Announcing a name change: AMCBT to ACUBE

Association of College and University Biology Educators

At the October 1997 annual meeting at Beloit College, the membership voted to approve a name change. Henceforth, the organization will be called the Association of College and University Biology Educators (ACUBE). The name issue was raised initially when the Steering Committee reviewed papers filed officially in the state of Iowa, listing the organization as AMBT. Many members felt that the new name would better reflect the membership of the organization, and would be more conducive towards attracting new members. During the transition period, organization materials will be identified as ACUBE (formerly AMCBT).

Dear Colleagues,

The October 1997 annual meeting held at Beloit College was particularly exciting. The presentations and interactions were excellent, as usual. But I also was very encouraged by the positive vote to change the name of the organization to the Association of College and University Biology Educators (ACUBE). The new name is more inclusive and should help us attract a larger and broader membership. I want to thank the membership for supporting the Steering Committee in these efforts to look toward the future.

I do not mean to imply that we should necessarily change what we have been doing as an organization. On the contrary, we should keep doing more of the same, serving even more people. ACUBE remains the primary organization focused on biology education at the undergraduate level, with all of the issues and ramifications associated with that endeavor. The valuable resources available through this group should be shared with anyone interested in improving biology education. We recently have taken other important steps toward increasing our accessibility, such as making back issues of Bioscene and other information about the organization available on the world wide web.

Increasing and expanding our membership will enrich the variety of ideas and perspectives shared, and I am confident that expansion can occur without a loss of the personal connections and other characteristics we have come to value throughout the history of this organization. These traditions will continue to impact future directions, but the future of ACUBE will depend largely on the vitality of its membership. Please help us recruit new members. Share this issue of Bioscene with colleagues. Invite them to attend the 1998 Fall meeting at Rockhurst College in Kansas City. Bring information about ACUBE to your local, regional, and national professional meetings.

As a part of building for the future, I invite you to share ideas or concerns that you may have about ACUBE with me or another Steering Committee member. Although Steering Committee members are elected to represent the members and make certain decisions on their behalf, it is important for the committee to stay connected to the membership as much as possible.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Jungck for all of his work during the past ten years as editor of Bioscene. His efforts and leadership have resulted in outstanding publications which will have a lasting impact on many biology educators.

With warm regards,

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