



New England Biosafety Association
(NEBSA)
Annual Symposium

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President, NEBSA

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NEBSA Symposium Exhibitors



Welcome!

- Domenica (Dee) Zimmerman, President
ABSA International



NEBSA Mentoring Program

- NEBSA Mentoring Program Subcommittee includes Pari Arokiaraj, Rhonda O'Keefe and Mary Sabolefski.
- There were four 1:1 mentoring matches made this year.
- All the pairs have group mentoring opportunities with the NEBSA Mentoring Subcommittee.

1st Annual NEBSA Scholarship

- The NEBSA Scholarship Subcommittee includes Betsy Parsons, Jessica Healy & Rhonda O'Keefe. The 1st Annual NEBSA Scholarship included \$1000 toward tuition, admission to the NEBSA Symposium and to the ABSA Conference.

Congratulations to Deandra Howard!

- Deandra currently works as a Laboratory Safety Specialist at Boston Children's Hospital & Radiation Safety Specialist for MRCS.
- She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and her goal is to work in biotechnology, biosafety & compliance management.

NEBSA History & Highlights

- 1996 NEBSA was formed. The first meeting was a dinner meeting held in February of 1996 at the MIT Faculty Club. Dr. Paul Miskovitz presented on hepatitis.
- 2003 NEBSA became an ABSA International Affiliate.
- 2006 NEBSA provided technical support for Biosafety Level 2 labs in Boston.
- 2008 NEBSA Board added Council Members.
- 2012 Boston Biosafety User's Group (BBUG) was sponsored by NEBSA.
- 2014 NEBSA Website was launched.
- 2015 NEBSA Logo was revamped.
- 2016 Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn were launched.
- 2017 Social Media Coordinator Role was created.
- 2017-2018 NEBSA Mentoring/Mentee Program was developed.
- 2019 Student Scholarship Program was initiated.
- Over the years NEBSA has sponsored a variety of educational opportunities such as IBC 101, IBC Administrators, Shipping Training and a BL-3 Works Shop.



NEBSA Board 2017-2020

- Membership Coordinator,
Kathleen Joseph, RBP, Safety Partners

thank you 😊

2020-2023 NEBSA Board

- **President:** Betsy Parsons, MBA, RBP, Bluebird Bio
- **Secretary:** Anne Sallee, MS, RBP, CBSP, CSP, Massachusetts General Hospital
- **Treasurer:** Parimala Arokiaraj, MBA, MS Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research
- **Councilors:**
 - Julien Farland, MS, RBP, CBSP, Boston Public Health Commission
 - Judy LaDuc, RBP, University of Massachusetts Amherst
 - Jessica Healey, MS, RBP, CBSP, Environmental Health & Engineering
 - Laura Mark, MS, RBP, Vertex Pharmaceuticals
 - Mary Sabolefski, MS, RBP, Novartis
- **Membership Coordinator:** John Tonkiss, BSc (hons), PhD, CBSP, SM(NRCM), Tufts University
- **Website Coordinator:** Rhonda O’Keefe, SM(NRCM), CBSP, CSP, Broad Institute
- **Social Media Coordinator:** Bill Greene, Cambridge Health Alliance

Upcoming BBUG Meeting

- *Date:* October 3rd
- *Location:* Harvard Medical School
- *Topic:* Amended Boston Biological Laboratory Regulations & Guidelines
 - Simon Muchohi, Director of Biosafety, Boston Public Health Commission
- January 9th 2020 - TBD

NEBSA 2019 SYMPOSIUM RAFFLE

- Instructions:
 - Pick up Raffle Sheet at the Sign-in Desk.
 - Obtain a signature from each of the exhibitor's by visiting their table.
 - Return this card to the Sign-in Desk by the END of the afternoon break.
- A winner will be chosen by random selection from all entries at the end of the final presentation.
- Prize: Free admission to the 2020 NEBSA Symposium!

Post Symposium Survey

- 9 questions.
- 5 minutes to complete.
- We appreciate your feedback on how we can best support the biosafety community!

Please Join us for the NEBSA Social!



Champions is at the Marriott Hotel located at 50 Broadway, Cambridge, MA.