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President's Message-Kandi Justice MT(ASCP)SBB

Being the President of the KABB has been an honor. It has been a pleasure to work with such enthusiastic and supportive Board Members. The KABB is a vital and growing influence upon everyone in Kentucky associated with transfusion medicine. Its future is sure to be long and prosperous. The Spring 2004 KABB meeting was held at the Hyatt in Lexington on March 23rd and March 24th. All of the speakers for the meeting were very informative and interesting. Also present were numerous exhibitors, displaying fascinating new products. This meeting was a wonderful educational experience. Thanks to all the people involved in the

planning of the meeting, the exhibitors, and the speakers for the interesting topics. Regrettably the Fall 2004 meeting was canceled. The KABB Spring Meeting 2005 will again be co-sponsored with the Kentucky Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (KSCLS). This will be the fifth year for the collaboration of the two organizations and has proven to be very successful. The 2005 Spring meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Hurstborne in Louisville, Kentucky on March 22nd and March 23rd. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fascinating educational experience. Have you checked out the KABB web site yet? Go to

www.kabb.org. The web site offers information about the history of KABB, names of the Board Members, information on up and coming events, and lots more.

If you have any suggestions on future topics, ideas to make KABB better or would like to become more involved contact me at kjustice@arh.org. I hope all KABB members and non-members take the opportunity to become involved in the meeting and the educational experiences KABB has to offer. See you in the Spring!!

Kandi Justice
KABB President

Spring Meeting 2005

The 2005 spring meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Hurstborne in Louisville, Kentucky. Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, March 22nd and Wednesday, March 23rd.

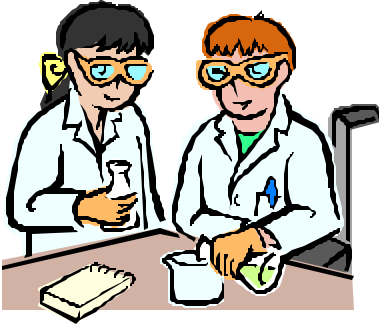
Institutional memberships include registration for one staff member to attend the Spring and Fall meeting. For more information on institutional memberships, go to www.KABB.org or

contact Terry Diebold at (502) 540-7044.

Be sure to visit the KABB web site for up to date information. Registration brochures will be posted for use soon.

CASE STUDIES ONLINE

Our Education link on the KABB website (www.kabb.org) will soon have case studies that can be viewed and printed. Please visit our website to take advantage of these learning and teaching tools. Also please follow the link to submit a case study to be posted on the website or contact a board member to submit.



Laboratory Personnel Award and Linda Gorham Scholarship-2005

The Laboratory Personnel award is for \$750.00 reimbursement to attend the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) Annual Meeting, 2005 in Seattle, Washington.

Applicants for this award shall meet the following requirements: be a member of the KABB or their place of employment must have an institutional membership and must have never attended the AABB Annual Meeting.

A one page essay must be typewritten detailing the following: Why you

would like to attend the AABB annual meeting and how it would benefit your current job position. The winning essay will be chosen based on content and explanation of the benefit of the AABB meeting to the applicant.

The Linda Gorham Scholarship was established in 1999 to honor the memory of Linda Gorham, MT (ASCP) from Bowling Green. She was an active member of KABB, past board member and a faithful attendee of KABB meetings throughout the years, even while battling cancer. She lost

her battle with breast cancer in the spring of 1998. In honor of her many years with KABB and her dedication to continuing education, the Linda Gorham Scholarship was established to provide the selected member with registration fees to the Spring and Fall meetings and workshops.

Applicants must be KABB members or their place of employment be an institutional member. A typewritten essay is required detailing why you want to attend the meetings, what the CEUs would mean and why the financial assistance is needed.

Please detach the information block and submit with essay

2005 KABB Laboratory Personnel Award (check one)
2005 Linda Gorham Scholarship (check one)

2004 Award Winners:

Laboratory Personnel Award:

No applications received

Linda Gorham Scholarship:

No applications received

Date: _____
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
e-mail: _____

Name of Facility where employed: _____

I hereby testify by my signature that the submitted letter is my own independent work. _____

Signature/Date

Please obtain supervisor/manager verification:

I certify that _____ (applicant's name) is employed at _____ (facility name). I give permission for the name of the facility/organization to be used in the announcements should the applicant be granted the award.

Signature/Date

Essays must be received by **March 4, 2005** to the following: Kandi Justice, KABB President, KABB 2005 Awards, 1606 Central Ave. South Williamson KY 41503. Please include the information above with your essay. The winning essay will be chosen and the winner notified by March 18, 2005. The awards committee will consist of 3 KABB members who will remain anonymous. The committee's decisions are final and no critiques, explanations or justifications will be given.



2004
Award Winner:
Stephen Branson

The Colonel Frank R. Camp Award-2005

Colonel Frank R. Camp was a dedicated blood banker who spent many years associated with the blood center and research facilities of Ireland Army Hospital Blood Bank at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He contributed to many blood banking papers from those facilities, was associated with the Specialist in Blood Banking Technology programs at Fort Knox, and at one time was President of the KABB. When he retired from his army career, he did not retire from blood banking. He continued his blood-banking career with the American Red Cross in Louisville, Kentucky where he continued to work until his

death in 1983.

The Kentucky Association of Blood Banks is honored to have his name associated with the Colonel Frank R. Camp Award. The first Colonel Frank R. Camp Award was presented at the Kentucky Association of Blood Banks meeting on September 15, 1989. The Colonel Frank R. Camp Award will be presented to an individual within the KABB who has made significant contributions to blood banking in Kentucky and the nation or in Service to the KABB. These contributions may be in the areas of education,

serology and Immunohematology, blood collections and apheresis or administration and donor recruitment.

Members of the KABB are requested to nominate deserving candidates and support their nominations with documentation of the contributions these individuals have made. A silent committee will make a selection based on the merits of the nominees, not on the number of nominations received.

The Frank R. Camp Award Nomination Form Kentucky Association of Blood Banks

I hereby nominate _____ as a recipient of the Colonel Frank R. Camp Award to be presented at the Annual 2005 KABB Spring Meeting. I believe this person is deserving of this award because of the following:

Use additional paper if necessary.

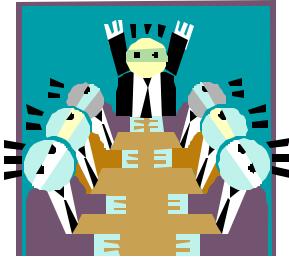
Nominee Information:

Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____
Title/Credentials: _____

Nominator information:

Date Submitted: _____ Signature: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Nomination Deadline: March 4, 2005
Please send to: Kandi Justice, KABB President
Colonel Frank R. Camp Award
1606 Central Ave.
South Williamson KY 41503
Kjustice@arh.org



Board Positions Available for 2005-2006

Are you interested in becoming active in the KABB? There will be several board positions open in the 2005-2006 year. If you are not interested in a Board position please consider volunteering for the KABB. If you would like to discuss any of the Board positions or

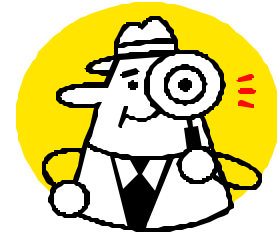
volunteering, please contact Kandi Justice by e-mail at the following address: kjustice@arh.org

Current Board Members-2004 - 2005

Please visit our website at www.KABB.org to see a list of the current Board Members .

“Preparing for FDA/AABB Inspections”

Presented by Holly Rapp at the 8th annual FDA and the Changing Paradigm for Blood Regulation Jelana Lewis, Technical Director at St. Claire Regional Medical Center



The purposes of maintaining compliance are to:

- Save lives
- Avoid legal issues
- Avoid public relation issues
- It's the right thing to do
- It's the law

The assessor looks for clues for non-compliance from institutions with

- Quality programs that are all “in training”
- SOP's were implemented or revised recently
- SOP's annual review was just completed.

They also look for clues such as the medical director's involvement with review and that quality control and maintenance records are reviewed. If they find flags in these areas, they will ask more questions, review more records and possibly lengthen their visit so they can “dig deeper”. What you can do to ensure a successful assessment is implement a great quality program that's designed for your

institution and make quality and compliance a basic part of your organizational focus .

Tools to prepare for an audit, inspection or assessment are as follows:

- Current requirements (AABB standards, CAP checklist, JCAHO standards)
 - CFR 200 and 600 series
 - CLIA
 - OSHA
 - Blood Bank Regulations A to Z 5th edition
 - State and local regulations
- You can obtain information by accessing the following web sites: www.aabb.org, www.cap.org, www.jcaho.org, www.fda.gov .
- The AABB web site has assessment tools that you can access from their website. You can print out AABB assessment tools for the following:
- Quality
 - Donor activity
 - Transfusion activity

- Perioperative
- Immunoematology reference lab
- Cellular therapy

It's recommended that you do internal audits with your staff to get them comfortable with the process of an inspection. It will help them to be familiar with the questions an assessor will ask, help them to learn where records are located, and help them to be confident during the inspection process. The inspectors/assessors/surveyors are looking for change control as follows:

- A process to review new requirements and evidence of this review
- A process to compare new requirements to current SOP's
- A process to update SOP's and evidence of change control
- A process to approve SOP's and evidence of approval
- A process to validate SOP's and evidence of the validation

- A process to train staff and document competence and evidence of the training and competence records

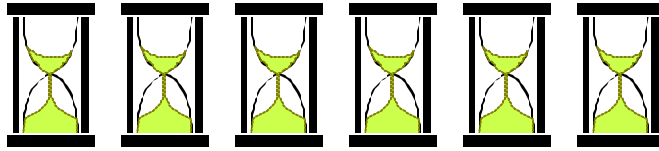
Failure to meet requirements is referred to as a non-conformance (deviation/citation) and may include:

- A policy/ process/ procedure is not defined or documented and /or not followed
- Multiple implementation failures
- Requires the facility to submit a written plan of corrective action.

“Quality is not a sprint, it is a long distance event”
Daniel Hunt.

The speakers at the conference encouraged us to not follow the Vegas motto, “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas”! They want us to share this information.

IS IT THAT TIME AGAIN? by Terry Diebold, KABB Secretary, MT (ASCP) BB



Greetings Members;

As you are all aware, due to decreased participation, the KABB Board members made the decision to cancel the 2004 Fall meeting. It was a difficult and sad decision. We understand that with budget restrictions and staffing difficulties, it is often the continuing education opportunities that are the first to go. It is difficult to not only get the time off work to attend but also to sometimes finance the trip ourselves. With the decrease in departmental specialists it may seem to the Technologist who does not only work in Blood Bank, that a membership

in an organization such as the Kentucky Association of Blood Banks may not be beneficial to them. It is often the generalist who benefits most from becoming a member in our organization. The case studies and learning opportunities that could be available to someone interested in learning more about the transfusion department are as beneficial to a generalist as to a technologist who works the department regularly. So please, as you are renewing your membership for KABB for 2005, think about the generalists at your facility

and offer to make a copy of the membership application for them. Tell them that we are trying desperately to restore this organization to its glory. To make our members proud of the knowledge and opportunities that are available to them through our organization and to teach everyone associated with the Blood Bank and Transfusion Services all that we can so that they may be confident and comfortable when they find themselves in a situation where their knowledge may be used to save a fellow individual's life. Please help us to grow by encouraging your co-

workers and managerial staff to join and participate within the KABB. They can find a membership application by visiting our website at www.KABB.org. If they do not have access to the website they may reach me, Terry Diebold, at 502-540-7044 and I will gladly fax or mail an application to them. Please try to join us in Louisville this March. If you have not yet submitted your renewal form to our Treasurer now would be an excellent time to do that! Thank you for your continued support.

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