

INTERMITTENT SHORT

NEWSLETTER OF THE NCBA



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Governor Signs Proclamation!!

Hopefully, many of you received the notice that Jesse Ventura, the governor of Minnesota, signed a proclamation declaring the week of Sept 3-9, 2001 as "**Biomedical Electronics Equipment Technician Awareness Week**". This is the first time this has occurred.

We are very proud of our members and fellow Biomedical Technicians that provide service to the health care industry. Thanks to the North Central Biomedical Association for getting this accomplished!

Letter from the Prez

I want to convey to all members that we need to have completely open communications throughout the organization. At any time, all members are encouraged to ask any questions or communicate concerns to any of the NCBA officers.

The new officers for 2002 are:

President Ray Nielsen Allina, Clinical Equipment Services -- Roseville, MN

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Vice President Andrew J. Weber, Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospital-Mankato, MN

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Secretary Vickie Snyder, Fairview Southdale Hospital -- Edina, MN

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We will be sending out questionnaires from time to time in the newsletter to see what members might need or want, including changes. Besides the newsletter, I want to encourage members to leave messages on the web site or on the e-mail list. All issues will be addressed and the answers published in each newsletter.

Items brought up for consideration at a quarterly meeting will be invited as well as comments or concerns about how we do business.

I have noticed an area that I didn't understand and I believe it should be made clear somehow to the members. That's the process of nominating and selecting officers and Struther's Award recipients. This process will be described in full detail at the next NCBA meeting.

I do feel strongly about these areas and I expect to hear from any members as to agreement or alternative ideas. My hope is that we can extract enough from our members to improve the NCBA.

We need ALL of our members to do this. Hope to hear from you this coming year.

Ray Nielsen

We're on the Web:
www.ncbiomed.org

**NCBA has a
new address ...**

Please note the change
to NCBA's mailing address.

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NCBA Fall Seminar a Success!

A Letter of Thanks

Congratulations on a great meeting. I hope it met your expectations.

Thank you for the Minnesota hospitality and for the NCBA tee shirt. I'll be wearing it the next dress down day we have. Please let everyone on the NCBA Board and membership know how much I enjoyed meeting them and how much I appreciate their enthusiasm for AAMI 2002. The AAMI staff looks forward to working with them.

*Sincerely,
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Certification Class is Coming!

Start planning now!
The NCBA will be offering another week long preparation class for the Certified Biomedical Electronic Technician exam.

Tentative dates are May 29-31,2002

More details to come.....



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September 7 Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by out going president Dean Ceminsky at 3:40 pm.
No Old Business
New Business:
Election of new officers for 2002:
The following people were nominated, and voted into office by NCBA members in attendance of this business meeting:
President: Ray Neilsen. Allina, Minneapolis
(Vice-President-elect: Andy Weber, Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital, Mankato
Secretary: Vicki Snyder, Fairview Southdale, Minneapolis
Treasurer: Bill Maras, Fairview Range Regional Health Services, Hibbing
Treasurer Report:
Out going Treasurer, Nancy Thomas reported that the pre-seminar account contains \$6064.37. Bill Maras will open a new post office box and move the checking account to the Hibbing area after Nancy concludes business from this seminar. A post seminar Treasurer's report is forthcoming.
November meeting:
Andy Weber announced that he would host the November NCBA meeting at St. Joseph's in Mankato on November 2nd, 2001. (Nov. 6th is a Tuesday - I may have been given the wrong date)
Ray announced that since the 2002 NCBA Conference will be combined with the 2002 AAMI Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center, he would like to have at least two more meetings before the AAMI conference, possibly February & April. Sites still pending.)

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Darren Sigg, and seconded by Ray Nelisen. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

NCBA Meeting Scheduled

When: 2 November, 2001

Where: Immanuel-St. Joseph's Hospital-MHS
1025 Marsh St.
Mankato, MN

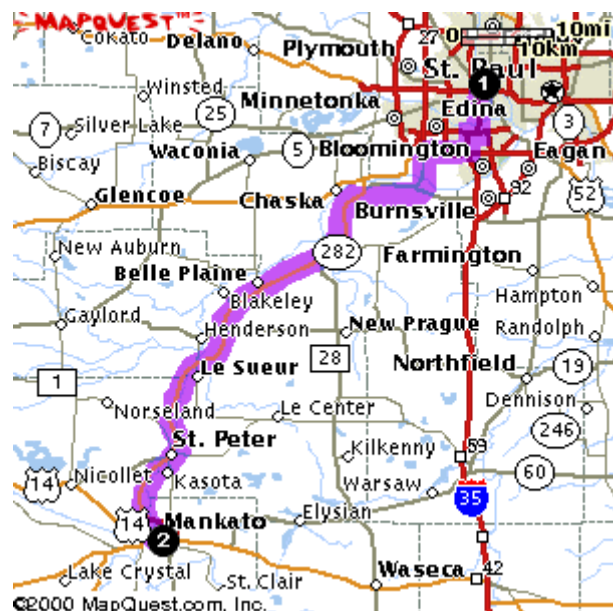
Room: 0310 (Directly below main HOSPITAL entrance)

AGENDA

- 10:00 -11:00 Cell phone- EMI
- Review of paper Published February 2001 by Mayo Clinical Engineering
- 11:00 -12:00 Lunch
- 12:00 - 2:00 Round Table discussion
Today's Biomedical Issues
- 2:00 - 3:00 Business Meeting

Starting from: Minneapolis, MN

Arriving at: 1025 Marsh St, Mankato, MN 56001-



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	Directions	Miles
1.	Start out going North on S WASHINGTON AVE/MN-65 N towards S 3RD AVE/MN-65 by turning left.	0.0
2.	Turn LEFT onto S 3RD AVE.	0.2
3.	Turn LEFT onto S 4TH ST.	0.1
4.	Turn RIGHT onto S 4TH AVE/MN-65 S.	0.5
5.	Turn SLIGHT LEFT to take the MN-65 SOUTH ramp.	0.3
6.	Merge onto MN-65 S.	0.8
7.	MN-65 S becomes I-35W S.	4.6
8.	Take I-35W S/MN-62 W.	0.7
9.	Take I-35W S towards ALBERT LEA.	0.3
10.	Merge onto I-35W S.	1.6
11.	Take the I-494 WEST/MN-5 WEST exit, exit number 9B.	0.3
12.	Merge onto I-494 W/MN-5 W.	4.3
13.	Take the US-169 exit, exit number 10.	0.2
14.	Stay straight to go onto W 78TH ST.	0.1
15.	Turn LEFT onto US-169 S.	12.8
16.	US-169 S becomes US-169 S/JOHNSON MEMORIAL DR.	8.3
17.	US-169 S/JOHNSON MEMORIAL DR becomes US-169 S.	45.3
18.	Take the exit towards DOWNTOWN/MANKATO/NORTH MANKATO.	0.1
19.	Keep LEFT at the fork in the ramp.	0.0
20.	Turn LEFT onto BELGRADE AVE.	0.2
21.	BELGRADE AVE becomes MULBERRY ST.	0.2
22.	Turn RIGHT onto MAIN ST.	0.1
23.	Turn RIGHT onto N RIVERFRONT DR.	0.6
24.	Turn RIGHT onto MADISON AVE.	0.8

Struthers Award of Excellence Awarded

Vickie Snyder, Manager, Fairview Southdale Biomedical Engineering, was honored during the NCBA annual seminar with the "Jim Struthers Award of Excellence".

Recipients of the award are to have demonstrated devoted leadership service to the biomedical community. They also have given their time, energy and availability to ensure the growth and development of not only their immediate surroundings, but also to the entire biomedical community. They are to have demonstrated strong ethics and character in their day-to-day actions.

"I am obviously thrilled and flattered to receive such an award" stated Snyder. This is such an honor."

Don't forget.....

E-mail any questions or concerns to the NCBA . We will answer your questions and publish them in the Newsletter.

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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.

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