

A Message from the TABA President

As the President of the only organization in Tennessee solely dedicated to promoting the science and practice of behavior analysis, I greet you all with great pleasure and enthusiasm. Last year, TABA had an outstanding conference. It was our first two-track conference offering BACB ® CEU's. I personally want to thank Tim Cripps, Samantha Edwards, Holly Blanc, Carrie Peacock, Neal Fleisig and the Radisson Opryland for putting it all together. Moreover, there would never be a conference without all the dedicated folks presenting and attending the event. Thank you all.

This year, TABA has taken on a challenge most other ABA affiliates never face. Most other chapters benefit from having their start within a university setting. TABA has, for most of its existence, been an all volunteer, all practitioner organization. We have reached out to Tennessee and national researchers for guidance, presentations and notoriety. This had served us well. However, Tennessee is rich in its own traditions, both within our universities and within neighborhoods. For these reasons, TABA continues developing a relationship with our statespersons for web hosting, university support and practical applications. This year's conference theme will be "What's Going On In Tennessee." The majority of invited presentations will be offered to Tennessee faculty and practitioners; who else better knows our educational and applied opportunities?

While I was looking at my old TABA stuff, I found a partial copy of the flyer for the 1st Annual conference. It was actually held in 1997. Early Registration for members was \$65.00. Key presenters were Anthony Cuvo, Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University and Brian Iwata, Ph.D. from the University of Florida. There were more, but the copy was old and in poor condition. That was the first year we operated as a fully recognized ABA affiliate chapter. Wow, has it been (only) 9 conferences? I do believe we held a small conference before our official affiliation with ABA, so it has been 10. Either way, we are calling this conference the 11th.... I'll see what else I can find.

It is no secret that we have maintained a relationship with the Tennessee Division of Mental Retardation (more on that later), but there are behaviorists working across all domains: business, the experimental analysis of behavior, primary and secondary education, family interventions, mental health and mental retardation. With this at hand, this year's conference follows and extends last year's conference in topic diversity and BACB ® continuing education credits.

Additionally, we will be hosting a social event/hospitality suite before the conference's first full day.

This conference will be the best ever! I know we say that every year, and every year it is true.

Mickey Tonos, MS, BCBA

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What TABA Is Doing

TABA Website

As everyone has noticed, the website is under construction. As mentioned earlier in the Message from the President, we are redoubling our efforts in attracting Tennessee-based companies and professionals. Our efforts extend beyond professionals in our field. As soon as the website is running, we will notify everyone. At this time, we are reviewing bids and have gotten the interest of some excellent web designers. All the executive officers appreciate the regular contact made by TABA members and other interested parties via e-mail. We know cyber-communications are critically important; that is why we are seeking a new web developer.

TABA Annual Conference

The TABA Annual Conference will be held at the Opryland Radisson on October 26-28, 2006. Please book your hotel immediately to ensure availability. We have negotiated a reduced rate for the conference, so make sure you mention you are registering for the Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis conference. http://www.radisson.com/nashvilletn?s_cid=L684545229826820. We will post more details on the conference and distribute the registration information this summer.

TABA at ABA

TABA is hosting a poster [ABA conference listing: #267 (86)] of the organization's development at the ABA Affiliates Expo. May 28, 2006 (Sunday) we will be in the Grand Hall from 10:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Come by! The business meeting is May 29, 2006 (Monday) from 7:00 to 7:50 PM in Techwood (ABA conference listing: #407a). We will discuss the new Director of Operations, Regional Representative and Student Officer positions. Updates on the website and educational opportunities in Tennessee are also on the agenda. Oh, Atlanta, I hear you calling!

TABA and DMRS

This year, TABA's participation was invited when the Division of Mental Retardation opened a discussion on establishing a State position titled Behavior Analyst. This is not a license or certification but an official Civil Service position for a behavior analyst. These positions, in the beginning, would be within the Developmental Centers and Regional Offices. These positions would not affect independently contracted vendors, grants or other practices outside the Division of Mental Retardation. As we have advocated for the past four years in all written and spoken communications with our colleagues in the Division, TABA's primary concern is with the recruiting and retention of appropriately trained and credentialed personnel. There seemed to be a strong consensus among all participants that Board Certified Behavior Analysts and Associate Behavior Analysts should hold the positions, regardless of other credentials. Since this is to be a job description, the Division has much autonomy in establishing applicant requirements. The timeline discussed was no sooner than 2 years for the finalization of these positions. Well keep participating and passing the information along.

TABA's Reorganization

With the ratification of the new By-Laws, we will be retiring the Secretary and Treasurer offices and filling them with an appointed Director of Operations. Preferably, this person will have a strong University affiliation and several candidates have arisen. The current executive committee will consider

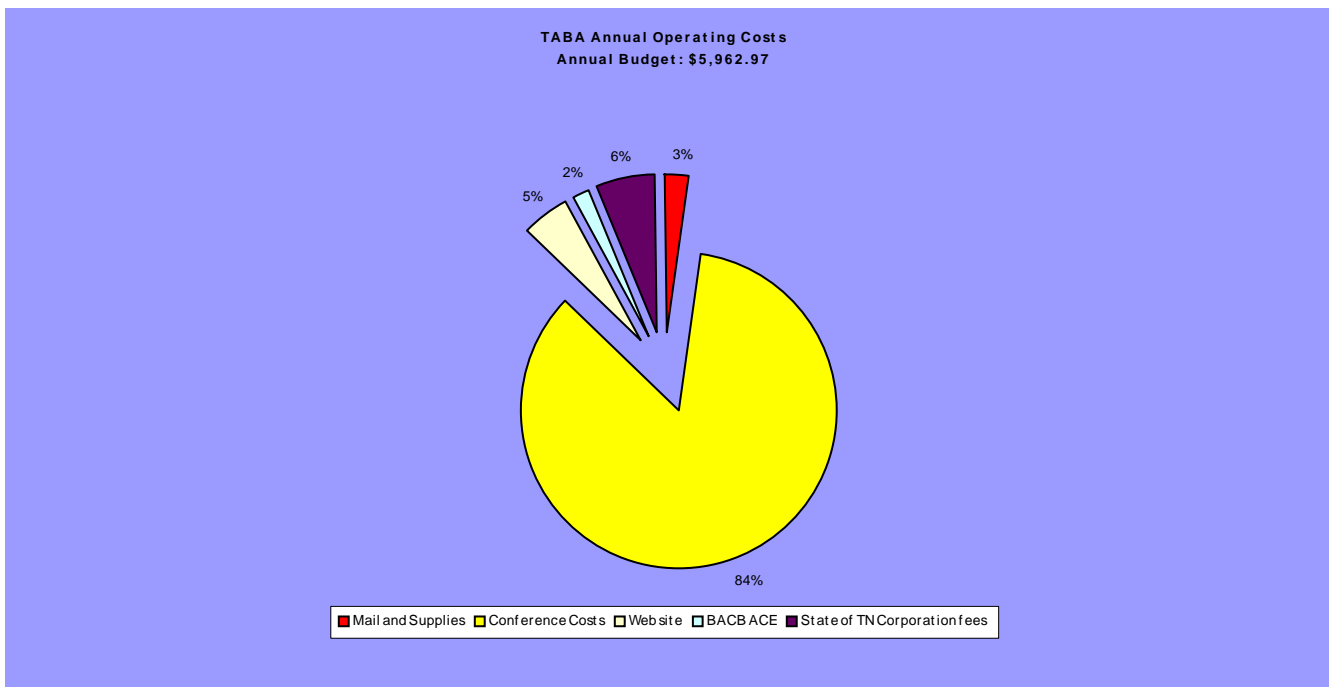
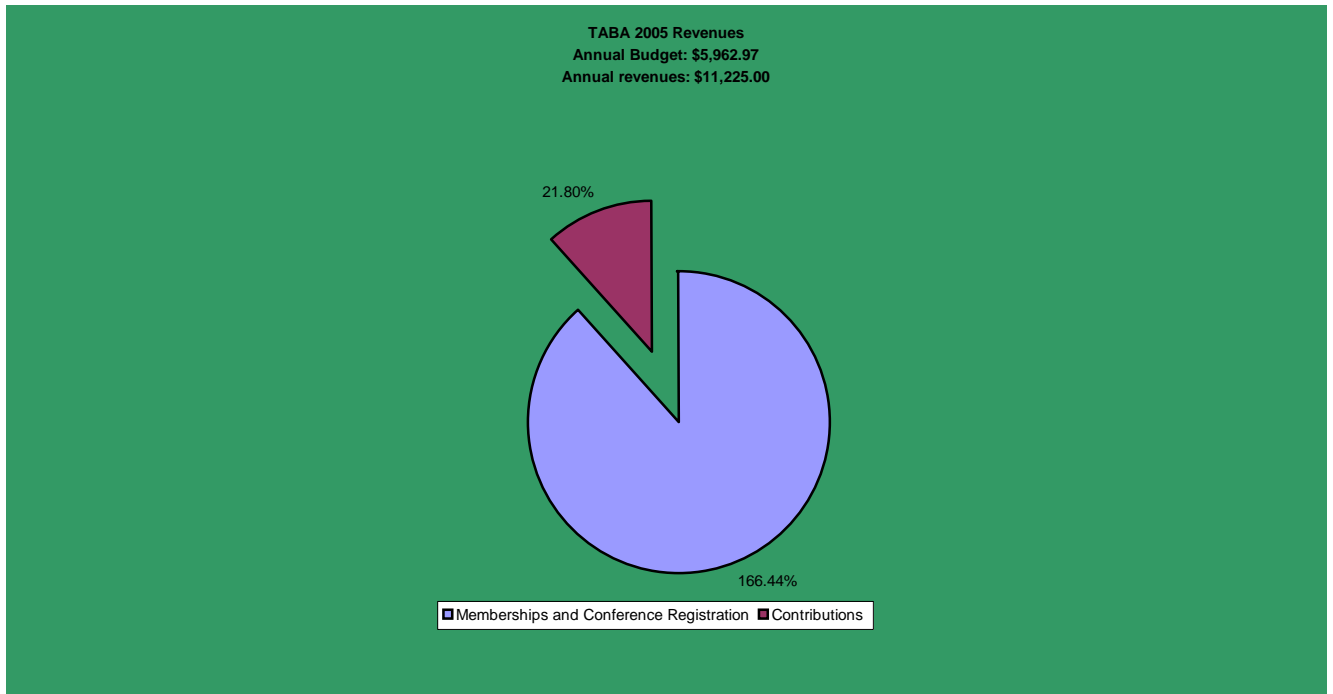
other potential persons, so all members are encouraged to offer suggestions. The ratified changes in By-laws are effective at the close of the 2006 conference.

Positions that will be on the ballot for election at the conference include President-elect, one (1) Regional Representative from each of the grand regions in Tennessee (West, Middle and East) and one (1) Student Officer. In October we will have five offices to fill. The President-elect and the three Regional Representative will be elected by the Voting members. The Student Officer will be elected by the student members. Now is a good time to renew your membership, encourage your colleagues to join and make known any interest in holding an office.

CEU Opportunities

We are constantly on the lookout for any CEU opportunities within our state. CEU opportunities sponsored by individual providers may e-mail the President-Elect, Clayton Cea (taba_claytoncea@bellsouth.net) so that we may advertise it in the newsletter. The TABA conference will provide, at no additional costs, BACB® CEU's. Conference presenters will be eligible for BACB Type 4 CEU's for each of their presentations. Attendees will be eligible for BACB Type 2 credits for each presentation they attend. In both cases, the entire presentation must be attended.

TABA Financial Graphs



The majority of TABA’s revenues and expenses are associated with the Annual Conference. The figures above reflect our financial status at the end of last year combined with the revenues and expenditures for the first quarter of this year. This is an exciting time for TABA financially. TABA’s available funds exceed any in the history of the organization. Our goal is to increase our capacity to better support the advancement of Behavior Analysis.

Request for Contributions for the Newsletter

We invite and welcome all contributions to Newsletter. 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.

TABA Contact Information

Position	Name	E-mail
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TABA is an affiliated chapter of the Association for Behavior Analysis. TABA is dedicated to promoting excellence in behavior analysis by educating practitioners, employers, and consumers.

Comments or replies can be submitted to the President-Elect by e-mail at by postal mail attention: Clayton Cea, 1155 Cully Rd., Cordova, TN 38018 or taba_claytoncea@bellsouth.net

Now accepting presentations for the 2006 11th 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 31, 2006.

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 should include the following:

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
 - Self-addressed, stamped envelope included
 - All materials sent flat, not folded
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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).
Please also include a graphic display of your data!

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

- All materials sent by August 31st, 2006
- Mailed to:
Melissa R. Nosik-Reitz
9800 Hardin Ridge Way
Knoxville, TN 37931

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.

To submit your presentation, follow these steps:

1. Copy the submission form on this newsletter.
 2. Complete the submission form, including the abstract.
 3. E-Mail the completed submission to: **nosikmr@hotmail.com**
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2006 CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

Please Send Submissions to:

Melissa Nosik-Reitz
9800 Hardin Ridge Way
Knoxville, TN 37931

or e-mail to: nosikmr@hotmail.com

***Must be postmarked by August 31st, 2006!**

Principal Presenter Print Name and Credentials (PhD, BCBA, etc.)	1. e-mail: _____
Other Presenters Print Names and Credentials (PhD, BCBA, etc.)	2. 3. 4. 5.
<input type="checkbox"/> Symposium <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Poster	Symposium Discussant: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> My presentation may be considered for inclusion in a symposium with TABA's providing a discussant
I want this considered for BABC Type 2 continuing education credits*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Posters cannot be considered for BACB® CEU's
Working Title	
Duration of the Presentation Continuing education events must be at least 50 minutes. If your presentation will be fewer, please consider participating in a symposium.	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 60 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (Greater than 90 Minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Poster (Cannot be considered for BACB® CEU's)
* Continuing education content must go beyond the knowledge and skills task list of the BACB. For CEU's please provide the following.	<input type="checkbox"/> Identify the Content Area 1. Ethical Considerations 2. Definition And Characteristics 3. Principles, Processes And Concepts 4. Behavioral Assessment 5. Experimental Evaluation Of Interventions 6. Measurement Of Behavior 7. Displaying And Interpreting Behavioral Data 8. Selecting Intervention Outcomes And Strategies 9. Behavior Change Procedures 10. Systems Support <input type="checkbox"/> Vita of the Principal Presenter if not a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or faculty in a BACB approved University curriculum.



2006 TABA Membership Form

Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis

Please Complete, Print and Mail Form and Payment to:

Jenny Denson, TABA Secretary

500 N. B Street

Lenoir City, TN 37771

Personal Information

Name (Last name, first, middle)

Preferred Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Work Telephone (please include Area Code)

Home Telephone (please include Area code)

E-mail Address

Degree (List most recent)

Degree Received: _____ Year Received: _____

Conferring Institution: _____

Major / Concentration: _____

Current Employment

Employer Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Years at Current Job: _____

Additional Questions:

Do you hold certification from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board? (Indicate Level and Certificant Number):

Level: _____ Cert. #: _____

Are you a member of the Association for Behavior Analysis (Indicate category)?: _____

Do you agree to have your membership application information placed on the TABA website? Yes: ___ No: ___

If you answered Yes to the previous question, would you like to indicate an availability to accept referrals on the website? Yes: ___ No: ___

Membership Levels

Voting Membership Category

Full (Voting): Any individual holding at least a Bachelor's degree in behavior analysis, psychology, education or related field, with training or professional experience in behavior analysis and whose interest includes teaching, research, and/or the practice in behavior analysis.

Non-Voting Membership Categories

Affiliate: Any individual who does not meet the qualifications of full membership. Affiliate members will enjoy all benefits of voting membership, except for the right to vote on matters of interest to the organization and the right to hold office.

Associate (Student, Direct care, parent or consumer): Any individual pursuing formal training in the discipline of or related to behavior analysis on at least a half-time basis may apply for membership in this category. Such application must be accompanied by an endorsement of an academic advisor and certification of applicant's student status. Student members may neither vote nor hold office, except in the capacity of Student Officer. Associate membership is also available to non-degreed persons working in a direct service role. Verification of employment at an agency is required for direct care membership. Parents of an individual with disabilities, as well as individuals with disabilities are also able to apply for this membership category. Associate members will enjoy all benefits of full membership, except for the right to vote on matters of interest to the organization and the right to hold office.

Membership Dues/Payment Method

Please mark the appropriate box for membership and enclose dues with this form. Please make checks payable to TABA. Currently, no credit cards are accepted. Please DO NOT send cash.

Category

- Full
- Affiliate
- Associate

Dues (Amount)

- \$35 (Voting)
- \$25 (Non-Voting)
- \$15 (Non-Voting)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____