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The Value of Giving Back: Mutually Beneficial Volunteering

ABRF is fueled by the energy and commitment of its members, who provide countless hours of their time to develop and deliver the valuable programs, resources, and events available for the ABRF community.

This time of the year often includes reflection on our accomplishments and setting goals for the year ahead. Why not include ABRF in your professional development plans for 2021? Whether you'd like to build on your research skills, brush up on business processes, or face a fear of public speaking, volunteering with ABRF offers you the opportunity to develop your abilities in a supportive, cooperative environment.

ABRF Committees and Research Groups provide members from every discipline in core facilities with a way to contribute. ABRF regional chapters are adapting to the current environment for events by creating new venues for members to connect and learn from one another.

Whether you'd like to help with the new ABRF web site, identify and implement new tools for online collaboration among members, or contribute original content for ABRF virtual town halls, ABRF offers you valuable ways to raise your profile throughout the core facilities community.

As one member put it:

"I thought volunteering for ABRF would involve planning a meeting. I didn't expect to be contribute to new research and work closely with senior leaders at other cores. I

don't know that I would have had the chance to meet these people from across the country if I wasn't a part of the ABRF committee."

To learn more about how you can help career, and help ABRF, contact anyone on the [ABRF Membership Committee](#). We look forward to welcoming you as a new ABRF volunteer in 2021.

Thank you for your continued participation in ABRF.

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