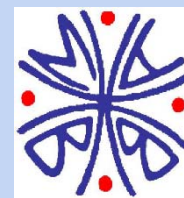


MABB Newsletter

In A Different Vein



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Dear MABB members,

The Michigan Association of Blood Banks (MABB) celebrated 64 remarkable years in 2018. Every day, new findings, technologies, treatments and research are developing in medicine keeping up with our goals to promote the highest standard of care by providing updated evidence-based medicine for our patients and donors in the various aspects of blood banking. This also provides an outstanding opportunity to learn, catch up with colleagues, pursue networking, and interact with industry leaders in transfusion medicine.

We had a successful annual meeting in September 2018. In keeping with the rich tradition of our annual meeting, we have invited many wonderful speakers covering a wide range of topics from technical and clinical topics to workplace improvement. I hope all of you enjoyed our meeting. A unique feature of blood bank organizations including MABB is the wide variety and diversity of membership. General technologists, technologists specialized in blood banking, nurses, physicians, administrators, IT technologists, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, all of them contribute to our patient care by taking different roles and all of them are equally important. We wouldn't be who we are today without all of your support.

We think education and involvement of new or young career professionals are critical for sustaining the future of our organization. We created a new session that focused on young technologists in the 2017 annual meeting, and I was happy to see this session continued in 2018 and hopefully into future meetings. Also, to build this idea, we expanded our recruitment efforts to increase involvement in our various committees by actively reaching out to young members. These efforts have paid off in 2018 as many people enthusiastically raised their hands to work and establish their careers in the MABB organization. I

would like to thank the experienced members for mentoring and guiding our young and new committee members. With the increased level of involvement, we were able to expand and re-organize our committees. As a result, many committees have been more active.

Additionally, we continue to implement new technologies and services to support the organization. This includes an update to our websites, expansion into other social media platforms, and online payment option through the MABB website. Our journey has not ended yet, and we continue to make efforts to expand MABB.

I appreciate all the board members for your support. My vision for MABB this year did not come true without your thoughtful understanding and generous effort. I am grateful for who we are today.

Lastly, we are always open to listen to your opinions and ideas, so please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Chisa Yamada, MD
2018 President of Michigan Association of Blood Banks

Summary of the 2018 MABB Annual Meeting

In accordance with the MABB mission statement, the 64th Annual Meeting program consisted of many diverse topics with a linked theme of promoting the highest standard of patient care for our respective patient populations. The meeting was held on the 5th and 6th of September at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center in Livonia.

The 1st day of the meeting began with an introduction and welcome by Dr. Chisa Yamada, the 2018 President of MABB.

Dr. Yamada introduced our Kay Beattie Award recipient

Dr. John Gerlach. Dr. Gerlach is the Program Director for the Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics Program at Michigan State University (MSU) in Lansing, Michigan. He gave us an informative lecture on nanobodies and their future uses in immunotherapeutics and diagnostics. The meeting progressed with the Quality Case Studies session which was organized by Salika Devine; the session highlighted three teaching cases presented by Krystal Johnson, Phyllis Gruszczynski, and Sarah McGee. Then Dr. Diana Riner talked about biosafety and risk assessment principles for blood banks. Understanding the development and consequences of RBC alloimmunization was discussed by Dr. Sean Stowell. Iron deficiency in blood donors was presented by Dr. Alan Mast. The afternoon concluded with the Clinical Case Studies session which was organized by Dr. Tammon Nash and it included three presentations given by Drs. Alex Taylor, Tim Pancioli, and Mohamed Alhamar.

The 2nd day of the meeting started with a talk on virtual crossmatch in the histocompatibility laboratory by



Dr. John Gerlach. Platelet refractoriness and the use of HLA matching and platelet crossmatch were discussed by Dr. Arthur Bradley Eisenbrey. Dr. Shih-Hon Li gave a case-based talk on the utilization of laboratory testing. Survival tactics in today's workplace was the next interactive discussion by Amy Dixon. Kayla Waider organized the Young Tech Talks which were given by Hana Lucaj, Ashley Hallenbeck, and Scott La Dell. Dr. Dale Bixby discussed iatrogenic cytopenias in different clinical scenarios and how they are a challenge for blood bankers. Finally a session on Serological Case Studies organized by Kara Soronen was presented by Kayla Waider and Katherine Li.

2018 MABB Annual Business Meeting Minutes

MABB Annual Business Meeting, Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Call to Order: 12:36 pm Adjourn: 1:05 pm

Dr. Chisa Yamada opened the meeting with an introduction, welcome, and thank you to our meeting sponsors: American Red Cross Blood Services, Michigan Blood, Alexion, BC Solutions LLC, HealthSoft RF, Immucor Gamma & Lifecodes, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Quotient Biodiagnostic Inc., and Trinity Health for CME accreditation.

Kay Beattie Award: John Gerlach, PhD, MT(ASCP), D(ABHI)

It is bestowed to an individual who has been a driving force in the education of blood bank serology. Kay was known for her work with weak subgroups A & B, wrote a classic AABB book on ABO discrepancies, showed that anti-M could often be enhanced by acidification of the serum, and reported Gu, a weak expression of the G antigen. Dr. Gerlach presented two excellent lectures "Nanobodies: The Next Wave of Immunotherapeutics & Diagnostics" and "Virtual Crossmatch in the Histocompatibility Laboratory". The award is sponsored by Michigan Blood.

Committee Reports:

1. Education Committee Report: Brigitte Becker chair; Katherine E. Li, Dr. Zaher Otrrock, Amanda Poxon, Kathryn Watkins, and Angela Wholehan.

Brigitte gave the update regarding RAP session held in Howell on November 29, 2017: "Bombay – How did it happen to me?" The MABB partnered with MI Blood for the wet workshop in May 2018. Future activities will include planning a November RAP session with location and subject to be determined.

2. Membership Committee: Salika Devine chair; Krystal Johnson and Joel Wisniewski

The committee reports 62 individual members, 10 Physician members, 2 Institutional members, 5 corporate members, and 2 emeritus memberships. Thank you for your membership! If you are not a member, please join!

3. Publication Committee: Zaher Otrrock M.D. chair; Arthur B. Eisenbrey M.D., Jim Fiedor, Kristina Davis M.D., Meredith Hoag.

Dr. Otrrock reported that there is a plan for relaunching MABB newsletter and publishing two issues each year. The committee will promote for writing material contributions through the MABB website and has recommended changing the name of the newsletter to "MABB news – In A Different Vein".

4. Archive Committee: Jim Fiedor, Chair

Archives have been updated to include 2017-2018 documents. No further changes have been made.

5. Website Development Committee: John Sherbeck M.D. chair; Louise DuRussel, Bethany Neldrett (Webmaster)

Dr. Sherbeck reported improved functionality and streamlining of the current website design by removing old/outdated information and adding up-to-date information. The committee created the ability to register and pay for both annual memberships and annual meetings online. Dr. Sherbeck thanked Terry Downs and Salika Devine for the collaboration.

6. By-Laws/Policy Committee: Barry Siegfried, M.D. chair; Terry Downs.

Dr. Siegfried gave a history of the process that the current by-laws were revised in 2005, the current policy manual was revised in 2008, a proposed revision of the by-laws was discussed in 2013 but the revision was not suitable for submission for approval. Unfortunately, other records related to the revisions are not available. The current plan is to review the by-laws and policy manual, developing proposed changes to both; submit proposed by-law changes to the Executive Board for review (policy manual, "By-laws/Policy Committee" section, duties, paragraph 3); Submit proposed by-law changes to membership for approval (by-laws, article X); Submit proposed policy manual changes to the Board for approval (policy manual, "Central Office Manager" section, paragraph 5). Dr. Siegfried encourages the MABB membership to review the by-laws on line.

7. Committee on Legislative Matters: Dr. Yamada reported that volunteers are needed for the chair and members.

8. Annual Meeting Organizing Committee: Louise DuRussel chair; Terry Downs, Arthur B. Eisenbrey M.D., Sheri Hugan, Tammon Nash M.D., Karen Gizzi, Barry Siegfried M.D., Chisa Yamada M.D. Louise briefed the membership on the activities that include the December planning meeting to brainstorm suggestions for local/national known speakers, send out invites, apply for PACE/CME credits, create an agenda, and formalize the brochure. Interested individuals should contact Louise. Information to claim the CME credits: Michigan Association of Blood Banks 64th Annual Meeting 2018, Event ID #34332.

9. Financial Report: Terry Downs, Treasurer

This is a non-profit organization, dedicated to professional education. The organization has been financially neutral. For this report, not all deposits have been made to the account..

Inflow - \$24,924; Outflow - \$25,005; Overall \$81 reduction of cash. The VistaTech Meeting is approximately \$16,000. We could not continue to present this educational meeting without the support of our vendors, attendees, and members.

Assets: \$36,590 in the checking account and \$24,000 in a Dreyfus Money Market Fund as of September 5, 2018.

10. Secretary Report: Suanne Dorr, Secretary

Board meetings were held on December 6, 2017 along with the Planning Committee, January 31, 2018 , May 30, 2018 and August 8, 2018. The Annual Meeting minutes from September 20, 2017 were verified and approved by the membership as submitted.

11. Founder's Award: Barry Siegfried, M.D, presented by Dr. Yamada reviewing his extensive achievements. The Founder's Award is given to a member who has contributed to the success of the organization by actively working on committees and projects.

12. President's Award: Dr. Yamada presented by Louise DuRussel. Dr. Yamada presented Brigitte with a vase stating she is very indebted to her assistance with the organization of the annual meeting.

13. President's Remarks: Chisa Yamada, M.D.
Dr. Yamada addressed the annual meeting attendees with the thoughts that membership with the MABB is to promote the highest standard of care for our donors and patients, providing up-to-date knowledge from evidence based medicine, and outstanding opportunities to learn with colleagues and industrial leaders of transfusion medicine. To sustain the future of this organization, we need to engage and educate younger individuals to sustain the future of this organization. At last year's meeting, we focused a session on young technologists and actively reached out to recruit members to expand the committees. Thank you for the experienced members who have mentored the new young committee members increasing our MABB activities. The journey continues as we expand the website with development of social technologies to include Facebook and on-line payment options. Please stop by the MABB table to sign up for one of the committees or share your concerns, suggestions, opinions, and ideas. Thank you to all the board members for your support. I hope you all leave with a wealth of knowledge and meaningful connections. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Dr. Barry Siegfried is presented with the Founder's Award

14. Nomination Committee consisting of the past 3 presidents: Barry Siegfried, M.D. 2015; Peter Millward, M.D. 2016; Brigitte Becker, MT(ASCP)SBB 2017

The nominees are:	President Elect:	Tammon Nash, M.D.
	Treasurer:	Terry Downs, MT(ASCP)SBB
	Secretary:	Suanne Dorr, MBA, MT(ASCP)SC
	Member-at-Large:	Sherwin Imlay, M.D.
	Member-at-Large:	Zaher Otrrock, M.D.

15. Installation of New Officers:
Welcome was given to the new members and officers. Approval was given to the new board officers by the membership.

16. Board Members:	President (2019):	Louise DuRussel, BS
	President Elect (2019):	Tammon Nash, M.D.
	Past President (2019):	Chisa Yamada, M.D.
	Treasurer (2019-2020):	Terry Downs, MT(ASCP)SBB
	Secretary (2019-2020):	Suanne Dorr, MBA, MT(ASCP)SC
	Member-At-Large (2019):	Sherwin Imlay, M.D.
	Member-At-Large (2019):	Zaher Otrrock, M.D.
	Member-At-Large (2019):	Sheri Hugan, BS, MLS(ASCP)SBB
	Member-At-Large (2019):	Kayla Waider, MLS(ASCP)

17. New Business and Questions: Dr. Yamada
No new business or questions. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm. Next year's 65th MABB Annual Meeting will be held on September 11 and 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Suanne Dorr, Secretary, Michigan Association of Blood Banks

2018 MABB Annual Meeting Scrapbook



Thank you, Vendors !



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Ortho Clinical Diagnostics



BC Solutions

Thank you, Vendors !



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2018 Fall RAP Session

The FALL RAP session was held on November 28, 2018. The session entitled “HBOCs: I Can’t Believe It’s Not Blood” was presented by Dr. Robertson Davenport, the Medical Director of Blood Bank and Transfusion Services at the University of Michigan. The objectives of the session were to describe the manufacturing and composition of hemoglobin-based oxygen carriers (HBOCs), summarize the clinical use of HBOCs, and state the steps required to obtain an HBOC for clinical use. The session was well attended and was followed by a group discussion on HBOCs.



Dr. Robertson Davenport



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