



# THE INTERMITTENT SHORT

September 2009

What an incredible year this has been for the NCBA! Our membership continues to grow and our annual seminar surpassed all of our expectations!

The North Central Biomedical Association is the only active biomed organization in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa. It provides an avenue of education and networking like no other. I highly recommend becoming involved with the association. Holding an elected office has provided me with tremendous growth as a “newbee” in this field. I’ve made great friends and business contacts during my four years in office. During our quarterly meetings we are provided with unique educational sessions along with tours of facilities that we normally wouldn’t see.

As our membership grows, so will our annual seminars. With actively participating members, the sky is the limit for the NCBA!

This year’s seminar was held in Bloomington, MN. Over 70 members attended along with 30 vendors. What a huge success!! The educators at this year’s seminar were experts in their fields. All classes were well attended and we heard much positive feedback from the members. The vendor show was a great way to make new contacts and to see current products and services offered in several different modalities. Many thanks to the vendors who have continued to show their support to the NCBA throughout the years. We hope that the NCBA members show their appreciation to the vendors by using their services. If you missed it, one of the highlights was the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Biomed Karaoke. The uniquely talented individuals who participated made the evening a success! Fun was also plentiful at the Casino Night. Laughter and heckling was heard throughout the room.

As I pass the “presidential” torch to Jon Crissinger, I want to give a big “Thank you” to the NCBA officers and members who hold this organization together. I hope that all of our members recognize the importance of having a local association and become involved by joining committees and attending meetings. It’s been a terrific learning experience for me and I can’t wait to see what the future holds!

Janice Courtois  
NCBA President

I would like to thank each and every one of you who helped make this years conference a big success. Especially a “*Special Thanks*” to ACT Services for Thursday’s delicious breakfast and to Pronk Technologies for the wonderful snacks during the vendor show.

Mark Rhodes  
NCBA Secretary

Even during our present economic crisis, the conference was a big success. We have issued over 145 membership cards to vendors and technicians alike. As we are tying up the loose ends from this conference, the wheels have already been put in motion for next year’s event. (More to follow) There is still time to suggest classes or speakers whom you would like to hear from or even teach. In addition, there are a few needs to host the quarterly meeting. This is a great opportunity to “Toot your own Horn” and let us know what you have done or how proud you are of where you work and what you do. Don’t be shy.....Get involved!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

November-December 2009 Available

February-March 2010 Available

May-June 2010 Available

NCBA Annual Conference September 2010 Location TBD

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## Meeting Minutes

### Annual Conference

3 September, 2009

Park Plaza

Bloomington, MN

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by: President, Janice Courtois.

#### Secretary's Report

The secretary read the minutes from the 4th quarter meeting. Dave P. moved to accept the minutes as written. Ray N. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

#### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave their report reflecting the current balance of \$ 15,417.53 as of 31 August, 2009. John C. made a motion to accept the report. Dave P. seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

#### Old Business:

There was none to discuss.

#### New Business:

The floor was open for Vice President Nominations. Brent Bahr was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other members were nominated. Dave P. moved to close nominations for Vice President. An "All in Favor" Vote for the position of Vice President was held and passed unanimously.

## The Intermittent Short

The floor was open for Treasurer Nominations. Shelly Crisler was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other members were nominated. Dave P. moved to close nominations for Treasurer. An "All in Favor" vote for the position of Treasurer was held and passed unanimously.

Jim Hedlund gave a motivational speech about getting involved not only in the Biomed field, but also within the NCBA organization.

Vickie Snyder invited all members to attend a CBET preparation course at Fairview, video hosted by CABMET (Colorado Association of Biomedical Equipment Technicians)

No date was set for the next quarterly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.



## 2009/2010 NCBA Officers

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***Nominations must be submitted to Jon Crissinger by  
1 August 2010. (No exceptions)***

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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
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- 2008 Janice Courtois and Jim Hedlund

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The North Central Biomedical Association is sponsoring the CABMET study group that will meet at Fairview Riverside Hospital. To be able to participate, you need to do 3 things:

- 1) Contact Vickie Snyder at [vsnyder4@fairview.org](mailto:vsnyder4@fairview.org) to let her know you want to participate (Deadline 9/16)
- 2) Make sure you are a current member of the NCBA. (<http://www.ncbiomed.org/pdf/MembershipApplication.pdf>)
- 3) Register for the study group through CABMET (Colorado Association of BMET's)  
<http://www.cabmet.org/registration.html>

From their web site you can register over the internet and pay using Paypal. If you are sending a check, it needs to be to CABMET by 9/11. Contact Dave Scott @720-777-6312 if there is a delay in your payment getting to CABMET by 9/11.

Please refer to the NCBA website (<http://www.ncbiomed.org/>) for more details on this program or go to the CABMET website (<http://www.cabmet.org/study.html>)

If you have an article or an idea that you would like to share with others, please contact the NCBA secretary for submission.