



# THE INTERMITTENT SHORT

July 2008

If you didn't make it to the May meeting in Rochester, you missed out! What a wonderful presentation by our President Rodney Severson. We were given the opportunity to see the planning, layout and some of the obstacles that were overcome when designing and going live with a 24 bed sleep center. Rodney provided us with the background of starting out with 12 beds and adding on from there. This included combining separate controller, locations and various floors where the studies were being conducted. At the time of the design, he was not sure which vendor they would be going with, so his designs included layouts and wiring for three different vendors. After which, we were given the opportunity to go on a tour and see the completed design. All 24 beds are located on a single floor along with the monitor technicians and the physician reading room. They have 15 viewing station with one large screen used for teaching or discussions. This was definitely good utilization of BMET's and their resources in the planning stage.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

3 – 5 Sept.08 15<sup>th</sup> Annual NCBA Conference  
Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, MN  
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Medtronic's will be hosting the November Meeting. Date & Time to follow.

SMDC will be hosting the March meeting.

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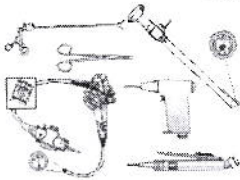
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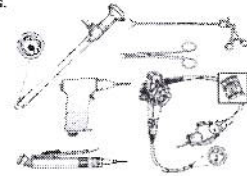
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## Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2008  
Rochester Marriott Hotel  
Rochester, MN

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by: President, Rodney Severson.

### Secretary's Report

The secretary read the minutes from the March quarterly meeting. Dave P. moved to accept the minutes as written. Brent B. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave their report reflecting the current balance of \$8,653.98 as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. Dave P. made a motion to accept the report. Martin T. seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

### Old Business

Again, the webpage was the topic of the day. Rodney will continue to work with Ken to resolve the problems associated with the updates. It was stressed that the web page needs to be a life line to the Association. This should include

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changes to the meeting locations, date and time. Dave P. made a motion that the new web page be completed before the seminar even if it takes finding an alternate source to get it up and running. Martin T. seconded the motion.

New Business

Seminar class schedule was discussed and classes presently available will be provided to members along with their membership application.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Sugar Lake Lodge during the seminar. Martin T. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Dave P. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 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 Rodney Severson at [rseverson@mayo.edu](mailto:rseverson@mayo.edu) .



Past Struther's Award winners are:

- 1998 - Dave Pedersen
- 1999 - Jim Skipper
- 2000 - Sue Finney
- 2001 - Vickie Snyder
- 2002 - Deborah Schweigert
- 2003 - Ray Nielsen
- 2005 - Bob Tholand
- 2006 - Rodney Severson and Jennifer Kriske

# NCBA Annual Conference Registration Form

Complete and return this form with your payment (checks payable to NCBA) to:

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**Deadline for mail-in registration is August 15, 2008**

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Will you be participating in the Best Ball Tournament? (Include \$25 fee) YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Fee \$100.00	\$ _____
(Includes your annual membership of \$15.00 from 9/2008-9/2009)	
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