010 quarterly meeting. Dave P. requested that the minutes be amended to say "members present" as apposed to "present members" regarding the vote for Brent Bahr to fill the role of treasurer until a new treasurer could be elected. Ray N. moved to accept the minutes as written. Dave P. seconded the motion. The minutes were amended and approved as read.

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Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave their report reflecting the current balance of \$5,115.00 as of 5 September, 2010. Bill M. made a motion to accept the report. Rodney S. seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Old Business:

Vickie S. informed the association that due to the date of our annual conference, Colorado Association of Biomedical Equipment Technicians (CABMET) has extended their registration deadline for the NCBA. This information was posted on the website for members to view and to follow the link to register for the upcoming CBET Preparation classes.

Steve B. has asked the association to follow-up on the possible membership with Federation of Medical Equipment Support Association (FMESA). This was tabled again until additional information could be made available to all members. It was suggested that a link to their website be established on our webpage so that our members could review their association. Vickie S. said that she would gather some information from Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) that would help in making the decision on whether or not to support this membership.

It was announced that the Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) has offered to take over the running of the webpage. Jon C. will work with Ken E. and Steve B. about a smooth transition of these responsibilities.

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### The Intermittent Short

Concern was raised about who would run the web page while school is out over summer vacation. Jon C. will coordinate all the necessary changes with the appropriate parties.

### New Business:

Due to conflicting conference date with North Carolina Biomedical Association, the date of next year conference needs to be changed. Because of staffing issues, Vickie S. and Dave P. will check with other organization and provide the board with some dates that are available.

To provide everyone with the opportunity to serve their NCBA, it was suggested that the officer each write a short summary of what their responsibilities. That way, those who may be interested in serving on the board will have a better understanding of what they will be required to do.

The NCBA will be looking into an on-line order process that will provide an opportunity for its members to order and pay for NCBA logo shirts. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

Jamie G. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ted H. seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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## Struther's Award of Excellence

The Struther's Award of Excellence is an honor bestowed to a NCBA member every September. Please consider nominating a co-worker, manager, friend who deserves to be recognized for his/her work in the biomedical/clinical engineering field. Send your nominations to Jon Crissinger at [joncrissinger@catholichealth.net](mailto:joncrissinger@catholichealth.net)



Past Struther's Award winners are:

1998 - Dave Pedersen

1999 - Jim Skipper

2000 - Sue Finney

2001 - Vickie Snyder

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2005 - Bob Tholand

2006 - Rodney Severson and Jennifer Kriske

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Please fill out the below survey for and return to the NCBA secretary at: [mrhodes@lakewalk.com](mailto:mrhodes@lakewalk.com) your input will help with the success of future conferences.

**Preparation for NCBA 2011 Conference**

If you attended the **2010 NCBA Conference**, please answer the following questions:

1. Were there any classes or lectures at the 2010 NCBA conference that you found helpful and would like more instruction in?
2. Did you like this year's location and accommodations?
3. Did you enjoy this year's afternoon activities?
4. Did you find this year's training and vendor show helpful?
5. Please comment on any area/topic from this year's conference that needed improvement:

Please answer the following questions to assist with making plans for **next year's conference**:

1. What type of information would you like to see presented at next year's conference?
2. Are there any specific areas of study that you would like to attend a class on?
3. Do you find CBET preparation classes helpful?
4. Do you have any recommendations of vendors that could participate in next year's conference?
5. Please comment on any area/topic that you feel would make next year's conference more enjoyable and useful: