

Newsletter

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Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis

UPCOMING CHANGES

Welcome to the first official newsletter of KansABA! This newsletter will be sent out periodically to inform members of upcoming events, legislative updates, and general changes within KansABA. Speaking of changes, starting in 2019, KansABA will be making changes to membership structure, conference registration, and the process through which members receive email notifications.

Membership fees will no longer be included in the price of conference attendance. Instead, membership fees will be separate and effective January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year. The full membership fee will be \$25, the adjunct membership fee will be \$20, and student membership fee will be \$10. KansABA memberships can be purchased year-round on our website.



Members of KansABA will be eligible to receive discounted rates to the annual and mini conferences hosted throughout the year. Rates for the annual and mini conferences will be posted to the website at least six weeks in advance of each event. Once rates are posted, members can register through the KansABA website as well. It is important to note that becoming a member and registering for the annual conference will be two separate transactions going forward.

The process for receiving emails from KansABA also will be modified in the coming year. Members now will be able to receive updates from one of four KansABA email subscriptions, including legislative, professional development, registration, and the executive committee. Members will be able to join email groups and opt-out of email groups as they please. We hope this new system will result in members receiving only the most relevant emails from us.

Thank you for being a member of KansABA! We hope you continue to benefit from your membership and that we can continue to meet your needs as a member of the Kansas and greater-Kansas City behavior-analytic community.

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2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The KansABA annual conference will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019. This year's conference is titled "Present and Future Advances in Autism: From Research to Practice." The keynote speaker for this event will be Dr. Mary Jane Weiss. Dr. Weiss is the Director of Graduate Programs in Autism/ABA for the Endicott College Institute of Behavioral Studies. She is also the Senior Director of Research at Melmark (New England). Dr. Weiss' research interests include best practice techniques for ABA, evaluating the impact of ABA for early learners with autism, teaching social skills to individuals with autism, and staff and family training.

Other speakers for the 2019 annual conference will include Dr. Jason Travers (KU), Dr. Ellie Kazemi (CSU-Northridge), Dr. Mark Dixon (SIU), and Dr. Sarah Bloom (USF). Save-the-date emails have been sent to members with information on the research interests of each speaker. Be on the lookout for more updates regarding the 2019 conference!

The conference once again will be held at The University of Kansas Edwards Campus located at 12604 Quivera Road, Overland Park, KS.

Five CEUs will be offered during the conference, including one CEU in ethics. Visit our website to register for the 2019 annual conference.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Between the quarterly mini conferences, and the KansABA annual conference, BACB-credentialed members can obtain 87.5% of the CEUs necessary for each recertification cycle.

KansABA will continue to host three mini-conferences throughout the year. This year, the fee for the annual conference will be separate from membership fees. However, members of KansABA will receive discounted rates for the annual and mini-conferences, relative to non-member attendees.

Historically, the annual conference is structured for members to earn five CEUs, and mini-conferences offer three CEUs at each event.

This CEU allocation means that members who attend the annual conference and all mini-conferences in a two-year certification cycle will receive 28 CEUs. That's 87.5% of CEUs needed for each recertification cycle if you are credentialed through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board!

KansABA now uses CEU Helper to track event attendance at all conferences, so please make sure you download the app to your smartphone before an event to ensure accuracy and timeliness of certificate delivery.





KANSABA DONOR & SPONSOR LEVELS

Donor: Individuals and organizations that wish to help promote the KansABA Mission are welcome to become appreciated Donors. Donor status will extend for one membership cycle (i.e., from the time of donation through the end of the calendar year). All Donor funds will be used to forward the KansABA Mission, and KansABA will use its best judgement as to the internal allocation of these funds. Individuals and organizations that have become Donors agree to have done so under their own good faith. That is, KansABA does not discriminate between those who do and do not donate, and KansABA does not inherently support or promote Donors. Please note that KansABA is not a 501.c.3, and therefore donations are not tax deductible.

Level	Individual	Organizational	Recognition
Platinum	\$300+	\$2,000+	Name listed in KansABA programs (Annual & CEU Mini-Conferences)
Gold	\$100 - \$299	\$750 - \$1,999	
Silver	\$50 - \$99	\$500 - \$749	
Bronze	\$25 - \$49	\$250 - \$499	
Other	Other	Other	
<i>Please restrict all donations to whole-dollar amounts. Thank you!</i>			

Sponsor: Organizations that wish to support the KansABA Mission in return for certain premiums are welcome to become appreciated Sponsors. Sponsor status will depend on the level of support selected. Organizations with a like Mission to KansABA that wish to become Sponsors must complete the KansABA Sponsor Application. That is, KansABA will only accept and welcome the sponsorship support, in turn for a premium, from those organizations in line with the KansABA Mission. Nonetheless, KansABA does not inherently support or promote Sponsors short of the information provided in the Sponsor Application.

More information on levels of sponsorship, included benefits, and application information can be found on our website.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

NOMINATION PROCESS	VOTING PROCESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the annual conference, members will be emailed regarding nominations for individuals to fill position vacancies. • Members may nominate any other member to fill the available positions on the Executive Committee, so long as they meet the requirements for that position. • Self-nominations may be included. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic ballots comprised of all received nominations will be sent to members approximately two weeks before the annual conference. • Votes will be electronically tallied before the KansABA annual conference, and newly elected officials will be announced during closing remarks.

POSITION VACANCIES

- **Student Member Representative**

- The KansABA Student-Member Representative shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee. The Student-Member Representative represents those within the behavior analytic community who meet criteria for KansABA student membership at the KansABA Executive Committee meetings, KansABA general business meetings, and other KansABA sponsored events. This is a voting position.

- **President Elect**

- The KansABA President shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee. The President represents the Association, as a whole, at the KansABA Executive Committee meetings, KansABA general business meetings, and other KansABA sponsored events, as well as at other professional-organization events (e.g., the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Behavior Analysis Certification Board) and on any Kansas governance committees and boards (e.g., the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board). This is a voting position.

- **Secretary Elect**

- The KansABA Secretary is responsible for the organization of KansABA Executive Committee meetings (e.g., email reminders, creation of meeting agenda, online meeting agendas) and the organization of Google Drive materials. The Secretary attends all KansABA-sanctioned meetings. This is not a voting position.

- **Adjunct Member Representative Elect**

- The KansABA Adjunct-Member Representative shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee. The Adjunct-Member Representative represents those within the behavior-analytic community who meet criteria for KansABA adjunct membership at the KansABA Executive Committee meetings, KansABA general business meetings, and other KansABA sponsored events. This is a voting position.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

KansaABA promotes the development of special interest groups (SIGs)! We recognize that KansABA's members have a range of interests in teaching, research, service, and practice. KansABA is committed to support SIGs in the following areas:

- Assist them with recruitment, promotion, and dissemination
- Publish SIG news and announcements on the KansABA website and in its conference program
- Host SIG business meetings at the KansABA conferences
- Co-sponsor continuing education events
- Maintain links between the SIGs and KansABA's websites.

If you are interested in forming a SIG, please email a completed application and by-laws to kansasaba@gmail.com. More information, applications, and a by-laws template can be found on our website.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES IN KANSAS



The Legislative Committee is preparing for the 2019 legislative session. During the session, we will be watching for any bills that are introduced in the House or Senate that are pertinent to our members. During the last two legislative sessions, bills were introduced in the Kansas House that would require schools to provide ABA therapy for students. In the 2018 session in Missouri, a bill was introduced that would expand insurance coverage for vital therapies, including ABA therapy, to any child with a physical or developmental disability. The Legislative Committee will be watching closely for either of these bills to resurface during the 2019 session.

In Kansas, the Laura Kelly administration will be taking office in 2019. The KansABA Legislative Committee is looking forward to introducing ourselves and developing a relationship with the Kelly administration.

For any legislative/governmental concerns, please contact us at legislation.kansasaba@gmail.com

Find your legislator in Kansas: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>

Find your legislator in Missouri: <https://www.mo.gov/government/elected-officials/>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please, visit our website at www.kansaba.org for more information on upcoming events, membership, and registration for conferences. We can also be found on Facebook as Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis. Make sure to like and follow our page to receive all information regarding updates to the annual and mini conferences, as well as legislative updates as pertinent.

Website Link	Facebook Group Link
www.kansaba.org	www.facebook.com/KansasABA

HELP US NAME OUR NEWSLETTER!

Our new newsletter is in desperate need of a name! Please, participate in a contest to help name the KansABA newsletter. We are looking for ideas that are fun, informative, creative, and behavior analytic.

Submissions can be emailed directly to kansasaba@gmail.com where these suggestions will be pooled and reviewed. The KansABA Executive Committee will then select the new newsletter name from those submissions, and the new name will be announced at the annual conference. The winner of this contest may receive a monetary benefit, so make sure and get those names submitted. Good luck!

MASS EMAIL SERVICE

For subscribing members, upcoming newsletters, and public distribution

KansABA is initiating a new email system to expand its ability to distribute necessary, informative, and relevant materials to its members *en masse*, as well as creating a systematic forum for more focused, individual communication between KansABA and its members. In turn, this will allow KansABA members to determine what information they feel is important to them as an individual and a professional. Following the opening of membership enrollment for the upcoming year KansABA will be disseminating, and wishes to receive, respective materials through email accounts associated with (a) KansABA Executive Council and membership information (kansasaba@gmail.com), (b) event registration information (registration.kansasaba@gmail.com), (c) topics in professional development (professionaldevelop.kansasaba@gmail.com), and (d) topics in legislation (legislation.kansasaba@gmail.com). Although members may initially receive emails from each of these accounts, members retain the ability to unsubscribe from, or re-subscribe to, this content at any time. Unless otherwise noted, unsubscribing and re-subscribing can be completed by simply emailing the respective account.



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Subsequently, outside entities may too communicate with KansABA members using the new mass emailing system. All content submitted from outside entities will be peer-reviewed to ensure compliance with KansABA’s Mission. Additionally, all non-KansABA information will be distributed by KansABA on behalf of the outside entity. That is, at no point in time will KansABA distribute the personal information of its members, including email addresses. This service is available solely at the discretion of KansABA and KansABA does not endorse any outside entity. Outside entities wishing to use KansABA’s mass emailing service will be asked to complete and submit the KansABA Request for Dissemination of Information.

The following content may be disseminated and received through the respective KansABA account:

Account	Email	Content
KansABA Executive Council	kansasaba@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership information & inquiries • Voting & nominating positions • General updates & feedback • General inquiries
Registration	registration.kansasaba@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KansABA Annual information & inquiries • KansABA CEU Mini-Conference information & inquiries
Professional Development	professionaldevelop.kansasaba@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-KansABA conference & seminar information & inquiries • Job availability postings • Research opportunity postings
Legislation	legislation.kansasaba@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local, state, & national legislation updates & initiatives • Legislative inquiries • Insurance billing information & inquiries purposed for legislative change

Information for outside entities regarding dissemination of information through KansABA is available on the website, including forms to submit a dissemination request.

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