GOALS OF ABLE

Since its inception in 1979, the primary purpose of the Association for Biology Laboratory Education has been to promote the development and dissemination of interesting, innovative, and reliable biology laboratory exercises. ABLE is now a partner in BEN (www.biosciednet.org/portal), an electronic portal allowing access to reviewed resources covering many aspects of biology education.

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ANNUAL WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE

Every June, approximately 150 educators gather for three days to participate in “hands-on” workshops presenting reliable laboratory exercises. Each participant attends up to five 3-hour workshops and several shorter, “mini” workshops. Presenters provide all of the essential information and experiences necessary for participants to evaluate, adapt, and implement the exercises. The group is small, allowing for ongoing communication in pedagogy and the camaraderie of active biologists.

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ABLE’s commitment to quality laboratory education is evident in the two grants that are available annually. The Lab Teaching Initiatives Grant provides up to $2000 for the development of innovative teaching materials. These materials could include the improvement of existing exercises or the development of new exercises or multimedia tools. For more information about both these grants, please see the ABLE website.

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