



In a Different Vein

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President's Message

*by Michelle Tuson, BS, MT(ASCP)SBB
MABB President*

I hope that many of you were able to attend the Annual MABB Fall Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Romulus. Kudos to Dr. Mary Jo Drew for an exciting program that had something for everyone. The speaker's topics were widely varied and held everyone's attention on both days. Thank you to the vendors for their time and talents in showing us the latest technology available in our field. I want to personally thank Novo Nordisk for their generous contribution to the meeting. Much appreciation goes out to Terumo and the American Red Cross for treating us to breakfast. Gambro BCT, Michigan Community Blood Centers, American Red Cross/SEM, Charter Medical and Ortho Biotech also contributed by sponsoring speakers. Thanks to MSA for adding excitement to the meeting by having a drawing for scholarships for next year's annual meeting for two lucky recipients, Judy Easter and Josefina DeLos Reyes. It was also my pleasure to be able to present two MABB scholarships; the Emanuel Hackel Scholarship to Barbara Siebert of Crittenton Hospital and the Sheikh Saeed Memorial Scholarship to Vija Miske of Hurley Hospital, my own blood bank mentor. It was great to meet and mingle with so many attendees both old friends and new faces.



Mark your calendars now for Sept 15th and 16th 2004 for the MABB's 50th Annual Meeting. We are starting to work on plans now. President-Elect Peggy Stoe will be happy to hear about any of your ideas to make the 50th meeting a smashing success. You may reach Peggy via e-mail at mstoe@med.umich.edu. We are hoping to get together as many Past Presidents and Founder's Award Recipients as possible for this special event.

Special commendations and thanks to the MABB Education Committee and Sue Bowers for their hard work and dedication. This committee has been moving in many different directions this year to try and put educational opportunities within the reach of the entire membership. The committee has taken on the MABB Lecture Series this year, which has been a well-attended endeavor, as well as put together three different RAP sessions. The MABB Lecture Series is

about to finish in Ann Arbor, with a final "Management" day on December 8th that will be open for all to attend.

The RAP session at Michigan Community Blood Center in Grand Rapids on Blood Utilization was held on October 9th, with a good turnout of about 30. Thanks to Dr. Mary Jo Drew, Dr. Rob Davenport, and Dr. Martha Higgins for sharing information that can help facilities think "out of the box" to accomplish a comprehensive utilization review. Also many thanks to the MCBC staff for their hospitality. Norm Felker, MCBC CEO, has let it be known that he has a room in Traverse City (with a fire place) that he thinks would be a perfect spot for a Northern Michigan RAP session possibly to be planned in the future.

The second fall RAP session was held in Flint on October 16th to discuss Bacterial Detection in platelet products. Dr. Laura Cooling, Sandy Lenneman, and Dr. Girolamo Ortolano took the group through the history of the bacterial contamination issue and possible ways to deal with the new detection requirement. Thank you to the American Red Cross/Lansing, Pall Medical and Dr. Laura Cooling for donation of their time and talents. So Dr. Cooling, do you want to give your bacterial detection lecture one last time in Traverse City?

By now you should have already received a copy of the 2003 MABB By-Law Revision, as well as a stamped postcard for your vote. Please take time to look over the proposed changes to the By-Laws and let us know your opinions either by your proxy or in person at the next scheduled board meeting. The itemized changes are posted at the MABB website: www.mabb.org. The next board meeting will be on December 2nd at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us at that time if you want to discuss the changes in person with the Board. Otherwise, please make sure that you return your reply "proxy" postcard so that we can officially accept the By-Law revisions.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Association President for this year. I want to offer my personal thanks and appreciation to the 2003 MABB Board for their help and support to make this year another success. My gratitude goes to Janet Silvestri at our

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NOTICE TO ALL CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKS (MABB) HAS REVIEWED THE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS. THE BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE REVISED AT A MEETING OF THE MABB EXECUTIVE BOARD TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2003, AT 1:00 P.M. AT SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ~ VISTA TECH CENTER. ALL CURRENT PAID MEMBERS HAVE BEEN MAILED A COPY OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS, A PROXY VOTE POST CARD, AND A MAP. YOU MAY CAST YOUR VOTE BY MAIL (TO BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 2, 2003) OR IN PERSON AT THE MEETING. ITEMIZED CHANGES ARE POSTED ON THE MABB WEBSITE. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS MAILING, PLEASE CONTACT JANET SILVESTRI AT THE MABB ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE 586/573-2500.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

administrative office for her juggling to keep all of our registrations, letters, event materials and monies in order for the organization. I would also like to offer my best wishes to our new MABB Board for 2004.

Finally, even though I may not have mentioned you individually, my thanks go out to everyone that has been involved in any of our various educational endeavors this year. Whether you have been an event planner, speaker, worker-bee or attendee, you are the reason the Michigan Association of Blood Banks is successful and hopefully continues for another fifty years. The MABB is here for you, the membership, to give you opportunities for continuing education, networking and keeping you aware of current issues in our field. Your participation is the key to the achievement of this goal.

Michelle

JOB POSTING

Part-time Midnight, and other shift, employment opportunities available at William Beaumont Hospital Department of Transfusion Medicine. B.S. or equivalent, and MT(ASCP) registered, or eligible, required.

Apply on-line at www.Beaumonthospitals.com, or fax your resume to Kevin Brancaleone, Human Resources, (248) 551-0854, or you may call Career Opportunities Center M-F 8-6, (866)484-7800.

2003 MABB Annual Meeting



Speaker Dr. LeeAnn Weitekamp, Dr. Mary Jo Drew, and Past President Linda Cardine



Glenda Barager, Mary DePouw, Sue Bowers and Dr. Dorothy Halperin



*MT Students from Beaumont/Royal Oak:
Geehan Suleyman, Michelle LeBlanc (seated), Sarah Wycoff,
Christina Pienkos, Brandy Harkins and Amy Albright*



*Bill Knieps, Bob McMahon and Rich Myers
of Kendro Laboratory Products*



Joseph Roig of Gambro and speaker Bill Davey



Scott Micunek of Becton-Dickinson & Company

A time to learn & celebrate achievements



Speaker Dr. Laura Cooling and John Judd



A very stunned Sharon Cisco accepts her Founder's Award



Recipient of the 2003 Sheikh Saeed Scholarship, Vija Miske of Hurley Medical Center



Participants visit with Scott McDermott of Biologics Products, Inc.



Speaker Sharon O'Callaghan and Linda Cardine



Speaker Peter Frade, PhD presents "Blood as Criminal Evidence"

A time for friends ~ old and new



Vince Majewski, Ed DeRose, Tina Garcia and Brent Mondry of Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Systems



Angelo D'Anna of the American Red Cross/SEM Region



Terry Mathis of Sarstedt, Inc.



Joe Piscitello of Novo Nordisk



Ted Beatty, Maria Milani and John Kilgore of MedAlliance Group



Mike Kirkpatrick of Helmer

A time to be with others who share our passion for our work



DMC Lab Staff: Vickie Edwards, Sue Adams, Margaret Wilde; Back row: Julie Boitkus, Linda Oswald, Sue Maynard, Lila Adamczyk, Nelie Ilsa, Marilyn Kellman, Veronica Vincent, Brenda Jordan



Secretary/Treasurer Pat Fedoronko, outgoing President Michelle Tuson and President-Elect Peggy Stoe



Speaker Dr. Gregory Derderian and Dr. Mary Jo Drew

**JOIN US FOR THE 2004 ANNUAL MEETING
IT WILL BE A VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MABB
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2004
DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

West Nile Virus — Update for 2003

by Bruce Newman, MD
Medical Director
American Red Cross SE Michigan Region

Michigan has been very fortunate this year relative to transfusion-transmitted West Nile Virus (WNV) infections and also WNV infections in general. As of October 15, 2003, there were 6,957 CDC-reported WNV cases in the United States but only four cases in the State of Michigan. The infections have moved further west this year, and the five leading states are Colorado (2200 cases), Nebraska (1100 cases), South Dakota (900 cases), Texas (400 cases) and North Dakota (375 cases). There is no explanation for the lack of cases in Michigan and why WNV cases have moved to the West. The death rate for the CDC-reported cases is approximately 2%. Thirty to 40% of the CDC-reported cases developed meningo-encephalitis and 60-70% developed the much milder WNV fever. Assuming that there are approximately 150-200 unreported WNV cases for every severe case reported to the CDC, then it is possible that approximately 600,000 persons in the U.S. have been infected with WNV as of October 15th.

American Red Cross, SE Michigan Region has detected four WNV-viremic blood donors so far via nucleic acid testing, and these units were destroyed. There have been no reports of WNV-transfusion-transmitted cases in the Detroit metropolitan area from local hospitals as of

October 24, 2003. Nationwide, by the end of September, two transfusion-transmitted cases were detected in the West. These cases were missed by pooled testing but were detected by single donor testing. Preliminary data suggest that 16-unit pooled testing (Chiron/Gen-Probe) detects approximately 85% of the positive cases and another 15% could be detected if single donor testing was done. Single donor testing has been done in very high risk areas, but it quickly absorbs all resources, and it is not feasible past a limited scope.

As of the end of September, 510 WNV-viremic blood donors had been reported to the CDC by U.S. blood centers. All donors were feeling well when they donated blood. Eighty-five percent never developed any symptoms around the donation time, 14% developed mild symptoms (WNV fever), and 1% developed meningoencephalitis.

In all, we have been very fortunate in the State of Michigan this year with very few CDC-reported cases in the State and no known transfusion-transmitted cases in the Detroit metropolitan area. The new nucleic acid test for WNV appears to be very effective, and it has greatly helped to keep WNV out of the blood supply.

Mark Your Calendar

Management Topics in Blood Banking

December 8, 2003 ~ St. Joseph • Ann Arbor ~ 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Open to everyone ~ Registration forms mailed to members and posted on the website.

THANK YOU MABB 2003 EXHIBITORS!

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MABB CALENDAR

- Dec. 2, 2003** **MABB Executive Board Meeting**
Schoolcraft College
VisTaTech Center • 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 8, 2003** **Management Topics in
Blood Banking**
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
Ann Arbor • 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sept. 15-16, 2004** **MABB 50th Annual Meeting**
Location to be Announced

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!



MABB Annual Meeting Memories



"The Cisco Kid" and an Exhibitionist