The 2002 meeting of ACUBE will be held in Chicago this fall, at Columbia College, right in the heart of Chicago’s Downtown district. Put this on your to do list for next fall and be sure to come as there will be much to do. Further details will become available in Bioscene.

In looking back at past meetings, our Midwestern roots show up in our meeting sites for each 10-year interval going back to 1962. The 1962 Meeting, the 6th Annual, was held at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, on October 5-6, 1962. It followed the pattern set in motion in the first few meetings of having a series of Panels, each of which was divided into different Topics. Panel 1: Recent Advances in Biology, dealt with the latest findings in various aspects of Biology: Growth and Development; Genetics, and, Protozoology. Panel 2: Approaches to Learning, honing our educational concerns looked at General Biology Research Projects; Undergraduate Honors, and; Research as a Teaching Method for the Gifted. Panel 3: Problems of Teachers and Teaching Training, looked at more educational concerns, such as—Another look at Advanced Placement; Meeting the needs of Future Science Teachers, and; Some Guidelines for the study of Faculty Load.

The 1972 meeting of AMCBT (ACUBE to be) was held at Rock Valley College in Rockford, IL, October 6-7, 1972. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Community College Biologists, and was the first major effort to articulate with Community Colleges. The theme for the meeting was “Better Biology for the Buck: Or, More for the Dough”. The meeting had a Film Festival, something that was organized by a departed faithful member, Ben Olson. There were a series of Special Topics, sessions designed to give some suggestions for possible student research involvement. The rest of the meeting was organized around three Phases, each of which had a Panel of Pro and Con position presenters. Group Discussions broken out under assigned chairs then followed each panel. At the conclusion of the three panels, the Chairs of each Discussion group reported the results to the assembled participants. The three Program Phases were: Behavioral Objectives—Help or Hoax?; Articulation to Conserve Students and Money, and; Program Evaluation and Fiscal Stress.

The 1982 meeting was held at Central College in Pella, IA, October 8-9, 1982. This meeting was a serious effort to showcase and introduce new technology to the membership. Video teaching techniques and computers were introduced in educational situations. Harold Peters of the CONDUIT program at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, gave the principal address. There was a computer fair held by various computer dealers. Discipline sections featured presentations of Teaching Using Computers. Various Orientation Workshops on Microcomputers were held. In keeping with past tradition there were sessions dealing with educational issues. Session A had presentations on: Recruitment and Retention; Science Grantsmanship; Career Advisement; Library Acquisitions and Services. Session B’s presentations were: Articulation of Community Colleges and 4 Year Institutions; Developments in Immunology; Noncomputerized Filing System; Understanding Evolution.

1992 brought us to Chicago, to St. Xavier College (now University). The meeting dates were October 8-10, 1992. The theme of the meeting was “Biology Teaching: A Scholarship”. The first day had its usual field trips, Workshops; Human Population Growth; Simulated Blood Typing; Writing about Biology. Also featured were Poster sessions—a now popular feature. Sessions on Teaching filled time slots throughout the day: Vertebrate Physiology; Field Studies; Cell Biology Labs; Science Workshops for Girl Scouts. Panels were also held on: Ecology; Field Biology; Using Sci-Fi films to teach Science; Microbiology. On the second day, the first session had sections on: Limits of Quantification in Biomedical Sciences; Identification of Common Birds; Biology as part of a Women’s Program; Science as a Process—For Elementary Ed majors; Bioethics. The second session of the day had presentations on: Scholarship for Teacher-Scholars; Identification of Birds of Prey; Attitudes in Science; Attrition Rates; AIDS—A Lab Approach; Botany—A Cooperative Approach.

2002 brings us right around again to Chicago. At ten year intervals we slowly revolved around this city, drawing vigor from our Midwestern roots. Come get your batteries charged up again. See you in Chicago.