

# IN A DIFFERENT VEIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Newman, MD



Michigan Association of Blood Banks (MABB) strives to meet the professional needs of our members. A major educational event is our two-day fall seminar which will be held on Wednesday, and

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Thursday, September 20 and 21, 2006, at Schoocraft College in Livonia, a western suburb of Detroit. This event provides an update to our medical technologists, supervisors, and medical directors, and we do our best to choose good topics and good speakers. This year, we would like to see more individuals from Battle Creek, Flint, Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Holland, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon, Saginaw, St. Joseph, Traverse City, and every other city in Michigan that I failed to mention, come to the meeting. And also, enjoy metropolitan Detroit--see a play, a sports event, Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the zoo, famous mansions, or a fancy restaurant. The Embassy Suites Hotel is a beautiful hotel, relatively cheap with our group rate, and it comes with breakfast. I encourage you to turn these two days into a short vacation.

We also offer RAP sessions in different parts of the state. These RAP sessions are two to three hours in length on a topic of interest (e.g. ISBT 128) and are often done at night which is more compatible with your work schedule. These are great meetings to meet your friends and colleagues and to network.

We also have a newsletter, *In Your Vein*, and we could use your help. Call Mary Depouw (248-652-5275), if you want to write an article for the newsletter. You can do a serologic case study, an administrative topic, or a clinical case study. You can also write on a specific topic that would be of interest to the audience. If you want to be more recreational, you can create a crossword puzzle or a Quiz for a prize. Or send a digital picture of your transfusion staff and identify everyone.

MABB is you. Join us, help us, participate. You will find your involvement to be a rewarding experience.

Bruce Newman, MD  
 President, Michigan Association of Blood Banks

## 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

By Suzan Bowers



For the  
Annual Meeting  
agenda and  
registration  
form, please see  
pages 5-6

The 52nd Annual Meeting titled "Bringing Us Together" will be held at Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center on September 20 and 21, 2006. The speakers include Marion Reid presenting the Kay Beattie Lecture "Blood Group Systems: An Update" and a second lecture "Approaches to Locate Rare Blood Donors. Dr. Roslyn Yomtovian, a popular past speaker, is returning to give two lectures, "Urgent Problems in the Transfusion Service" and "Platelet Contamination Update". The ever entertaining John Judd will speak about Rh Discrepancies. Glen Hendricks from the American Red Cross will speak about "Disaster Preparedness. Local speaker Dr. Brad Eisenbrey will present "Managing Tissue in the Transfusion Service". Dr. James Robbins, a surgeon from Beaumont Hospital, will update us on "Blood Usage in Surgery". Sharon O'Callaghan from the FDA is also returning to update us on "Biological Product Deviation Reporting" and Judy Sullivan from AABB will present "Continuing Education: To Stop Learning is NOT an Option". Amy Dixon from Beaumont will cover the topic of Time Management. There will again be Serological Case Studies led by Kathryn Watkins and Clinical Case Studies led by Dr. Tim Mervak.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

By David Rohrkemper & Michelle Bensette

Although Michigan Association of Blood Banks' (MABB) membership exceeds 225 members, the Board issued a charge to the Membership Committee to increase membership further. In addition, the Membership Committee was asked to survey medical technologists to determine their knowledge of MABB and to determine their needs. The survey was developed during Peggy Stoe's tenure and was distributed early this year during Dr. Newman's tenure via e-mail.

Fifty-two persons responded to the survey. Slightly more than half of the persons had visited MABB's website, but 30% were not aware that MABB had a website. Most persons were not aware of MABB's educational RAP sessions and some were not aware of our Annual fall meeting. A significant proportion of persons were neutral on joining MABB and a relatively high percentage of respondents were not familiar with MABB's benefits.

The Board and Membership Committee learned from the survey that we need to do a better job in terms of reaching medical technologists in general and of informing them of our educational offerings. Mechanisms to accomplish this were brainstormed with the Membership Committee's leadership, and an action plan was devised to better reach medical technologists and physicians. We are in the process of putting the action plan into place.

Benefits through MABB include educational programs such as the two-day Annual Fall Seminar, educational RAP sessions, PACE and CME type 1 credit, networking with colleagues and friends, developing and furthering friendships, and the opportunity to support the state's transfusion medicine society.

David Rohrkemper MT (ASCP)SBB, Membership Committee Co-chairperson  
Michelle Bensette MT (ASCP), Membership Committee Co-chairperson

## EDUCATION CORNER

By Terry Downs – Chair, Education Committee

The Education Committee had 2 very successful RAP sessions this year. The first one, on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Southfield discussed ISBT implementation with perspectives from both donor centers and hospitals. Scott Chesna of the American Red Cross gave an excellent talk on issues such as hardware and software changes, procedure writing, and communicating with hospitals about the new labels. We learned of Codabar problems (duplicate numbers being a big one) and why they won't happen with ISBT. Mr. Chesna presented examples of what the labels will look like and explained what they signify. He then talked about modifiers and attributes, which provide information about the product being washed, frozen, or irradiated, etc. We also heard how the labels are standardized into a 4 quadrant system, which defines the exact location of each piece of information. It will be different from what we are used to, but the improved control over labels will be helpful in the future.

The next speaker was Suzanne Butch of the University of Michigan, who presented an instructive talk on ISBT from the hospital perspective. She outlined plans the hospital must take to prepare for the change, such as coordinating with the blood supplier, assessing equipment needs, and developing SOP's and staff education. Ms. Butch also spoke about barcodable labels, which are now mandatory. She discussed options for hospitals to obtain the desired label, whether from a computerized facility or not. She listed websites that can help with converting a codabar label to an ISBT label. The International Council for Commonality in Blood Bank Automation ([www.iccbba.com](http://www.iccbba.com)) and the American Association of Blood Banks ([www.aabb.org](http://www.aabb.org)) can provide information on ISBT.

The 2nd RAP was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Grand Valley State University. The topics were ISBT implementation and the computer crossmatch. Suzanne Butch presented her talk to an enthusiastic audience at the Cook-Devos Health Science Center in Grand Rapids. Mary Beth Hartrick of Beaumont Hospital offered insights into setting up an electronic crossmatch. She stated some FDA requirements (number one being a computer!) to perform these crossmatches. She described a plan to assess work flow processes, and discussed validation and implementation. This was a timely lecture because hospitals are more interested in performing electronic crossmatches now that the procedure has a charge code.

The Michigan Association of Blood Banks is committed to bringing quality programs to laboratory professionals throughout the state. We are planning another RAP, preferably in either the Gaylord or Traverse City area in late August/early September. ABO/Rh discrepancies are the tentative subject. We are also working on a November RAP in Flint on "Puzzles of TRALI and ITP". The Education Committee is excited about trying to reach more people in the state. We invite you to share your thoughts about programs you would like to see. We always are interested in people who would like to join the committee. The more the merrier!! Please contact us with your comments.

For MABB contact information,  
please see page 7 -  
Administrative Office

## SHEIKH SAEED SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are being accepted for the Sheikh Saeed Memorial Scholarship. This \$200 award will help to defray expenses for an individual to attend the MABB Annual Meeting. All nominations must be made by a member of MABB. You may nominate yourself. Nomination deadline is September 1, 2006. Please send your nominations and reasons why the individual should be considered for the scholarship to Suzan Bowers' e-mail: [BowersSL@usa.redcross.org](mailto:BowersSL@usa.redcross.org)

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Bank Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How will the nominee benefit from attending the Annual Meeting? (Use additional pages if necessary)

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## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

### Wednesday - September 20<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast  
(Courtesy of Gambro BCT, Inc and ARC SE MI Region)
- 8:40 Introduction - Bruce Newman, MD, MABB President
- 8:50 Urgent Problems in the Transfusion Service: My Top Ten List -  
Roslyn Yomtovian, MD
- 9:40 Strategies for Managing Conflicting Rh Typing Results  
W. John Judd, FIBMS, MIBiol  
(Courtesy of Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Systems, Inc)
- 10:30 Break/Exhibits
- 11:15 Personal Effectiveness - Amy Dixon
- 12:00 Lunch/Exhibits - *Pasta Italiano Bar*  
(Vegetarian available)  
(Courtesy of Novo Nordisk)
- 1:15 MABB Business Meeting - Bruce Newman, MD
- 1:50 2006 Kay Beattie Lecture:  
Blood Group Systems: An Update - Marion Reid, PhD  
(Courtesy of Michigan Community Blood Center)
- 2:45 Break/Exhibits/Refreshments  
(Courtesy of ImmucorGamma, Inc)
- 3:15 Emergency/Disaster Preparedness:  
If You Fail to Plan...You Plan to Fail - Glen Hendricks
- 4:00 Serological Case Studies:  
Kathryn Watkins, MT(ASCP)SBB  
Michelle Tuson, MT(ASCP)SBB  
Donneke Bregenzer, MT(ASCP)SBB
- 4:45 Adjourn

### Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast  
(Courtesy of Terumo Medical Corporation)
- 8:40 Introduction - Bruce Newman, MD, MABB President
- 8:50 Approaches to Locate Rare Blood Donors  
Marion Reid, PhD
- 9:40 Platelet Bacterial Contamination: Never all Yin not all Yang -Roslyn Yomtovian, MD  
(Courtesy of ARC SE Michigan Region)
- 10:30 Break/Exhibits
- 11:15 Managing Tissue in the Transfusion Service  
A. Bradley Eisenbrey, MD, PhD
- 12:00 Lunch/Exhibits - *Soup and Sandwich Buffet*  
(Vegetarian available)  
(Courtesy of Novo Nordisk)
- 1:15 Blood Usage in Surgery - James Robbins, MD
- 2:00 Biological Product Deviation Reporting Update -  
Sharon O'Callaghan, BS, MT(ASCP)
- 2:45 Break/Exhibits/Refreshments  
(Courtesy of Baxter Healthcare, Inc)
- 3:15 Continuing Education: To Stop Learning Is NOT an Option  
Judith A. Sullivan, MS, MT(ASCP)SBB, CQA(ASQ)  
(Courtesy of ARC SE Michigan Region)
- 4:00 Clinical Case Studies  
Timothy Mervak, MD  
Mary Jo Drew, MD, MHSA  
Sherwin Imlay, MD
- 4:45 Adjourn

**The Michigan Association of Blood Banks would like to thank the following organizations for their generous support:**

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Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Inc.  
Immucor Gamma, Inc.  
Michigan Community Blood Centers

Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals  
Gambro BCT, Inc.  
Terumo Medical Corporation

# REGISTRATION FORM

## MABB 52nd ANNUAL MEETING

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials  MT(ASCP)  SBB  MD  
 PhD  Other

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address  Home   
 Work

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E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Member \_\_\_\_\_  
(see letter code below)

**MABB Membership Dues**

A = Individual Non-Physician      \$35  
 P = Individual Physician            \$65  
 I = Institution                            \$80

If you are not currently an MABB member and wish to join at this time or renew your membership, you may register at the member rate and pay your dues with this registration.

NEW                       RENEWAL

*If you would like confirmation of registration please indicate e-mail address*

Please circle appropriate day:

<u>Single Day</u>	Wed	Thurs	<u>Lunch included</u>
MABB member*			\$ 80 _____
Non-member**			\$110 _____
Med Tech Student/Resident			\$ 35 _____

<u>Both Days</u>		<u>Lunch included</u>
MABB member*		\$130 _____
Non-member**		\$185 _____
Med Tech Student/Resident		\$ 65 _____

Membership Dues \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REMITTANCE \_\_\_\_\_

Check Included

Credit Card (VISA/MC/Discover)

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Will pay on-site (additional 10% fee will apply)

\* Each institutional member may send ONE non-member at the member rate. All others must be individual members to qualify for member rate.

\*\* Non-members that apply for membership with this registration may register at the member rate and membership will be valid

If you require hotel accommodations, the Embassy Suites Hotel Livonia/Novi is offering a special rate for MABB of \$129 (s) and \$139 (d) plus taxes. Call 734-462-6000 by August 20, 2006 to make a reservation.

**Please return Registration Form and Fees by September 6<sup>th</sup> to:**

**MABB  
 29832 Buckingham  
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 Fax: 734-422-3630**



## INTRODUCING...

By Lisa Tyzo

Hi Everyone!

Just wanted to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Lisa Tyzo and I am the new Administrator for the MABB. I received my BA in Business Administration from Detroit College of Business. I have over 17 years of administrative experience. I work part-time for Canton Township as well as working part-time for the MABB.

I have been married for 12 years and my husband and I have two daughters, ages 8 and 11. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends.

## A NEWSLETTER FOR EVERYONE

By Bruce Newman, MD

This year *In a Different Vein* is being distributed electronically. If you provided us with your e-mail address, you will receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you are an MABB member and have an e-mail address that hasn't been sent to us, you should send it to: Lisa Tyzo, MABB Administrator via her e-mail address: [MABB\\_Lisa@yahoo.com](mailto:MABB_Lisa@yahoo.com) (Note space between MABB and Lisa is an underline). You should also inform Lisa if you have changed your e-mail address.

Meantime, you can also obtain the newsletter via MABB's internet site at [www.mabb.org](http://www.mabb.org). In addition, we plan to distribute the newsletter to hospital supervisors that have a work e-mail address through the blood centers for a period of time. Therefore, you may be able to get the newsletter through your hospital supervisor. Finally, we plan to be proactive with MABB members. If we don't have your e-mail address, we will send you a reminder card to send it to us.

*In A Different Vein*

How Is It Being Distributed?

### 2006 MABB Officers

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Bruce Newman, MD

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## SEND ARTICLES TO EDITORS:

*The deadline for next issue is October 1<sup>st</sup>!*

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