

## Chesapeake Area Biological Safety Association

2022 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# Annual Business Meeting

## ChABSA Membership

- Student Membership - \$5
- Individual Membership - \$25



## Ways to be involved

- Attend ChABSA events
- Bring a friend/colleague
- Send us your ideas, comments, suggestions
- Nominate worthy people for awards
- Volunteer for committees
- Submit proposals for talks and workshops
- Run for a ChABSA Council position



## Certification Maintenance Credits

Membership in an official ABSA affiliate

- 0.5 CM per year

Attendance at ChABSA Symposium

- 1.0 CM

Taking ChABSA Pre-Symposium Workshops

- 0.5 CM per 4-hr course
- 1.0 CM per 8-hr course

Attendance at ChABSA technical seminars

- 0.25 CM per event

Service on ChABSA Council

- 1.0 CM per year



## Business Meeting Agenda

- Council Recognition
- Election Results
- Summary of activities
- Awards



## ChABSA Council

- ChABSA Council held 9 Meetings during the 2021 – 2022 operating year
- Additional symposium planning committee teleconferences in March-May



## Recognition of 2021 – 2022 Council Members

ChABSA Office	Name	Major Responsibilities
Past President	Amanda Perlman	Chair, Biosafety Professional of the Year; Chair, Marketing Committee; Assist President
President	Malcolm Smith	Oversight of ChABSA Planning Meetings and Outreach;
President Elect	Kelly Flint	Chair, Technical Seminar Committee; Order Awards for Symposium; Assist Councilor in 3rd Year
Secretary	Matthew Fischer	Minutes; Action Item Tracking
Treasurer	Polly McCarty	Finances; Monthly Reports to Council; Annual Report for Symposium; Support Technical & Symposium Registration
Webmaster	Bruce Donato	Website Maintenance; Manage Accounts and Online Registrations; Send out ChABSA related emails; Support Technical & Symposium Registration
Councilor in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Joany Jackman	Chair, Pre-Symposium Workshop Committee; Assist Councilor in 2nd Year
Councilor in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Kerstin Haskell	Chair, Scientific Symposium Committee; Assist Councilor in 1st Year
Councilor in 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Elizabeth Bramhall	Chair, Scientific Program Committee for Symposium
1-Year Councilor	Marisa Newcomer	Assist other 3-year Councilors; Engage in existing/proposed/new initiatives based on interest and experience.

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1-Year Councilor	Tracey Ann Brown	Assist other 3-year Councilors; Engage in existing/proposed/new initiatives based on interest and experience.

## Initiatives in 2021-2022

1. Provide quality biosafety content within provided virtual technical seminars
2. Expand audience both domestically and internationally



## Technical Seminars

### **We listen to you!**

- 2022-2023 Technical Seminar Committee chair will be Joany Jackman
- Fill out your evaluation form!



## ChABSA Virtual Technical Seminars

Five technical seminars provided for ChABSA and ABSA Affiliate members

Date	Topic	Speaker
September 21	"Debunking Myths About Disinfectants"	Bruce Donato
November 16	"Evolving Design Philosophies for Containment Laboratories."	Ted Traum
January 13	"Biosafety Practices in Clinical and Public Health Laboratories."	Michael Pentella
March 15	"How to Safely Work with Animals in Containment Laboratories."	Dr. Jillian Condrey
May 12	"Cell Free Transcription and Translation: Faster, and now Safer."	Dr. Alex Miklos



## ChABSA Virtual International Seminars

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Date	Topic	Speaker
Thursday, October 14 @ 9am	"Biosafety for containment and handling of arthropods: training program using a virtual reality (VR) tool."	Dr. Ava Veronesi (University of Zurich)
Thursday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 9am	"Using human behavior modeling algorithms when performing lab project risk assessments."	Dr. Viji Vijayan (National Univ. of Singapore)
Wednesday, April 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 9am	"Microbial Aerosols and the Design of Containment Laboratories."	Dr. Allan Bennett (Public Health England)



## Treasurer's Report

- Balance June 2021 \$71,245.20
- Balance April 2022 \$74,985.66
- All virtual seminars were free of charge for all ChABSA and ABSA Affiliates



## Upcoming ChABSA Events

Joint Webinar with the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC) and the AHMP Cyber Chapter Event

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 1:30PM – 3:00PM

Free of charge for all ChABSA and ABSA affiliates

*“How much do you really understand in a SDS? Maybe less than you think!”*

**Presenter – Bruce A. Donato, CSP, CHMM, QEP, CECD**

**Agenda:**

1. Baseline review of current understanding of
  - Rating systems
  - Toxicology
  - Common SDS terminology
2. Common misleading data in SDS's
3. Discussion on accuracy of SDS's
4. What's an employer to do?



## Upcoming ChABSA Events

ChABSA Technical Seminars

Save the date – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Virtual)

Additional Technical Seminars will occur in

- November 2022
- January 2023
- March 2023
- May 2023

*\*\* The ChABSA Council is continually evaluating when it is appropriate to return to physically attended technical seminar events*



## Marketing and Communication

- [www.ChABSA.org](http://www.ChABSA.org)
- Sending out emails to over 500 recipients
- Reaching out to other organizations and ABSA affiliates
- All ChABSA events listed on the ABSA calendar
- Website continues to track attendance
- Election ballot sent out to all members
- ChABSA's social media presence includes:





# ChABSA Biosafety Professional of the Year

*To recognize technical expertise in biosafety, contributions to the field, leadership, and personal achievement in the performance of biosafety-related duties.*



# ChABSA Biosafety Professional of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
**MATTHEW A.  
FISCHER,**  
PH.D., RBP, CBSP  
UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND,  
BALTIMORE



# ChABSA Lifetime Achievement Award

*To recognize lifetime contributions to ChABSA and the field of biosafety as well as a significant impact on other biosafety professionals.*



# ChABSA Lifetime Achievement Award

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
**DEBORAH WILSON**  
DRPH, SM (NRCM), CBSP,  
RADM,  
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH  
SERVICE (RET.)

