Does Your Journal, yes I said “Your Journal,” fulfill your expectations? Perhaps yes, perhaps no, but the Publications Committee and the editors of Your Journal are working hard to provide you with up-to-date, information that is crucial to the performance of your daily work. In August, the Publications Committee will be meeting to discuss ways to further improve and expand the journal in order to provide the membership with a publication that will meet the needs of various segments of our organization.

Where do you fit into this picture? Do you have ideas that need to be addressed to the Publications Committee? Do you have case studies that could be published and would prove helpful to others in similar situations? Have you thought about providing an article for publication? I hear complaints from members about the journal and its contents, but are those members willing to volunteer time and effort to make this publication one that we can all be proud of?

We are no longer just laboratorians looking for ways to protect our lab techs. We are an organization of academics, industrialists, and government personnel that have a wide variety of interests and needs. We must never lose sight of our origins in the field of laboratory biosafety, upon which the basic tenants of our profession are built, but we must also expand our vision to use our expertise in the overall practice of the profession of biohazard control. The subject matter of the articles in this issue of the journal range from laboratory safety and laboratory acquired infections to personal protective equipment for a wide variety of potential biohazard exposures and to biological indoor air quality issues. This is an example of our organizational needs being addressed.

Our editors are providing a great service to the membership by keeping the journal going, but they too are volunteers and need assistance. Are you willing to add your time and talents to meet ABSA goals of providing biosafety expertise to our membership and to others? VOLUNTEER to HELP. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

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