

Brief History of Kansas Association of Biology Teachers

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Year	President of KABT	Spring Field Trip	Fall Conference	President's Award (beginning 2017)
1938	O.P.Dellinger			
1942		Organization disbanded for the duration of WWII+		
1959	Gerald Teague (temp.)	Organization revived in summer at KSTC	KSTC, Emporia	
1960	Sherman Nystrom		Wichita West High School	
1961	Sherman Nystrom	Bethel, North Newton	McPherson	
1962	Virgil Boatwright	Manhattan area, site of proposed Nat. Prairie Park	Lawrence High School	
1963	Harland Pankratz	Buhler, Burton, Halstead, Harvey County Park	KSTC, Emporia	
1964	John Ransom	Gyp Hills (Barber, Comanche, Kiowa Counties)	Washburn Univ., Topeka	
1965	Evelyn Kovar Thompson	Rock Springs 4-H Ranch	Pittsburg State College	
1966	Wayne Stebbins	Rock Springs 4-H Ranch	Ft. Hays State College	
1967	Vincent Krabill	Hays area, Chalk Beds and grasslands	Hesston	
1968	Virgil Boatwright	Pittsburg area	KSU, Manhattan	
1969	Myron Schwinn	Eureka (Midwest Inst.)	KSTC, Emporia	
1970	Kermit Daum	Cheyenne Bottoms	Garden City Jr. College	
1971	Frank Nelson	Quivira Nat. Wildlife refuge	Manhattan High School	
1972	Roscoe Waldorf	Flint Hills Nat. Wildlife Refuge, Burlington	Sacred Heart College, Wichita	
1973	Kay Moorman	SWAN Meeting, KSTC , Emporia	Pratt Jr. College	
1974	Charles Horner	Hutchinson, site of proposed Sand Hills State Park	KU, Lawrence	
1975	Jim Arnewine	Cimarron Nat. Grasslands, Morton Co.	Microzoo, Abilene	
1976	Paul Jantzen	Scott County State Lake	Friends University, Wichita	
1977	L.O. Breckenridge	McPherson Co. State Lake, Maxwell Game Preserve, Harvey Co. Park	Salina Central High School	
1978	Fred Trowbridge	Kirwin Nat. Wildlife Refuge	ESU, Ross Reservation	
1979	Fred Trowbridge	Crawford County St. Park	KU, Lawrence	
1980	Joseph T. Collins	Chikaskia River, Sumner Co.	Sedgwick Co. Zoo	
1981	Joseph T. Collins	Clark County State Lake	Land Institute, Salina	
1982	John Wachholz	Marais Des Cygnes Nat. Wildlife Refuge	FHSU, Hays	
1983	John Wachholz	Konza Prairie Research Natural Area	Gage Park Zoo, Topeka	
1984	Louis Bussjaeger	Squaw Creek Nat. Wildlife Refuge, Missouri	Camp Aldridge, Gt. Bend	

1985	Marc Linton	Sherman and Wallace Counties	W.S.U., Wichita	
1986	Marc Linton	Milford Lake and Wakefield area	Ozark Underground Lab, Taney Co. MO	
1987	Brad Williamson	Quivira Nat. Wildlife Refuge	E.S.U. Emporia	
1988	Brad Williamson	Rock Springs Ranch with KATS	Benedictine, Atchison	
1989	Pat Wakeman	Pittsburg State Univ. and rea	K.S.U., Manhattan	
1990	Pat Wakeman	Chautauqua Hills	Prairie Center, Olathe	
1991	Pat Wakeman	Salina with Prairie Festival at Land Institute	Rock Springs Ranch, Jct. City	
1992	Pat Lamb	Milford Reservoir	K.S.U. Manhattan	
1993	Pat Lamb	Planned for Cimarron Nat. Grasslands, canceled	Salina	
1994	Pat Lamb	Cheyenne Bottoms/Quivira Nat. Wildlife Refuge	KU. Lawrence	
1995	Steve Case	Prairie Center, Olathe	Olathe East H.S.	
1996	Steve Case	Matfield Green and Z-Bar Ranch; Pawnee Nat. Grasslands, CO	E.S.U, Emporia	
1997	Terry Callender	Gyp Hills/Belvidere area	FHSU, Hays w/KESTA	
1998	Terry Callender	Kanopolis Lake, Ellsworth Co.	Olathe East High School	
1999	Lisa Volland	Eureka City Lake and Fall River—Greenwood County	Sternberg Museum, FHSU, Hays, KS	
2000	Lisa Volland	Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton County	Great Plains Nature Center, Wichita, KS	
2001	Harry McDonald	East Johnson Co., Overland Park Arboretum	Manhattan	
2002	Harry McDonald	Smoky Valley Ranch	Salina Central HS (shar-a-thon)	
2003	Sandy Collins	S. Central KS (Mike Fell)	Barton Community College	
2004	Sandy Collins	Ft. Leavenworth	WSU (Chaplin Bioblitz)	
2005	Todd Carter	Niobrara St. Park, NB	Olathe North HS	
2006	Todd Carter	Bioblitz (bust)	Cowley Co. C. College	
2007	Randy Dix	Roaring River, MO	Kill Creek Park	
2008	Randy Dix	Niobrara St. Park & Ash Fall SP, NB	KU Campus	
2009	Bill Welch	KS Wetlands Center	ESU—50 th Anniversary	
2010	Bill Welch	Smokey Valley Ranch	KU Field Station	
2011	Josie Stiles	Lake Fagan & Cross Timbers St. Park	Konza Field Station	
2012	Josie Stiles	Alcove Springs-Marshall County	KU Field Station	
2013	Julie Schwarting	Red Hills	Konza Field Station	
2014	Julie Schwarting	Marais des Cygnes	KU Field Station	
2015	Noah Busch	Chautauqua Hills	Konza Field Station	
2016	Noah Busch	Cimarron National Grasslands, Morton CO.	Emporia State University	

2017	Drew Ising	Baker Wetlands	Sternberg Museum	Stan Roth & Brad Williamson
2018	Drew Ising	Smokey Valley Ranch	KU Field Station	
2019	Jesi Rhodes	Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve	Konza Prairie	Harry McDonald III
2020	Jesi Rhodes	Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic	Virtual: Diversity & Inclusion	
2021	Kelley Tuel	Canoeing the Kansas River - near Manhattan	Virtual: Climate Change	Larry Miller photo & video including HOW the Ornate Box Turtle became the KS state reptile
2022	Kelley Tuel	Youngmeyer Ranch , WSU property	KU Field Station, Lawrence, KS	Eric Kessler
2023	Andrew Taylor	Dinosaur Ridge near Denver, CO	Quivira Wildlife Refuge	
2024	Andrew Taylor	Schermerhorn Nature Center & Wildcat Glade , SE KS and MO	KSU Engineering Extension , Manhattan, KS	
2025	Sara Abeita			

NABT Presidents from Kansas

Homer A. Stephens **1942**
John Breukelman **1957**
Ted Andrews **1964**
Jack Carter **1977**
Stan Roth **1980**
Brad Williamson **2002**
Todd Carter **2008**
Lindsey Carter Fields

NABT President-Elect who tragically died on American Airlines Flight 5342, which collided with a helicopter in Washington, D.C. January 29, 2025. Lindsey was traveling to represent the NABT community and advocate for excellence in life science education.

Editors of Newsletter and Journal (print discontinued after 2011)

John Ransom
Paul Jantzen
John Wachholz
Richard Schrock (KBT Editor)
Pat Wakeman

Executive Secretaries of KABT

Stan Roth **1962—1983**
Bob Rose **1983---1990**