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Newsletter



KansABA

2020 Annual Conference Update

In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the decision to cancel our annual conference originally scheduled for April 18, 2020. We deeply apologize to our membership, but hope to add additional events in 2020 for continuing education opportunities. Please, check back on our website throughout the year for more information!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINI CONFERENCE:

Stay tuned for information on our mini-conferences. We look forward to bringing you another opportunity to earn continuing education units and to connect with those in your community!

August 2020: Date TBD

- **Time:** 9:00am to noon
- **Location:** KU Edwards Campus; 12604 Quivira Rd., Overland Park, KS



MEET THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR



Please welcome Kelley Harrison as our newest Professional Development Committee Chair! Kelley will be responsible for organizing mini-conferences throughout the year and ensuring that continuing education units for all conferences are distributed appropriately. Kelley has previously served on the KansABA executive committee in a variety of positions and is an assistant professor of practice for the Department of Applied Behavior Sciences at The University of Kansas.

Bio: Dr. Kelley Harrison is a board certified behavior analyst who received her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in Behavioral Psychology in 2018. Following completion of her Ph.D., Kelley completed a post-doctoral fellowship with Trumpet Behavioral Health, a company that provides behavior therapy services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Presently, Kelley is an Assistant Professor of Practice in the Department of Applied Behavioral Science at the University of Kansas. Kelley's areas of expertise include the application of behavioral principles to the early childhood education setting, including inclusive classrooms and early intervention classrooms, as well as the assessment and treatment of problem behavior. Her research interests include increasing compliance with healthcare routines, increasing communication for individuals with developmental disabilities, and improving early childhood education practices.

KansABA Executive Committee Positions

Nominations

Do you know someone who would be a great candidate for a KansABA executive committee position? If you or someone you know is dedicated to furthering the KansABA mission, please submit a nomination on the KansABA website. Self-nominations are welcome! Nominations will be open now until April 18, 2020.

ELECTIONS

Electronic ballots will be emailed out after the nomination period for the positions you are eligible to vote for based on membership level. Voting will then be open for two weeks. Please, help us decide who will serve on your executive committee for KansABA!

OPEN POSITIONS

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.

Full Member Representative

- The Full-Member Representative represents those within the behavior-analytic community who meet criteria for KansABA full membership at the KansABA Executive Committee meetings,

KansABA general business meetings, and other KansABA sponsored events. This is a voting position.

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.

Treasurer

- The KansABA Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the finances of KansABA in support of the KansABA Executive Committee. The Treasurer attends all Executive Committee meetings and KansABA general business meetings. This is not 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.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The 2020 legislative session is up and running. The legislative committee tracked four bills that were introduced in Kansas. HB 2453 would recognize professional licenses, including those for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts, issued by other jurisdictions. HB 2483 and SB 367 were both introduced and prohibited certain licensed individuals, including behavior analysts, from using conversion therapy on minors. None of these three bills made it out of their respective committees prior to session turnaround. Turnaround is the half-way point of the regular legislative session that requires non-exempt bills to pass the legislative chamber in which the bill was introduced. Because the bills did not pass the House prior to this deadline, these bills are considered dead.

The final bill is HB2506. As originally introduced, it would have allowed a member of the military or their spouse to expedite professional licensure in Kansas if licensed in another state.



HB 2506 passed out of the House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development in this form. On the House floor, however, the bill was expanded to include all persons who intend to become residents in the state of Kansas that work in fields that require occupational licensure, such as behavior analysts, to receive expedited licensure in Kansas. HB 2506 then passed the House, as amended, and will now be considered by the Senate. The legislative committee will continue to track this bill throughout the remainder of the session.

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.

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
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