

# ABSA President's Address

CHABSA Symposium  
June 2, 2005



# ABSA

- The American Biological Safety Association (ABSA) was founded in 1984 to promote biosafety as a scientific discipline and serve the growing needs of biosafety professionals throughout the world. Its goals are to provide a professional association that represents the interests and needs of practitioners of biological safety, and to provide a forum for the continued and timely exchange of biosafety information.

# Membership Facts

- Current number of members = 1208
- New members for 2005 = 136
- Countries represented = 26
- Total number of attendees at 2004 Conference = 609
- Total number of attendees at 2004 pre-conference courses = 682

# 2005 Council

- Elizabeth Gilman Duane, President
- Glenn Funk, President-Elect
- Stefan Wagener, Past-President
- Leslie Delpin, Treasurer
- Rosamond Rutledge Burns, Secretary
- Robert Ellis, Councilor
- Benjamin Fontes, Councilor
- Patricia Olinger, Councilor
- Christina Thompson, Councilor

# Strategic Performance Areas

- Professional Development
- Defining the Profession
- Management
- Alliances
- Technical & Regulatory Affairs
- Conference Services

# Current Projects

- Update of risk group tables for website
- Alliances:
  - OSHA
  - Elizabeth Griffin Foundation
  - EPA, USDA, CSHEMA, more....
- Nominated 2 ABSA members for NSABB

# Current Projects

- Participating in 2006 CDC Symposium Steering Committee
  - Symposium Topic: Animal Biosafety
- Hosting “Biosafety” listserve
- Electronic systems:
  - Scientific Program abstracts
  - Awards nominations
  - Journal submissions (in progress)

# Future Projects

- BWC Experts Meeting, Geneva, June 2005
  - Professional responsibility in scientific research
- ABSA Booth at Brazilian Biosafety Congress – Latin American Symposium on Transgenic Products, Brazil, September 2005
- Laboratory Certification Program
- IBC Accreditation Program



# Upcoming Events

- ABSA Booth at ASM Conference
- ABSA Summer Seminar Series, Albuquerque, NM, June 6-7
- ABSA Principles & Practices of Biosafety, Cambridge, MA, August 8-12

# ABSA On The Road



Tradeline Conference, April 2005

# 2005 Annual Conference

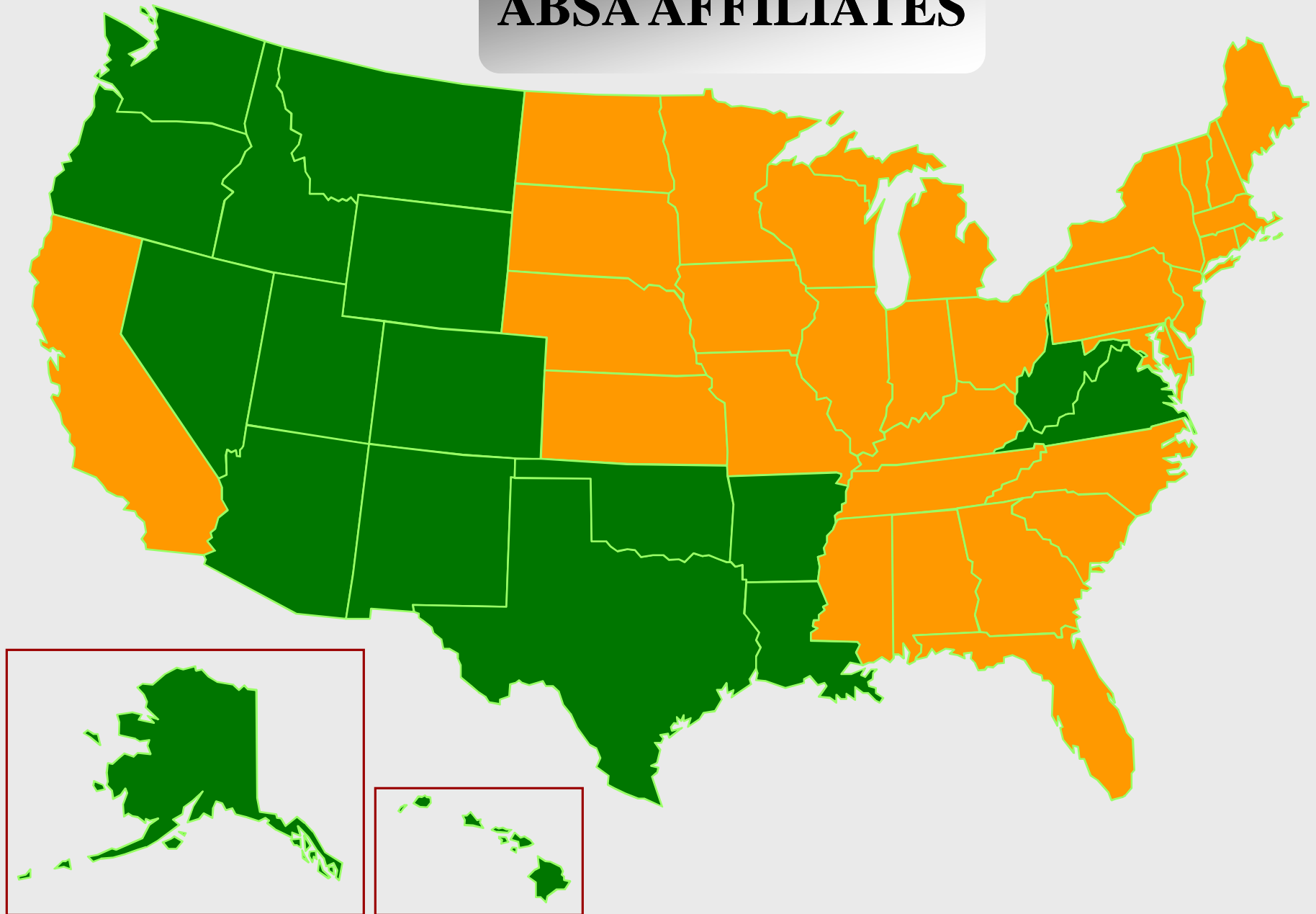
- Vancouver, Canada, October 23-26
- 29 Preconference Courses, October 20-23
- Electronic Abstract Submissions
- New Members Meeting, October 23

# Affiliate Relations Committee

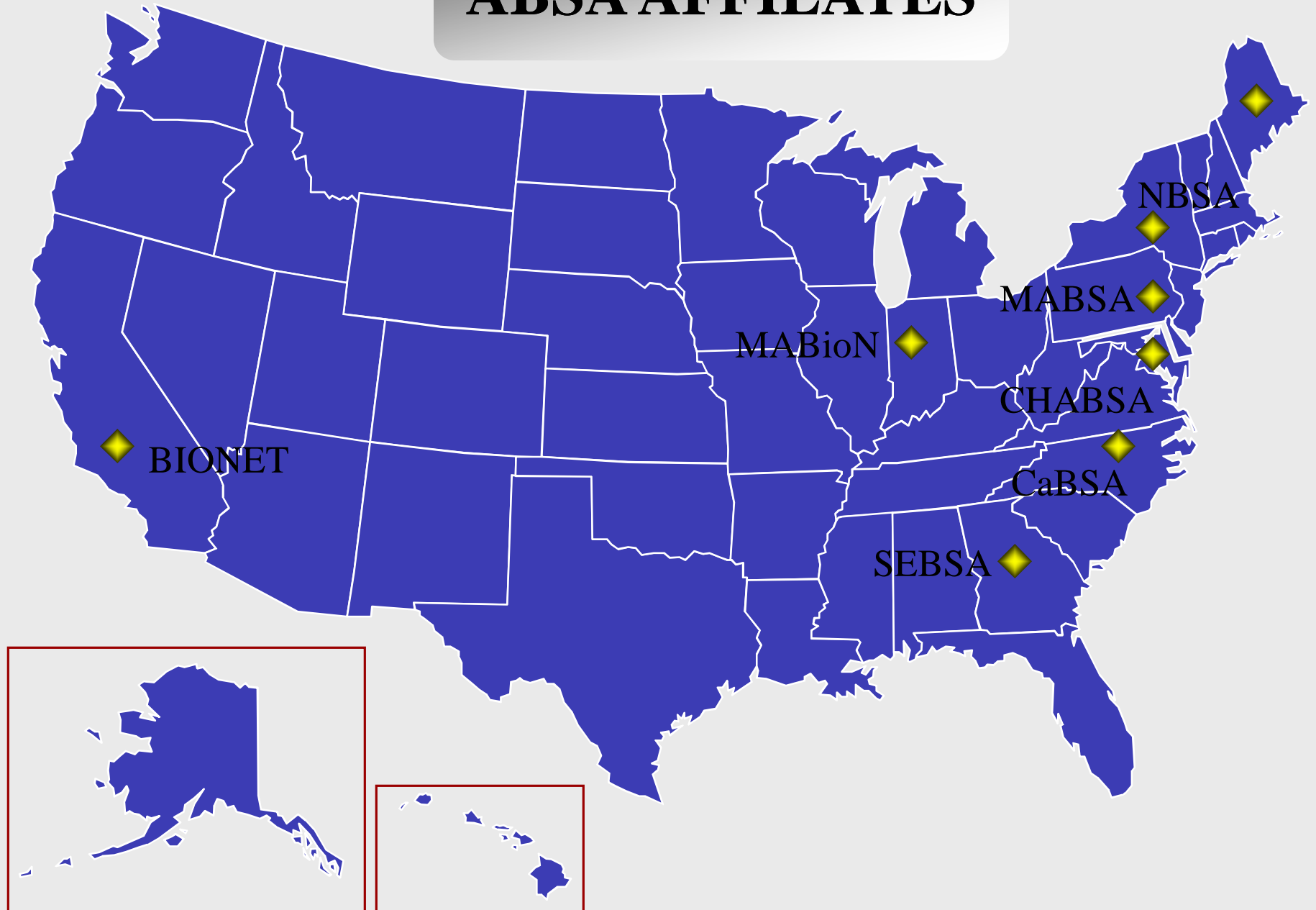
- John Baylog, Chairman
- Affiliate Booth
  - In progress, ready for Vancouver
- Affiliate Relations Committee Luncheon Meeting, October 25
  - 2 members from each affiliate/chapter



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## Worldwide Biological Safety Associations





# Benefits of Membership

- *Applied Biosafety*, quarterly journal, going electronic in 2005
- Website
- Discounted fees for annual conference and courses
- Notices of special events and other biosafety-related information
- Registration and certification programs
- Great Networking!