

GREETINGS TO NABT MEMBERS...

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Hello! This is my first opportunity to address you as President and to thank you for supporting NABT. I also want to introduce you to Lu Bukovsky, our Interim Executive Director, who will manage the Reston office until our new Executive Director arrives in June.

Lu Bukovsky has been hard at work in our organization for nearly 20 years. As Director of Finance and Administration, she has been instrumental in overseeing the investments and payroll and in establishing the financial security NABT enjoys today. In addition, Lu has run daily operations of the office as necessary (the Executive Director position was 3/4 time), and provided leadership to co-workers. Thus, she has always carried out important duties in addition to her financial responsibilities.

NABT's former Executive Director Pat McWethy requested, and the Board honored, a buy out of the remaining part of her contract. Speaking for the entire Board, I want to thank Pat for all her efforts on behalf of NABT. We wish her well and great success in the future.

Our organization is off to a flying start this year. Lu is helping to establish a smooth transition and fostering a spirit of cooperation within the organization. During her first month as Interim Director, she has made certain that lines of communication between the Reston office and the entire NABT Board are open. Lu has initiated regular, weekly staff meetings that have proven to be invaluable in exchanging ideas and information. She has made the development of a brochure about NABT a high priority—a brochure that will be used to promote NABT and attract the support of key corporations to our projects. In this regard, she is working to establish an endowment fund to support projects of our Education Department and has rejuvenated the building fund to pay off the new annex.

Lu has accomplished much within her first month as full-time Interim Executive Director, and I am very thankful for her efforts. I am also excited about bringing a full-

time Executive Director on board who can serve as a liaison to the scientific community while working with Lu to maintain and improve our financial security.

The decision to move to a full-time Executive Director is due, in large part, to the increasing demands on our organization. Foremost, there is a constant need to obtain funds to support the work of the office staff and NABT as a whole—part of the office has been supported by grant money that will soon end, and new projects cannot be undertaken without external financial assistance.

With a larger membership, addressing the concerns of individual members as well as nonmembers from science, business, political and education groups occupies enormous amounts of time. In addition, there is an increasing need to develop working relationships with scientists and scientific organizations as they become involved in the science education reform movement and help develop materials for classroom use.

Our organization is healthy and growing. While our membership continues to increase, our members actually represent only a small portion of all biology and life science instructors in the country, K-16.

Thus, in addition to the projects described above, this year we will conduct an aggressive membership campaign to introduce our journal, publications, convention, and other membership benefits to many more individuals. We also will produce new monographs and seek financial support to develop curricular materials and organize professional development opportunities for all our members. Please send me your comments, ideas and suggestions about future NABT projects.

I look forward to an exciting and productive year. With your continued help and support, I know we can accomplish our goals. In the meantime, I hope you will join me in wishing Lu and the other individuals at the Reston office a heartfelt thanks for their unheralded efforts in the past, and for all their work this year.

Sincerely,

Gordon E. Uno, President

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