



letter from the chairman of the board

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with you the 2006 Annual Report of the Marine Biological Laboratory. As you'll see, the past year was one of discovery, growth, and transition for this remarkable institution.

Last summer we bid farewell to Bill Speck, who led the MBL well for 6 years and guided us through an important strategic planning process that has positioned the institution for future success. My colleagues on the Board and I thank Bill for his efforts and dedication and wish him all the best in his new endeavors. I'm pleased that Bill has agreed to continue to serve the MBL as an honorary member of the Board of Trustees.

In June 2006 the Board appointed Gary Borisy the MBL's 13th director and 3rd CEO. Gary is a renowned cell biologist who brings a wealth of scientific expertise and administrative experience to the position. Gary knows the MBL well, having spent time here at various points in his career conducting summer research, collaborating with resident and summer scientists, and participating in some of the MBL's summer educational programs.

We are fortunate to have attracted such a talented and well-respected scientist to lead the MBL. It was with great pleasure that my wife Valerie and I decided to make a significant gift to the laboratory in conjunction with Gary's arrival, knowing that it will be used to further strengthen this very special institution.

I'm delighted that Gary has already begun putting some of these funds to good work: helping support the MBL's participation in the exciting Encyclopedia of Life project, renovating laboratory space for new scientists in the Bay Paul Center, and recruiting a new director to the Ecosystems Center.

The members of the Board and I look forward to working with Gary and with all of you as we continue to implement the MBL's visionary strategic plan and prepare for an exciting future.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Rowe". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John W. Rowe, M.D.