

Certified Biosafety Professional (CBSP) Report and List

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Certification as a Biological Safety Professional is available to individuals who have successfully completed the NRM exam to become a Specialist Microbiologist [(SM) NRM]. Individuals who have attained the certification are internationally recognized as experts in the field. This is a valuable step in professional development.

Upon successful completion of the NRM examination, individuals can apply to ABSA for the designation of Certified Biosafety Professional (CBSP). Once the designation has been awarded, individuals participate in the Certification Maintenance (CM) program. This program was implemented to assure that CBSPs maintain their professional qualifications and stay current with the field. CBSPs are required to submit worksheets documenting their certification maintenance activities every

five years. This year, the number of points required to maintain the certification was lowered to eight points per year, or 40 over the five year recertification period. This aligns the requirements better with other similar certifying agencies. In addition, when the Certification Maintenance Committee reviews courses to assign maintenance points, it is using the NRM Task List from the certification exam. This is to ensure that the courses meet the essential functions of a biosafety professional.

The 2008-2009 Certification Maintenance Committee members are: Krista Murray, Chair; Marian Downing; Raymond Hackney; Lynn Harding; Bob Hashimoto; Melissa Morland; Deborah Newby; Byron Tepper; and Carol Whetstone.

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Join a Committee

Have you ever considered joining a committee? When you choose to serve on a volunteer committee, you open 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; and 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 (www.absa.org/abocommittees.html) that interests you to find out more information about the committee's goals.