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## Programa San Francisco de Asis

At the November NCBA meeting it was decided to contribute funds to send a biomed with the Programa San Francisco de Asis to Peru. The following is a letter of thanks from Patrick Riley.

January 29, 1999

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Not quite a week since my return from Peru, I am still aglow with the incredibly good feelings about how well Programa San Francisco de asis's mission trip went this year. This was in very large part due to your Association's decision to sponsor Jerry Rach from Mayo's Anesthesia Biomedical Department as part of our team. The amount of help and assistance he provided in one short week would make an incredibly lengthy list, but some high points deserve mention:

Disassembled, packed for shipping, the re- assembled 3 gas machines.

Checked out, re-calibrated, and repaired some 3-4 gas machines in Peru, one which had been stored due to problems that Jerry solve

Acquiring, packing , assembling various monitors that brought the level of anesthetic sophistication to a new high. (e.g. first time use of ECG & EtCO2)

Generally repaired, checked out any piece of equipment handed to him, so that things could be utilized or discarded.

Some mysteries regarding patient mishaps from previous years were solved, and we went ahead with 2 weeks of treating 110+ patients with total confidence. CRNA who had never volunteered for such a mission were treated to equipment and monitoring arrays that were so near to those at home that their discomfort at working in a new environment was lessened considerably. Our concern for

recovering patients was greatly enhanced by the knowledge that their intra-operative care was nearly risk-free, as compared with previous years. For myself, it was very rewarding to see a full circle of effort come to completion. Sue Finney contacted me sometime in Spring of '98. Your Association gave me the chance to speak at your meeting at Breezy Point last August. I was somewhat nervous when only 3 came to hear me, but one of those was Jerry Rach. Your Board decided to go with our Programma after considering two other situations. January has now come and gone, and many of Peru's poor return to life, changed forever due to this collective generosity.

It is certainly our hope that this relationship can continue. We would not begrudge your choosing some other worthy group to support, knowing that our equipment is, as some MD's down there claimed, "the best in all Peru". We trust that the rewards are enticing enough to lure you back periodically, that we may enjoy this cooperation in the future.

And doesn't it all speak to how much we take for granted in our daily jobs back in the US? When you might hear little more than complaints from some CRNA, let it be known that this particular one appreciates all your skilled members do, not for me, but for our patients, both here and abroad.

Yours truly,  
Patrick K. Riley



## Winter Meeting Minutes

November 6, 1998 NCBA Business Meeting  
Minutes  
Mayo Medical Center, Rochester MN

- The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Sue Finney.

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- The September meeting minutes were read and approved.
- Treasure's report was given by Nancy Thomas. Current balance of 5924.21 with all seminar bills paid.  
Vickie Snyder moved to accept the treasures report. Motion seconded and passed.

### Old Business

- Developing countries and the NCBA's involvement - Sue Finney brought everyone up to date on sending a biomed with the Programma de Sanfransican group. Jerry Rach has said he would like to go. A motion was made to let the president decide who should go if there is more than one person interested. Motion seconded and passed. A thank you went out to the HealthEast group who helped repair and sort equipment at the Godchild Project warehouse.
- Educational Curriculum for BMET programs – Dave Pederson and Vickie Snyder continue to gather information about a job task analysis. The information has to be in by January 15, 1999.
- NCBA Membership booklet – Jennifer Kriske is working on it and expects a current booklet out with the next newsletter. Only currently paid members will receive the membership booklet.
  
- NCBA Brochure – Vickie Snyder is working on it. The brochure will include a newsletter, history, membership application and the bylaws.
- NCBA filing status – Ken Erickson said we are paid for the year.
- New Bylaws - The bylaws have been updated.

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- March and May quarterly meetings - The March meeting will be held at the Museum of Questionable Medical Devices at the University of Minnesota, and will be sponsored by Sue Finney.  
The May meeting will be held at St. Francis Medical Center in Breckenridge MN. The topic is not yet set.

### New Business

- Budget Draft – Sue Finney went over a draft of the 1999 budget and will have a summary of 1998 expenditures for the next newsletter.
- NCBA Scholarship – Ken Erickson will send scholarship information to schools with a biomedical program.
- Struthers Award – Ken Erickson encouraged people to nominate a deserving individual.
- Seminar Update – It was suggested that the 2000 seminar be held somewhere in or around the twin cities. Jim Skipper will contact Alina for a possible site.

Jennifer Kriske  
Secretary NCBA

## 1998-1999 NCBA Budget

Item Description

Year 97/98

Year 98/99

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NCBA Scholarship	750.00	500.00
Struthers Award of Excellence	200.00	200.00
Mailings/Printing/Postage	1200.00	1200.00
Legal filing fees	30.00	60.00
Website	210.00	210.00
Misc. discretionary	500.00	500.00
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Laptop	N/A	N/A
Total	2930.00	4000.00

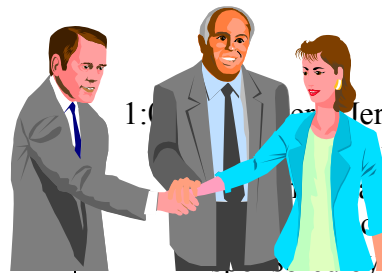
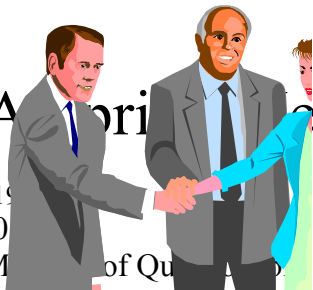
**Annual Seminar**

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Facilities Costs	1200.00	1200.00
Food	4000.00	4000.00
Entertainment (Social Event)	500.00	500.00
Speaker Fee	2000.00	2000.00
Prizes-drawings-giveaways	650.00	500.00
Mailings/printing/postage	300.00	400.00
Misc. discretionary	N/A	250.00
Total	8650.00	8950.00

**NCBA Prior Meeting**

Date: March 19  
 Time: 10:00  
 Location: Museum of Quality Medical  
 Devices in Historic St. Anthony Main  
 201 Main St. S.E. Minneapolis MN  
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 10:00 – Tour of museum  
 11:30 – Lunch – Pracna on Main (Historic  
 Dining



1:00 – Business Meeting (Saloon)  
 Jerry Rach from Mayo’s  
 Biomedical Department.  
 Jerry has many things to share with us  
 about his recent trip to Peru that was  
 sponsored by the NCBA. Jerry also has the  
 ability and knowledge regarding anesthesia  
 that could benefit us all in our day to day  
 work.

Business Meeting to follow

## Business Meeting Agenda

- Tresures Report – Nancy Thomas

### Old Business

- Education Curriculum for BMET programs – Dave Pederson, Vickie Snyder and John Hedricks
- Membership Booklet – Jennifer Kriske
- NCBA Brochure – Vickie Snyder
- NCBA Scholarship Update – Ken Erickson
- Annual Seminar for year 2000 sponsor – Jim Skipper
- 1999 Annual Seminar update – Ken Erickson
- 1998 Seminar

### New Business

- Review Membership dues schedule – Sue Finney, Jennifer Kriske

## From the North Central Biomedical Association President

This is an exciting and challenging time for the Biomedical field. Many things are impacting us in our work. The health care industry is changing and the Biomedical schools are either changing the curriculum or closing the Biomedical Technical programs. With work philosophy becoming lean and aggressive we find ourselves in a new situation and in a different light than just a few years ago.

I believe we have developed a valuable tool in NCBA. Use it to work together in our network to strengthen and build a stronger closer and more efficient, effective Biomedical Community. We will benefit both professionally and personally. The essentials have remained unchanged. Assuring quality patient care and cost effectiveness for the health care provider in the area of Biomedical equipment management.

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In the years to come, I am sure we will face more changes; but by building our community through this organization, networking and other interactions we will gain strength, efficiency and effectiveness.

I urge you to put on your calendars our quarterly events. Write or e-mail me with your comments and suggestions or your thoughts on how we can further strengthen our Biomedical community and each other.

Sue L. Finney CBET  
President NCBA

## NCBA's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar

NCBA's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 1999 at Craguns in Brainerd, MN. We have had suggestions from those who have attended past seminars to expand into a two-day event. So this year the planning committee is working hard to make this years seminar even more successful. If you have any suggestions for classes, vendors, next year's location or other items for our seminars let us know.

### 1999 Seminar Tentative Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1999

Noon - Registration

1pm to 4pm - Class(es)

5pm to 8pm - Social Hours (free food!!!)

Friday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999

7:30am to 9am - Registration, Vendor

Displays, Continental Breakfast

9am to 11:30am - Classes

11:30am to 1pm - Lunch

1pm to 3pm - Classes

Kenneth Erickson

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**North Central Biomedical Association Scholarship**

NCBA offers \$250.00 scholarships each spring. These scholarships are intended to aid a student currently involved in a Biomedical Equipment Technology program , as well as any biomedical technician or manager who is considering or is currently obtaining continuing education.

For consideration please submit the following information:

- 1. Your name, address, and phone number's at work and home.

- 2. The educational institutions name, address, and phone number.
- 3. Your name, address, and phone number's at work and home.
- 4. The educational institutions name, address, and phone number.
- 5. A brief description of the course or program you are involved in.
- 6. A letter outlining your future goals in the biomedical field.

To: Attn. Ken Erickson  
HCMC Bioelectronics Dept.  
701 Park Av. ADABEC 860A  
Minneapolis MN 55415

Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>

**PREAMBLE**

We are the North Central Biomedical Association, providing a forum for medical professionals on the Biomedical Engineering and Technician levels, who are involved with Biomedical equipment management. We strive to promote cooperation, education, formal/informal exchange of ideas and technical information related to the Health Care Industry. Thus, helping to assure quality patient care and cost effectiveness for the Health Care provider.

**NORTH CENTRAL BIOMEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

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Membership is open to all persons that have an interest in Biomedical devices.  
Membership dues are: \$15/year/individual membership.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
(complete and return along with your payment)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Facility/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Fax(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive your NCBA Newsletter : (check one)

By regular mail

Notified by E-mail. (include your E-mail address above.)

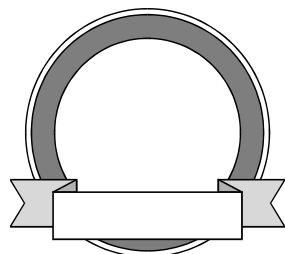
You will receive an E-mail notifying you when the Newsletter is posted on our website.

◆ Make Check or money order payable to: North Central Biomedical Association, and send to

NCBA, PO Box 141073, Minneapolis MN 55114

### Struthers Award of Excellence

Nominations for the 1999 “Struthers Award of Excellence” are now being taken. The award will be presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual NCBA seminar September 10<sup>th</sup> 1999.



Nominees must have demonstrated devoted leadership and service to the Biomedical community. Giving time,

energy and availability to insure the growth and development of not only to there immediate surroundings but to the entire Biomedical community. This individual will have demonstrated strong ethics and character in their day to day actions.

If you are interested in nominating someone for the “Struthers Award of Excellence” please submit the following information:

1. The name, address, phone number and employers name of your nominee.
2. Why you feel this person deserves this award.
3. Some examples of how they have meet the criteria.
4. Your name, address, phone number, and employers name.

To: Attn. Ken Erickson  
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The information will be reviewed by the “Award Committee”

### Newsletter Changes

Please check to see that the date on your address lable correctly reflects your membership expiration date. If you feel, or know someone who feels they should be receiving the newsletter, please contact me.

Do you have information you’d like to see in the next newsletter? Or perhaps a little handy hint to pass along? Send any information to:

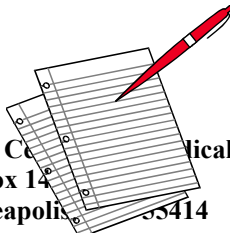
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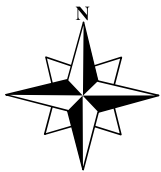
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- Membership Renewal

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