



Registration Evaluation Board October 2004-September 2005 Report

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Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP)

A RBP is an individual with a documented university education or specialized training in relevant biological safety disciplines who has submitted the application and been found to be eligible for registration by the ABSA RBP Evaluation Review Board. A RBP understands sufficient cell biology, pathogenic microbiology, molecular genetics, immune responses of hosts, and concepts of infectious transmission to enable them to apply safeguards to work with biohazardous materials.

The 2002-2003 Registration Evaluation Review Board is composed of five members: Richard Rebar,

Chair; Manuel Barbeito; Harriet Izenberg; Betty Kupskay; and Jack Keene.

The purpose of the Registration Evaluation Review Board is to review applications for registration as a biological safety professional and determine if the applicant meets the established criteria.

Summary of activity from October 2004 to September 2005:

- 33 RBP applications received
- 16 applications approved
- 12 applications disapproved
- 5 applications pending review

There are currently a total of 140 Registered Biological Safety Professionals.

Join a Committee

Have you ever considered joining a committee? When you choose to serve on a volunteer committee, you open up a world of possibilities for networking, professional growth, and career opportunities while serving your profession. Volunteer member groups are the backbone of the association because they:

- Serve as a forum for exchange of information
- Advance the science in all specialties of biosafety
- Develop guidelines and standards
- Provide education and training
- Link ABSA to many other institutions

You should explore committees in areas of the profession where you are active or have an interest. There is a great variety; you can be sure to find one of interest to you. Please review the list of committees and identify those areas in which you would like to participate or contact the chair of the committee (<http://www.absa.org/abocommittees.html>) that interests you to find out more information about the committee's goals. You are also invited to attend the committee's meeting during our national conference or at any other time (all committee meetings are open).