September 26 - 27
Thirtieth Annual Meeting
Association of Midwest College Biology Teachers
at
Sangamon State University
Springfield, Illinois

Theme
Biologists and Public Policy

Call for Contributions

Since SSU has been mandated as the Public Affairs Institution of the state of Illinois, it seemed appropriate to look at the contributions of biologists to public policy - the biologist as consultant, advocate, educator and researcher. This is our first call for presentations. We are especially asking for papers that focus on biologists as citizens who because of their special expertise and skills have much to contribute to public debate and to public policy issues such as the nature of science education, and the effects of new knowledge and techniques in biology on medical and ethical issues. What role should biologists play? For whom should we consult and how should we go about maintaining the "objectivity" of scientists in controversial social issues that hinge on biological knowledge?

Don't consider this request a limitation. Sessions on teaching ideas, laboratory techniques, computers as teaching and learning tools and curricular discussions are planned as well. Poster presentations are also encouraged.

Plan to participate in the 1986 meetings. You can begin that preparation now by sending in the following application.