2005 Strategic Performance Areas and Teams

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Alliance Team—Mary Cipriano, Team Leader
This team brings together existing and new alliances as well as a new Media and Public Relations Committee. The new committee will focus on developing promotional pieces on biosafety and ABSA, developing a media plan, and contacting suitable organizations, associations, agencies, and media to develop alliances. The current alliances, some formal and others informal, include OSHA, The Elizabeth Griffin Foundation, EPA, UN, WHO, International Biosafety Working Group, and AIHA.

Conference Services Team—Larry Gibbs, Team Leader
The Conference Services Team brings together all of the existing committees that support our annual biosafety conference. These committees include Exhibitor’s Advisory, Local Arrangements, and Scientific Program. This will allow for a cohesive approach to planning our annual conferences. This team is planning to author a conference services guide that will become a valuable resource for planning future conferences.

Defining the Profession Team—Janet Peterson, Team Leader
This team brings together the existing Historical, Registration, and Certification Committees. It also adds a new Mentoring Committee and task forces to look at the body of biosafety knowledge and ways that we may promote credentialing. This team will evaluate and enhance existing certification and registration programs and establish a body of knowledge for biosafety professionals. The new Mentoring Committee will develop a mentoring program with criteria for the mentor, mentee, and the mentoring relationship.

Management Team—Debbie Hunt, Team Leader
The Management Team consists of a number of existing committees and a new committee that support the overall function of ABSA. The committees include Affiliate Relations, Awards, Bylaws, Website (formerly the Communications Committee), Finance, Marketing, Membership, and Nominating. This team focuses on many important communication-related activities of ABSA, as well as the member-services aspects of our organization.

Professional Development Team—LouAnn Burnett, Team Leader
This team includes the existing Publications Committee along with four new committees that replace the Training & Education Committee. The new committees include Educational Operations, Instructional Technologies, Instructional Resources, and Curriculum Development. This team will allow ABSA to expand our excellent course and seminar offerings, and allow us to continue to deliver high-quality programs while looking at new ways to provide this resource. They will also develop instructor talent and curricula for biosafety.

Regulatory & Technical Affairs Team—Richard Fink, Team Leader
The Regulatory & Technical Affairs Team consists of a Regulatory Review Committee and a Technical Review Committee. This new structure replaces the former Technical Resources and Technical Review Committees. This team will influence the development and implementation of regulations and standards, and provide ABSA’s members with guidance regarding regulations and standards.