



The 29th annual ABLE conference was held at the University of Kentucky, June 5 – 9, 2007. One hundred and sixty three faculty, instructional staff members and graduate students attended the conference.

The annual ABLE Board meeting began with dinner on Monday 4th June and continued through the following morning. Eight five participants went on the pre-conference *Horses, Hooch and History* field trip where they had the opportunity to visit a horse farm and the Equine Rehabilitation Center, and to taste some Kentucky bourbon. The whole event was *enhanced* by a sampler of Kentucky summer weather (sunshine, torrential rain, hail and tornados – all in the space of three hours).

The Associate Provost of Undergraduate Education, Phil Kraemer, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Steve Hock, extended a Kentucky welcome to participants at the opening dinner and reception held in the Round Barn at the famous Red Mile. Over the next three days, participants had the opportunity to attend major and mini workshops on a diverse array of biological topics. On Wednesday evening, participants enjoyed an evening of food and music ghosted by the Hayden McNeil Publishing Company.

On Friday evening the conference banquet took place at the Kentucky Horse Park. Participants enjoyed a hay ride, good Kentucky home cooking and some tried their hand (or feet) at clogging. Saturday morning saw some participants heading for a day at Red River Gorge hiking some of the trails within the gorge, viewing several of the natural bridges in the area and ending the day with dinner at The Natural Bridge State Park Lodge. Other participants headed south to Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill where they explored the village, enjoyed a leisurely river boat cruise on the Kentucky River, attended a musical presentation and enjoyed a very tasty shaker meal in the *Trustees Office*.

**29th Meeting of the Association for Biology Laboratory Education
University of Kentucky
June 2007**

Accounts

Income

Membership Fees	3035.00
Participant registration, field trips etc	42584.00
University of Kentucky, Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education	2500.00
University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences	1500.00
Vendor Fees	
Pearson Education	1000.00
Thinkwell	1000.00
AD Instruments	1000.00
Vernier	1000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 53,619.00

Expenses

Binders, printing	2899.80
Name tags	18.28
Mugs and Backpacks	1843.83
Shirts	2241.25
Board Dinner – Monday	233.20
Opening Reception and Dinner at Red Mile	4857.00
New Comers Breakfast	1100.00
Friday Morning Breakfast	1530.00
Friday Banquet/ Horse Park	3785.00
Tuesday Horses Hooch and History Tour	1748.00
Saturday Field Trips	1384.06
Lunch (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	4761.47
Snacks, drinks etc	517.89
UK Buses (Wed, Fri, Sat)	3637.50
Laboratory Supplies for workshops	3139.08
Postal charges	52.44
Sundries	13.00
Miniworkshop Honoria 20 x \$50	1000.00
Reimbursement of Registration to Fee waiver recipients	220.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 34,981.80

In-kind Donations

Hayden McNeil – Wednesday Mixer	~ \$4000.00
Dept. of Biology , University of Kentucky	Postage, in-house duplicating, accounting staff support, technical staff support, laboratory staff support, graduate student support
Teaching and Academic Support Center , University of Kentucky	Logo design, conference webpage production, name tag printing

Summary

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 53,620.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 34,981.80
FUNDS REMAINING (includes \$3035 of membership fees)	\$ 18,638.20*

*** Includes absorbing the cost of the six waiver of registration awards made for the meeting**