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# Press Release

## **Schallert Named President of America's Blood Centers**

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Thomas Schallert, Administrator at the Northern California Community Blood Bank became President of America's Blood Centers (ABC) at the ABC annual meeting in Arlington, Virginia in March. Schallert has been the Administrator of the local blood bank since 1990 and has been working in blood banking since 1980.

He will serve a two year term as President as he leads a not for profit trade organization that represents 75 blood centers across the United States and Canada. Together ABC members collect more than 8,000,000 donations of blood each year which is more than half of the United States blood supply and 25% of the blood supply of Canada. ABC members serve more than 4,000 hospitals across America.

As President, Mr. Schallert will be leading a board of directors consisting of member blood centers from across the country. In addition, he will represent ABC as it works closely with blood collection organizations from around the world including blood centers affiliated with the European Blood Alliance (EBA) as well as the Alliance of Blood Operators (ABO) which includes members from Canada, Europe, America, Australia, Asia and the Pacific Rim.

Schallert said, "As one might expect, I am quite honored to be elected President of ABC. It will be an exciting two years as I juggle the responsibilities as Administrator at NCCBB and President of ABC. I believe I have great staff and Boards of Directors in both ABC and NCCBB and with their support and assistance, both organizations will continue to thrive."

Schallert emphasized the importance of the relationships between blood centers both in America and around the world. "We all face similar issues related to blood safety, adequacy of supply, convergence of regulations, pandemic/disaster planning, legislative advocacy and quality improvements," said Schallert. It is critical that we work together to be sure hospitals and patients have a safe and adequate blood supply.

Schallert also indicated there is an increasing awareness and effort to deal with the needs of blood centers in the developing world. Blood centers from ABC, EBA and ABO are working to assist developing countries in the creation and improvement of their blood collection and distribution networks. Numerous initiatives are underway around the world to help patients and hospitals in these developing countries.

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