

TABA Times

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Letter from the TABA President-Elect

From my lowly perch in Knoxville, I'm seeing TABA members and behavior analysis nearly everywhere: school systems, early intervention, children's services, and developmental disabilities are a few places where one could find TABA. This is as it should be. Most encouraging, is that behavior analysts are being actively sought by folks who may have traditionally sought just psychiatrists and psychologists. TABA members are taking their place alongside all other traditional services. I also see that it is never one person making these changes and inroads all alone. For example, at a recent meeting behavior analysts found themselves standing with parents, consumers and even government officials in advocating for effective behavior services. The inroad we are making is also the high road: our road sign reads *effective services*.

With this hallmark, I am now seeing the greatening of applied and experimental behavior analysis curriculum across the Tennessee higher education system. As our services take a stronger hold and are linked with board certification, TABA participates in ABA's greater mission. The field is becoming more identifiable with a product and a credential in addition to membership in the professional community.

Almost 10 years ago, when TABA began, there were few University programs identifiably *behavioral*, there were no community-based services outside regional offices of mental retardation, there was no national certification. Now there is all this and more.

Thanks to you, the TABA member. Without your professional drive and interest, none of the other achievements, locally and nationally, would have had any relevance. Without you, consumers, advocates, guardians and conservators would not have had any choices. Without you, there would be no TABA.

Thank you.

Mickey Tonos, MS, BCBA

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What Is TABA Doing?

In order to better communicate with our members here is a breakdown of recent TABA activities:

9/8/04- Nashville - President and President Elect of TABA met with Stephen Norris (DMRS Commissioner) to discuss issues in Behavior Analysis and Tennessee DMRS.

By: Tim Cripps and Mickey Tonos

9/27/04- Professional Standards Committee met in order to make recommendations on TABA constitution and By-Laws.

By Carrie Peacock

11/04- Vanderbilt Association for Behavior Analysis (VABA) begins. This group is affiliated with TABA (as TABA provides Continuing Education support).

By Pablo Juarez

11/8/04 – Nashville Regional Intervention Program. This was specifically related to TABA and behavior analysis in general. Gave an overview of the Behavior analysis clinic, behavior analysis, and TABA.

By Michael May

12/22/04 - TABA position Statement sent to Stephen Norris concerning changes to DMRS policy and TennCare Service Coverage.

By Tim Cripps

12/04- TABA quarterly newsletter (TABA Times) sent out.

By Clayton Cea

2/1/05- Memphis - Presentation for STEP (a parent advocacy group) and the Downs Syndrome Association of the Mid-South on what a Behavior Analyst is and what TABA is:

By Tim Cripps

2/10/05 - Vanderbilt Association for Behavior Analysis (VABA) presentation: Psychotropic Medications 101

Arranged by: Michael May and Pablo Juarez

2/14/05- Feedback on Provider Manual sent to Joanna Damons of DMRS:

By TABA

2/24/05- Nashville- Presentation on Behavior Analysis used in a Transition School setting. Also spoke on what a Behavior Analyst is and what TABA is:

Annual Conference for Special Education:

By Tim Cripps

2/23/05- Nashville – Professional Standards Committee met in order to make recommendations on TABA constitution and By-Laws.

By Carrie Peacock

3/1/05- Nashville - Public Hearing Position Statement of TABA read into minutes concerning changes to DMRS policy and TennCare Service Coverage:

By Michael May

3/17/05 Vanderbilt Association for Behavior Analysis (VABA) CEU opportunity: Antidepressants and Mood Stabilizers.

Arranged by: Michael May and Pablo Juarez

4/14/05 Vanderbilt Association for Behavior Analysis (VABA) CEU opportunity: Antipsychotics

Arranged by: Michael May and Pablo Juarez

5/5/05 Vanderbilt Association for Behavior Analysis (VABA) CEU opportunity: Antianxieties and Other Common Medications

Arranged by: Michael May and Pablo Juarez

5/29/05 Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis Business Meeting Sunday, 07:00 - 07:50 PM

Arranged By: Tim Cripps

11/3/05 – 11/5/05 – Nashville – Date set for TABA Annual Conference.

By Neal Fleisig

Much of this info is on the TABA website www.taba.org.

Now

What have **You** done for behavior analysis?

CEU Opportunities

We are constantly on the lookout for any CEU opportunities within our state. If anyone is aware of any CEU opportunities in Tennessee for Board Certified Behavior Analysts, please e-mail the chair of the TABA Publications Committee (ClaytonCea@msn.com) so that we may advertise it in this newsletter.

Behavior Analysis Activities

	Contact	Where?	When?	CEU's
31st Annual National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes at Eugene	Association for Direct Instruction	Eugene, OR	7/24/2005	?
Behavioral Safety NOW: An International Conference on Behavioral Safety & Performance Management	Behavioral Safety NOW	Jacksonville, FL	10/4/2005	?
Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis 2005 Conference	Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis	Madison, WI	10/14/2005	?
Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference	Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis	Nashville, TN	11/3/2005	Yes
Association for Behavior Analysis 3rd International Conference	Association for Behavior Analysis	Beijing, China	11/25/2005	Yes
Work, Stress, and Health 2006: Making a Difference in the Workplace	American Psychological Association	Miami, FL	3/1/2006	Yes
Annual Conference of NCABA	North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis	Wrightsville Beach, NC	2/25/2007	Yes

TABA Annual Conference

The TABA 2005 10th Annual Conference will be held at the Radisson Opryland Hotel in Nashville on November 3,4,5 2005. Please book your hotel immediately to insure availability. See the TABA website for information regarding the special TABA conference hotel rate and reservations instructions. Workshops and presentations will be provided by Geoff Colvin, Ph.D., Merrill Winston, Ph.D., Michael Stoutimore, Ph.D., Terri Rodgers, Ph.D., Kathleen Lane, Ph.D., John Wheeler, Ph.D., and others. See the TABA website for details about these workshops and presentation. This years conference includes a wide range of topics including: management of aggressive and disruptive behavior, coordinating Psychiatric services and ABA services, simplified approaches to functional assessment and intervention and many other useful and interesting workshops and presentations.



Dr. Geoff Colvin
Keynote and Workshop Presenter

Now accepting presentations for the 2005 10th Annual TABA Conference

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

POSTERS are visual presentations of primarily data-based information in an attractive, easily understood format that will be viewed by a large number of people. The advantage of a poster is that it provides face-to-face interaction with the author's). Posters should be constructed so that they are freestanding on a table top. **POSTERS** are combined thematically into **POSTER SESSIONS** which remain in place for at least 3 hours. The presenters are asked to be present for at least the first hour to answer any questions or more fully describe their work. (One hour of CBA/CABA continuing education is available for the primary presenter.)

PAPERS are oral presentations which may be grouped by subject matter into **PAPER SESSIONS**. A Chairperson, often one of the presenters, is assigned to introduce speakers and maintain the allotted time of presentations. There is no Discussant. An LCD projector will be provided if indicated on the **SUBMISSION FORM** and their use is encouraged to enhance oral presentation. **HANDOUTS** are also recommended.

SYMPOSIA consist of several speakers addressing a very similar topic. A **SYMPOSIUM** is organized by someone who agrees to Chair the session and designate a Discussant who is prominent in the field. Questions from the audience are addressed at the end of the **SYMPOSIUM**.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: August 16, 2005.

Please Note: All Presenters Must Register for the Conference and Pay Annual Membership Dues.

ABSTRACT PREPARATION

Title: This is the title of the presentation you are submitting. It should be centered and typed in all capital letters.

Authors and Affiliations: The names of the people who are going to make the presentation and the places where they worked or went to school when the presentation was created. This should be centered with the first letters of the presenters' names and their affiliations capitalized.

Description: The main body of your abstract should provide a description of your presentation. It should be single-spaced and

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Abstract

- Typed, and dark enough for copying (submissions by mail)
- Submission Form is used
- All information is within margins

Submission Materials

- Submission Form completed
- Presenters' short vitae included for presentations 50 minutes or greater in duration
- Learning objectives provided for presentations 50 minutes or greater in

should include the following:

1. The general characteristics of the people you worked with (e.g., elementary school children; a severely retarded man; out-patient clients).
2. The setting in which the problem was addressed (e.g., school; group home; restaurant).
3. The type of behavior investigated (e.g., sharing toys; self-injury; ordering from a menu).
4. The type of intervention (e.g., differential reinforcement; extinction; role-playing).
5. The results (e.g., increased by 60%; decreased from 20 to 3 per day; 19 of 20 task analysis steps correctly performed).

A graphic display of your data would greatly enhance your abstract!

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU DID AND WHAT HAPPENED. AVOID STATEMENTS SUCH AS: THE RESULTS WILL BE DISCUSSED!

Contact Person: The name, address and phone number of the person to be contacted should anyone want more information.

To submit your presentation follow these steps:

1. Download the submission form on the TABA website.
2. Complete the submission form, including the abstract.
3. Mail the completed submission to:

Laraine Zanatta
260 N Lauderdale #104
Memphis, TN 38105

Refer questions to:
Laraine Zanatta
Phone: 901-870 7035 or e-mail: larainez@hotmail.com

duration

- Self-addressed, stamped envelope included
- All materials sent flat, not folded
- All materials sent by July 16, 2005
- Mailed to Laraine Zanatta, 260 N Lauderdale #104 Memphis, TN 38105

Questions?

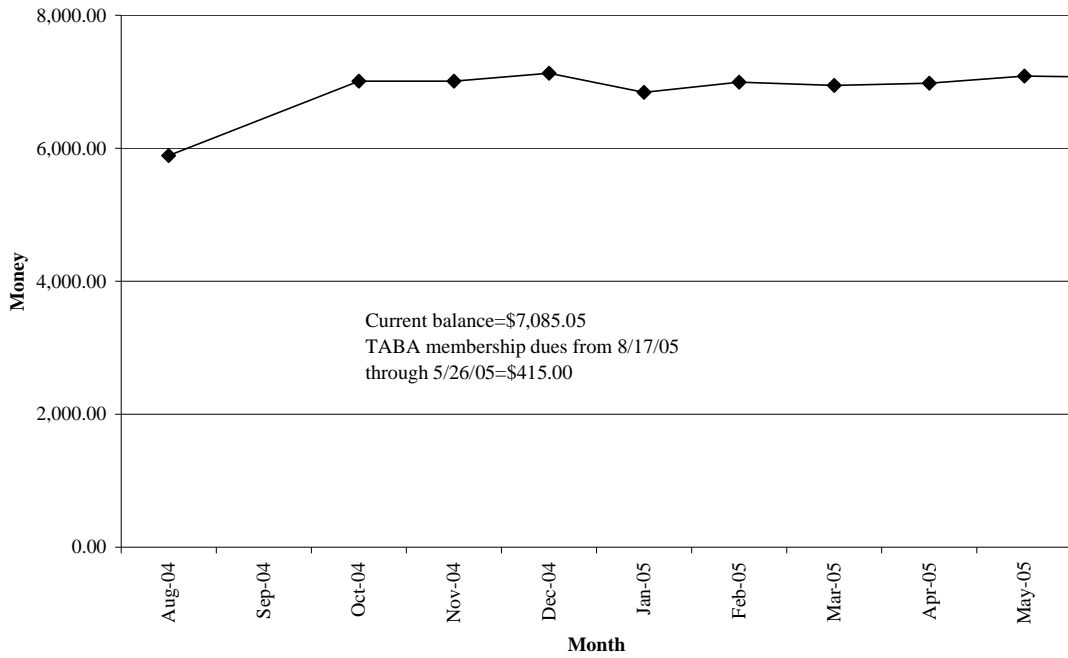
Contact Laraine Zanatta at 901-870 7035 or by email at Larainez@hotmail.com

AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT

TABA encourages the use of audio/visual methods to enhance the effectiveness of your presentation. An LCD projector will also be available at no charge. A videocassette player and monitor will also be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Any other equipment requirements are the responsibility of the individual presenters. Keep in mind that on-site leasing for such equipment is often very costly.

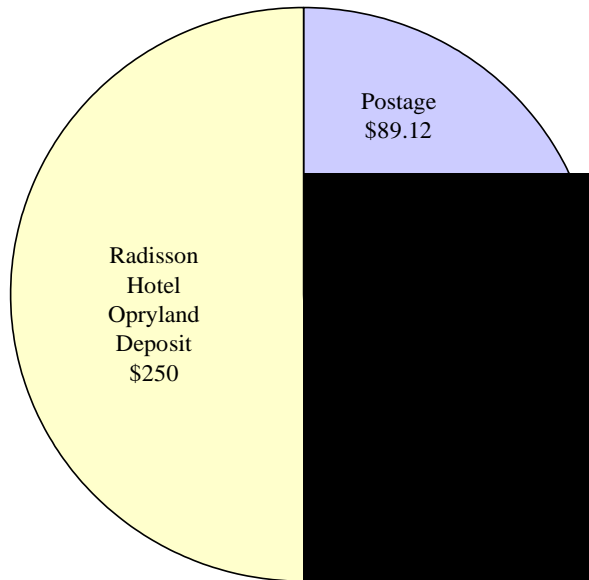
TABA Financial Graphs

TABA Checking Account Balance by Month



TABA Checking Account Withdrawals

August 17, 2004 through May, 26 2005



TABA Homepage

02/12/05- New TABA Website activated. All TABA members must register to get new passwords to access some specific documents. Please e-mail Holly Stevens (Holly.Stevens@state.tn.us) for username and password information.

Please visit the TABA homepage on the internet. The address is www.taba.org. The site has information about the TABA organization and activities as well as links to other sites with useful information for those interested in behavior analysis. **The TABA Times will also be posted on the website.**

BCBA Schedule of Exams

Kudos to those taking the exam on June 1, 2005 at the ABA convention in Chicago and to others taking the exam on June 4, 2005. Go to www.bacb.com for more detailed information and to get updates on the Winter administration of the exam.

Request for Feedback on Newsletter

This is our first newsletter in some time. We invite and welcome all feedback as to the format and content. This is an important format for communication with other professionals and persons in the behavior analysis community in Tennessee. Your participation is important to make it all work and support TABA as well as promote the profession of behavior analysis.

WINNER !!

Name the Newsletter Contest

By overwhelming majority, this newsletter for the Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis is

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