

## Foreword

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The third volume of the proceedings marks the completion of the structural organization of ABLE. The final draft of the constitution and by-laws were accepted by the membership and new officers were elected. The constitution is largely the result of effort by Marcia Allen of Stanford University with insightful assistance from Earl Nollenberger of Shippensburg State College. The new officers are: President—Don Fritsch (Virginia Commonwealth University), First Vice-President—Ken Laser (SUNY, Stony Brook), Second Vice-President—Bette Nicotri (University of Washington, Seattle), Treasurer-membership Chairman—Bill Surver (Clemson University), Secretary—Anna Wilson (Purdue University), Directors-at-large: Jon Glase (Cornell University)—4 years, Joe Larsen (University of Illinois)—3 years, Eugene Kaplan (Hofstra University)—2 years, and William Elliott (Hagerstown Jr. College)—1 year. The committees are chaired by the following persons: Communications—Jim Waddell (University of Maine, Orono), Constitution and By-Laws—Earl Nollenberger (Shippensburg State College), Library—Dan Burke (Mercer University) and Joe Larsen (University of Illinois), Proceedings—Leon Harris (SUNY, Plattsburgh), and Workshop—Don Igelsrud (University of Calgary).

The Meeting at Stony Brook was hosted by Ken Laser, and his hard work and thoughtful planning produced an exceptionally well organized and enjoyable meeting.

When we met at the University of Illinois, Joe Larsen, whose neck was broken because the steering failed in the vehicle he was driving thirty years ago, caused many of us to think more about the problems with which society confronts the handicapped and the need to make biology laboratory experiences available to everyone. At Stony Brook Joe and Dorothy Tombaugh, who has been involved with laboratory teaching for the handicapped for many years, gave us inspiring and informative talks. Joe has been an inspiration to all those who have met him since he first became involved with ABLE. Dorothy's talk opened many of our eyes to the fact that the handicapped can do everything that most laboratory situations require, with the help of some relatively inexpensive adaptations. Consequently, this volume is dedicated to making laboratory biology available to everyone.

With the continuing growth of ABLE we hope to finance the development of the Laboratory Biology Teaching Library, now at the University of Illinois. *Abstracts*, our informal newsletter, should also become more frequent and

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useful when members realize they can publish the results of their efforts in trying to solve problems, in reviewing films on a specific topic, in developing new techniques, in obtaining and maintaining organisms, and in other areas which will help spare their colleagues from duplicating their efforts. By sharing this kind of information we can be more nearly perfect and efficient in our work. By sharing our unsolved problems we can come to faster and more effective solutions.

The meeting at Stony Brook completed our journey across the continent from west to east. In 1982 we will return to the west when we meet at the University of Seattle. In 1983 we will be meeting at Clemson University in South Carolina. Future meetings are planned for Cornell University and Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. If you have not experienced the camaraderie of our meetings please join us at our next meeting. To become a member of ABLE write to:

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