

NWABR's Mission

To promote the public's trust in biomedical research, and its ethical conduct.

Key Programs

- Student Bio Expo
- Essay Contest
- IACUC Conference
- IRB Conference
- Security and Crisis Communications Conference
- Community Conversations
- Speaker's Bureau

Making a Difference

Your support has allowed NWABR to develop and refine programs that support its mission, promote science and medical research and also connect our members with the broader community.

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Student from Eastside Catholic High School presenting her project on Malaria in Nigeria at the 2014 Student Bio Expo at Shoreline Community College May, 2014.

Year in Review

NWABR has promoted the public's trust in biomedical research and its ethical conduct for 25 years. This past year, NWABR engaged in an extensive evaluation, which enabled NWABR to become a more nimble, focused organization. This renewal was made possible by science supporters like you, and we thank you and want to share the progress that we made in 2014.

NWABR Programs

Amid all of the changes during the past financial year, NWABR remained committed to running high quality programs and providing needed member services. Our member services and education programs engage the life science research community including scientists, administrators, physicians, students, teachers, and the general public. Our renewed outlook and vision is based on our commitment to advance the ethical practice of research and the public's trust in this important field.

Member Services

NWABR is first and foremost a membership association. This includes working with our members to advance their understanding of ethical practices by facilitating networking and educational programs where professionals learn from peers and other experts. Promoting the highest possible standards of ethical conduct is at the core of NWABR's work. We place human and animal welfare as well as the ultimate medical outcomes for patients and our communities at the center of medical research.

In 2014, NWABR hosted two professional conferences: Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC). The major focus of each conference centered on bioethics, best practices, emerging trends, and regulatory compliance. Overall, 300 professionals attended these conferences and contributed to the ethics discussion. In

Community Conversations

- *Our Affordable Health Care: What's medical research got to do with it?—A Conversation about the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) developed under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.*
- *What Can Your Genes Tell You—A Conversation about Direct to Consumer genetic testing, bio-repositories, ethics, privacy, and health care decisions making.*
- *A Life Well Lived, Even Facing Death—A Conversation about medical ethics, culture, the economy, and personal decision making related to end of life care.*
- *For the Greater Good, Please Share Your Brain with Us—A discussion about the special considerations in traumatic brain injury emergency research.*

Highlights

- 175 IRB attendees
- 125 IACUC attendees
- 173 Community Conversation Participants
- 265 Student Bio Expo Participants
- 85 Volunteer Mentors and 65 Volunteer Judges for the Student Bio Expo
- 309 Student Essay Participants
- 82 Campers at Camp BIOmed
- 142 attendees at our 25th Anniversary Gala
- 1,293 people served through Speakers Bureau

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Students and their family members excited about science at Amgen for the Middle School Essay Competition Award Ceremony.

In addition to these two conferences, NWABR has established a network for Security & Crisis Communication, and will be hosting our first annual conference in December 2014 to address a broad range of security and safety issues at member institutions.

Community and Educational Programs

Additionally, over 600 students participated in STEM education programs hosted by NWABR including: Student Bio Expo, Middle School Essay Contest, “Biomedical Breakthroughs and my Life” and our first year of Camp BIOmed! During these programs over 300 professionals from the biomedical research industry volunteered their time to support student learning. These programs improved science literacy in our community, and positively impacted thousands of individuals and their families.

Our public outreach efforts hinge on two priority programs called Speaker’s Bureau and Community Conversations. These programs provide opportunities for researchers and medical professionals to interact with the public and explain their research and views on ethics, while engaging the community in problem solving and dialogue. These programs have led to partnerships in Portland and Seattle to host Community Conversations that address ethical issues currently impacting medical research and the broader community.

Collaboration

In addition to running successful member and community programs, NWABR has formed strategic partnerships with members and other community based organizations. These efforts have positioned NWABR as a hub for the exchange of information and dialogue. NWABR has also formed strategic partnerships with local universities, research institutions and professional service providers to introduce young people to biomedical careers and educational opportunities, to form advocacy coalitions for research and public health, and to educate the public.

Your support provides the resources needed to continue this vital work in support of biomedical research. Our commitment to biomedical research and our mission is as strong as ever because we understand that it is essential to the health and well-being of individuals and our communities. Please consider making a contribution to support NWABR by sending your donation in the prepaid postage envelope, or by visiting www.nwabr.org/donate.