

Editorial

Letter from the Editors

This issue marks the end of our first year as editors of the *American Biology Teacher*. As editors, one of our top priorities has been to publish more "hands-on" types of articles that can be used with little or no modification by biology teachers. We have also tried to gear the *American Biology Teacher* more toward high school biology teachers (who constitute the majority of our members), and provide a broad coverage of biology and biology teaching. In short, we want to make the *American Biology Teacher* a "working journal" for our membership.

The content of the journal depends largely on our membership. Although we solicit many articles, most of our papers are unsolicited contributions from our members. Indeed, these unsolicited papers are the backbone of our journal. *We need your contributions!* We currently have an all-time low number of manuscripts accepted for publication. We cannot publish several "how-to-do-it" or contemporary papers if they are not submitted to us. Certainly you have a "pet" lab that has always worked well and is a favorite of yours—why not take a few minutes to share your lab with your fellow biology teachers? Ditto for your ideas and opinions that could be written as articles, editorials or letters to the editor. As editors, we will help

in whatever way we can to see that your manuscript is published. However, the process starts with you, just as the quality and contents of the journal depend ultimately on you. Contribute a manuscript to the *American Biology Teacher!*

We have a couple of changes planned for next year's issues of the *American Biology Teacher*. Jim Spain is stepping down as editor of our Computer Center department. Under his guidance, the department became one of the most popular in the *American Biology Teacher*—his timely contributions certainly eased our jobs as editors. The new editor of the Computer Center department will be Richard Duhrkopf of the Biology Department of Baylor University, Waco, Texas 76798. If you have any topics that you would like to see covered or have a computer-related manuscript that you would like to publish in the column, contact Rick at the address listed above.

We are also instituting a new department entitled "Labs," to be edited by Donald Igelsrud. His first contribution is included in this issue—direct your questions and comments regarding your biology labs to Don at the address listed in the biographical sketch accompanying his column. Hope you have a nice summer. Let us hear from you!

Randy Moore, editor
Dan Wivagg, associate editor

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