COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUES

NEEDED: AN INVITATION

AMCBT is a unique organization among science groups. Our primary emphasis is the teaching of biology in post-high school institutions. While expounding our primary emphasis, our members are as active in research and service to the profession as are members of other groups. Compared to other science organizations, our group is small - which gives us the advantages of small groups interaction sessions at our annual meetings and the opportunity to participate actively in the programs and policy decisions.

Our organization should be representative of all the college biology teachers in the Midwest. Please offer a friend in a neighboring two-year or four-year school an invitation to join with us in our attempts to up-grade our curricula and instruction. Send him or her a personal letter of invitation with a Xeroxed copy of Midwest Bioscene, including the membership blank. We need the combined wisdom of all of our colleagues in these trying but challenging times. The input for all of us would be so much more complete and effective if we had at least one representative from each two-year and four-year institution.

Our Fall meetings are excellent times for the sharing of ideas, programs and problems. Let’s spend a few minutes this Spring - NOW - to share with at least one friend our enthusiasm in AMCBT through an invitation to membership.

Bob Vanden Branden, Chairman
Membership Development Committee

PROGRAM PRELIMINARIES

As part of the program for the 1975 meeting at Terre Haute, a series of discussions on new developments and recurrent problems in biology teaching is planned. The series includes:

1) Physical science and mathematics for biology majors
2) Continuing education programs
3) Minicourses or modular programs
4) One-semester introductory course content
5) Methods courses
6) Differing background levels among students in introductory programs
7) General education courses (Other than introductory)

Any AMCBT member interested in serving as discussion group leader, as a contributor or in some other program capacity should contact me immediately. Suggestions for other possible discussions or inquiries are also welcome. The vitality of any organization reflects the degree of member participation. Here's an opportunity.

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