

## Foreword

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The foreword to volume three of these proceedings was written in September of 1981, three months after our meeting at Stony Brook. This foreword was written in January of 1984, a year and one half after our meeting in Seattle but only a few months after volume three went to press. This occurred because there was some reservation on the part of the publisher about the success of the proceedings. There was also some misunderstanding about who would purchase the proceedings. They were being marketed as a lab manual for adoption rather than as a reference book. When Jon Glase, the first editor, made arrangements to have the proceedings sold through Carolina Biological Supply Company sales increased dramatically and now, with a marketing strategy directed more at libraries, it appears that the proceedings have a brighter future, as they should.

The above situation caused frustrating problems for Leon Harris, editor of volumes three and four, who was already overburdened with the problems all editors have. Leon, we thank you for your patience.

Another hero of those trying times is Bette Nicotri, host of the meeting at the University of Washington. We had announced three years in advance that we would meet at Stanford University in 1982. At the Stony Brook meeting in 1981 we realized that we could not meet at Stanford because the labs were too small to accommodate the numbers we expected to attend our first west coast meeting. As it turned out we only had about two-thirds the number of biologists at Seattle as we had at Stony Brook and we probably could have met at Stanford but, of course, we did not expect that decrease in attendance.

The timing was excellent for Seattle, however, since the university had just completed a new biology building and we all enjoyed visiting their exciting new facilities. We had a very successful meeting and thanked Bette for all her hard work and special effort. At the 1983 meeting at Clemson University Bette became the new President succeeding Don Fritsch. The other new officers in the organization are: 1st Vice President Doris Helms (Clemson), Joint 2nd Vice Presidents Cynthia Brown and Karen Morris (Memorial Univ. of Nfld.), Treasurer Bill Surver (Clemson), Secretary/Historian Anna Wilson (Purdue), Board members-at-large Jon Glase (Cornell), Joe Larsen (Illinois), Bill Leonard (LSU) and Mel Zimmerman (Lycoming), Workshop Committee Don

Igelsrud (Calgary) and Don Fritsch (Virginia Commonwealth), Communications and *Labstracts* Jim Waddell (U of Minn. at Waseca) and Proceedings editor Dick Eckland (Cornell).

The index to the Laboratory Biology Teaching Library is now ready due to the dedication of Bruce Brown and Joe Larsen at Illinois. A slide-tape presentation and brochure has been developed for presentation at professional meetings and is largely the result of the effort of Anna Wilson of Purdue who is now our official historian. Joe Larsen let his thespian qualities surface with his excellent narration and his colleagues, Bruce Brown and Dani Meyer at Illinois, completed the brochure and slide-tape package. Through their efforts ABLE continues to grow.

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