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KansABA

NEWSLETTER

MISSION STATEMENT

KansABA's mission is to (a) advance the science and practice of behavior analysis, as well as its education and training; (b) address issues relevant to the science, practice, education, and training in behavior analysis; (c) maintain disciplinary, professional, and ethical standards in the science, practice, education, and training in behavior analysis; and (d) recruit and enhance interest in behavior analysis throughout the State of Kansas and the Kansas City metropolitan area – Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties.

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

We can be found on Facebook as Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis. Make sure to like and follow our page to receive all information regarding conferences, and legislative updates as pertinent.

Additionally, please see our website by following the link below!

[Facebook](#) | [Website](#)

**Kansas Association for
Behavior Analysis**

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KANSABA LEADERSHIP

Officers

- President: Allyson Bell, Ph.D., L/BCBA-D
- Secretary: Breanna Roberts, M.A. L/BCBA
- Treasurer: Brittany Vaughn Mitchelson, Ph.D., L/BCBA (outgoing) - Kimberly Becker, M.S., L/BCBA (incoming)

Executive Team

- Full Member Rep: Marren Leon-Barajas, Ph.D., L/BCBA-D (outgoing) - Holly Creamer, M.S., L/BCBA (incoming)
- Adjunct Member Rep: Molly Noon, M.A., L/BCBA, CCC-SLP
- Student Member Rep: Lauratu Bah, M.A. (outgoing) - OPEN
- Stakeholder Member Rep: Mike Wasmer, DVM, DACVIM(SAIM)

Boards and Committees

- Professional Development Committee:
 - Co-chairs: Megan Schmidt, M.S., L/BCBA and Christie Stiehl, M.A., L/BCBA
- Government, Legislative Affairs Committee:
 - Chair: Kimberly Becker, M.S., L/BCBA
 - Sara Diaz de Villegas, Ph.D., L/BCBA
 - Lisa Popelka, M.S., L/BCBA
 - Laura Camafreita, M.A., L/BCBA
 - Karen Fry, M.A., L/BCBA
 - Jennifer Schreiner, M.S., L/BCBA, LCP
- Information Technology Committee:
 - Chair: Bryan Simmons, M.S. L/BCBA

OPEN POSITION(S)

We are currently accepting nominations for KansABA's **student representative position**, a voting position of the executive council. If you or someone you know is interested, please click the link below to complete the nomination form.

[NOMINATE HERE](#)



2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Overview

In April, KansABA hosted their annual conference entitled “Organizational Behavior Management in Applied Settings: From Research to Practice” with four incredible speakers, Dr. Marlesha Bell, Amanda Ralston, Dr. Anita Li, and Dr. Doug Johnson. It included, for the first time, a panel discussion where participants submitted discussion questions and panelists (i.e., each of the conference speakers) had an opportunity to respond with their thoughts.

Feedback from attendees included:

- “I loved the panel at the end to answer questions. Please keep doing that.”
- “It was my first time at KansABA. Very impressed. Fantastic panel and topic sequence. Very accommodating environment and open, friendly vibe. I had two RBTs with me who had no prior exposure to OBM. Both are buzzing with ideas and reflections. I know I will return next year..”

Awards

KansABA would like to thank Stacha Leslie (former KansABA secretary) and Dr. Kelley Harrison (former KansABA president) for their service and contributions to the organization. Both of them were recognized with awards at the annual conference. Thank you and congratulations!



Stacha Leslie
Distinguished Service
Award



Dr. Kelley Harrison
Outstanding Contributions
Award



LUNCH & LEARN

The Behavioral Science Regulatory Board (BSRB) has a new director, David Fye, J.D., who presented at KansABA's first "Lunch and Learn". Topics included the BSRB's history, resources, current regulations, and upcoming changes to regulations.

Upcoming changes in regulations include lower renewal fees, the ability to reinstate a license, and the ability to request additional time to complete continuing education requirements. For additional information, please follow the link below.

[BSRB WEBSITE](#)

ABAI SURVEY

The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) is seeking participation in a survey that examines how individuals and the organizations in which they work support equitable access to services across all areas of behavior analytic practice.

Please follow the link below to complete the survey.

[SURVEY LINK](#)

