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The NCABA Executive Committee would like to thank the membership for supporting and attending our 30th Annual Conference, held in Winston-Salem at the Twin City Quarter February 20-22, 2019. The conference included two pre-conference workshops; two post-conference workshops, nine invited addresses, including two panel discussions; a student symposium; nine concurrent sessions; a book signing; and a lively poster session. The information shared during the conference covered a broad range of behavior analytic topics, and we had a record number of attendees.

Our nine invited speakers traveled from across the state and country to present on topics such as: interdisciplinary behavior analysis and the future of our field (Susan Schneider, Ph.D., University of the Pacific); multiple exemplar training and derived stimulus relations in animals and people (Mark Galizio, Ph.D., University of North Carolina Wilmington); the role of organizational coaching systems in culture change (Nicholas Weatherly, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA, Florida Institute of Technology); women in leadership in behavior analysis (Carol Pilgrim, Ph.D., University of North Carolina Wilmington; Judith E. Favell, Ph.D., BCBA-D; Susan Schneider, Ph.D., University of the Pacific; and Gina Green, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Association of Professional Behavior Analysts); life lessons from humanistic behaviorism (E. Scott Geller, Ph.D., Virginia Tech); best practices in autism treatment (William H. Ahearn, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA, The New England Center for Children); operating an ethical ABA practice (Gina Green, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Association of Professional Behavior Analysts); a pragmatic approach to functional assessment (Gregory P. Hanley, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Western New England University); and behavior analyst licensure (Selene Johnson, M.Ed., BCBA, ABC of NC; William H. Ahearn, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA, The New England Center for Children; Michael Dorsey, Ph.D., LABA, BCBA-D, Amego Inc.; Gina Green, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Association of Professional Behavior Analysts; and Daniel Unumb, Esq., Autism Legal Resources Center, LLC). Drs. Geller, Schneider, and Weatherly also participated in a book signing.

We had a total of 82 pre-conference workshop attendees for presentations on why OBMs should consider board certification (Nicholas Weatherly, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA, Florida Institute of Technology) and turning supervisees into supervisors (Callie Plattner, MS, LPA, BCBA; Rachel Gwin, Ph.D., BCBA; and Samantha Anderson, MS, BCBA, Access Family Services) and 138 attendees at our post-conference workshops on ethics in the age of certification and licensure (William H. Ahearn, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LABA, The New England Center for Children) and practical functional assessment and treatment in an enhanced choice model (Gregory P. Hanley, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Western New England University).

Our nine concurrent sessions also covered a breadth of topics presented by local and national experts: Becca Tagg (Del Mar Center for Behavioral Health); Michele Silcox (ABA Therapy Billing and Insurance Services); Jeannie Golden, Alicia Day, and Chelsea Forest (East Carolina University); Rachel Gwin, Ellen Banning, and Matthew Henderson (Access Family Services); John V. Keller (GerBL – The Geriatric Behavior Laboratory); Anne Overcash and Jaime Wedel (Pyramid Educational Consultants); Erin Moran (UCL Institute of Education); Cary Trump, Karla A. Zabala, and Kadijah

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NCABA 2019 Elected Officials

- **President**
Kristi Toward
- **Past President**
Selene Johnson
- **President Elect**
Callie Plattner
- **Vice President**
Monique Baker
- **Secretary**
Leigh Ann Strain
- **Treasurer**
Nancy Poteet
- **Members-at-Large**
Aleck Myers,
Leica Anzaldo
- **Student Representative**
Erin Moran

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K. Quinland (University of Georgia); and Thomas J. Thompson and Michael W. Walker (Behavior Intervention Professionals of the Triangle, PLLC).

A total of 412 people registered for the 2019 conference, which was a record high for our organization. Each of the invited and concurrent talks were well-attended and our speakers did an outstanding job delivering meaningful and important content to our attendees. This year, NCABA was able to offer both NCPA and BACB continuing education credits, including supervision and ethics credits, for each of the invited and concurrent presentations as well as for the pre-and post-conference workshops.

At the opening of the conference, Selene Johnson gave thanks to the members of the NCABA Executive Council and acknowledged their continued efforts with supporting and growing this vibrant organization, putting together the 2019 conference, and continuing to work on behavior analyst practice issues in our state. Awards were given to several very deserving individuals during the opening remarks. Casey Raymer (ABC of NC) was awarded the NCABA “Do Things” Award; Rachael Cushing Cook (St. Gerard House) was awarded the Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, given this year by Dr. Keller’s son, Dr. John Keller; Heather Young (J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center) received the Technical Utilization Award, and Dottie Dator (East Carolina University) was awarded the J. Iverson Riddle Student Scholarship. The NCABA Student Representative, Sydney Ramsey Batchelder from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, organized an excellent student symposium for this year’s conference, including presentations by: Annie Eick (Virginia Tech), Rhiannon Takemoto-Jennings (Virginia Tech), Megan Carpenter (University of North Carolina Charlotte), and Elizabeth Reyes (University of North Carolina Charlotte).

The poster session included research conducted by undergraduate and graduate students, as well as from professionals. Prizes were awarded to presenters across three categories: 1) undergraduate went to Keliyah Killian, A. Tamlyn Shields, Kari Bishop, Kelsey Bryan, and Krista Holland (University of North Carolina Wilmington); 2) graduate went to Reem Muharib, Robert Pennington, Ya-yu Lo, and

Megan Carpenter (University of North Carolina Charlotte); and 3) professional went to Margaret Zoller, Whitney Sukonick, Ema Auten, and Amelia Currie (Autism Society of North Carolina).

This year’s annual business meeting was – for the second year in a row - exceptionally well-attended. The meeting centered primarily on the discussion of practice issues for behavior analysts in our state. Selene Johnson provided an update from the Public and Professional Relations Committee on fundraising efforts and an update from the attorneys representing NCABA in determining the rights and status of Board Certified Behavior Analysts to provide applied behavior analysis services in North Carolina in accordance with their BACB certification. The newly elected officers were announced and are listed on our website, along with a link members can use to contact them by email. The Board welcomes Monique Baker in the position of Vice President, Leica Anzaldo into the position of Member at Large, Erin Moran into the position of Student Representative, and Nancy Poteet into the position of Treasurer.

Deserving a special thank you and acknowledgement are Jamie Clary, Ruth Hurst, Fred Spooner, and Duke Schell who serve non-voting but essential functions for the NCABA Board. Jamie Clary serves as our NCABA Web Editor, Ruth Hurst serves as our liaison to ABAI and other related groups, and Fred Spooner and Duke Schell will continue to serve as Senior NCABA Board Advisors. I want to sincerely thank board members Whitney Sukonick (Past President) and Sydney Ramsey Batchelder (Student Representative) for all they have done to support and advance NCABA during their terms. I would also like to extend our gratitude to Mike from High Impact Entertainment for bringing the fun and getting our attendees on the dance floor and in the photo booth during the social. Members who want to check out the fun photos can view them [here](#).

And finally, I would like to sincerely thank all of the members of the Executive Council who have worked tirelessly to support the endeavors of NCABA across the course of the past year, in addition to making the 30th Annual Conference a successful event for everyone who attended. Without the dedication and support

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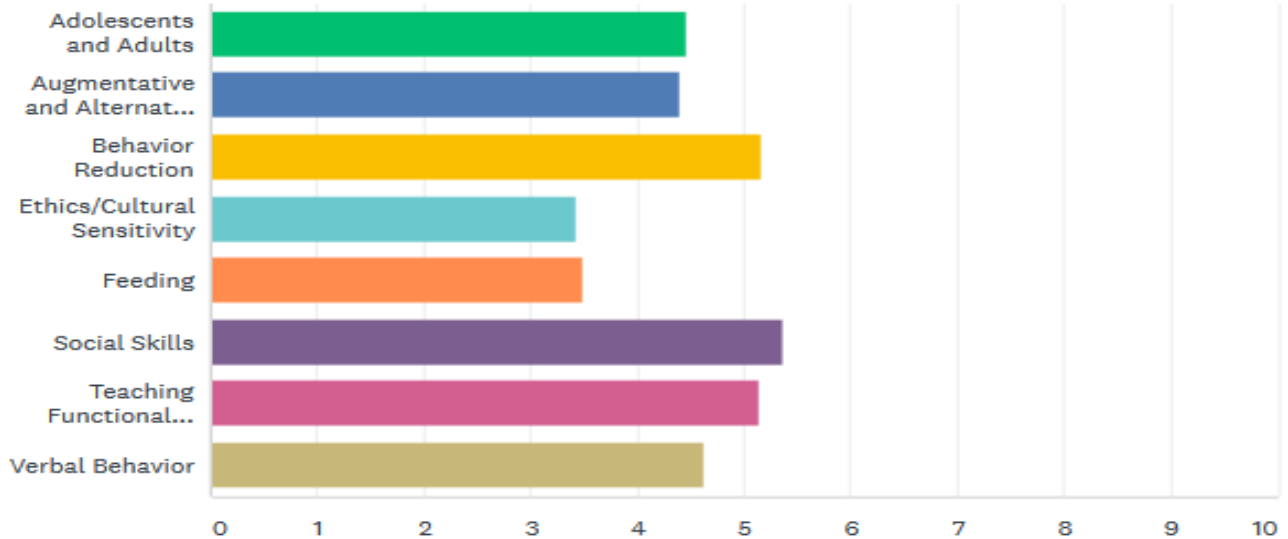
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of each and every one of you, this conference would not have been possible. On behalf of the entire NCABA Executive Council, we hope to see all of you again next year for our 31st Annual Conference, which will be held in Raleigh!

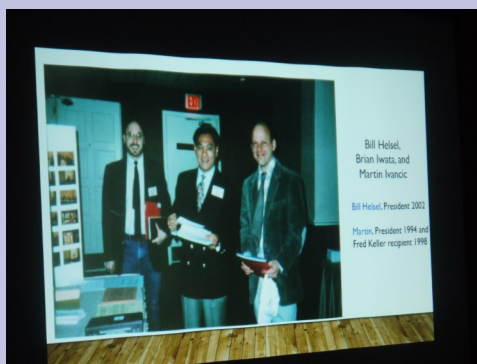
~Selene Johnson, Past-President

Survey Results for Topic Preference at the 2019 Autism Conference

Answered: 97 Skipped: 0



NCABA 2019 Autism Conference/Mid-Year Workshop Topics



Missed the 30th Annual Slideshow at the Social?

Access the slideshow using the link below:

www.nc-aba.com/30thSlideshow/

A big thanks to Aleck Myers for creating this trip down memory lane!

2019 Award Recipients

Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award
Racheal Cushing Cook, St. Gerard House

Technical Utilization Award
Heather Young, J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center

“Do Things” Award
Casey Raymer, ABC of NC

Student Scholarship Award
Dottie Dator, East Carolina University

Professional Poster Award
Margaret Zoller, Autism Society of North Carolina
Teaching Protocols for One Participant Using a Speech-Generating Device

Graduate Student Poster Award
Megan Carpenter, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Persistence in Manding for Help

Undergraduate Student Poster Award
Keliyah Killian, University of North Carolina Wilmington
Effect of Active4me Application on Transportation Mode to School Among Elementary Aged Students

NCABA Membership & Conference Attendance

<i>Membership 2019</i>			
Full Members	Para-professional	Student	
401	28	92	
<i>Conference 2019</i>			
Full Member	Paraprofessional	Student	Non-Member
302	24	76	10

NCABA Officials Elected in 2019

- **Monique Baker**, *Effective Interventions*, Vice President
- **Nancy Poteet**, *Consultant*, Treasurer
- **Leica Anzaldo**, *Easter Seals UCP*, Member at Large
- **Erin Moran**, *UCL Institute of Education*, Student Representative

NCABA Financial Report

Cash 01-01-18	\$61,743.60
2018 Income (all sources)	\$82,918.59
-Membership & Conf	\$61,498.59
-Donations to PPRF*	\$21,420.00
2018 Expenses	\$80,292.87
-General Expenses	\$43,872.87
-NCABA Match to PPRF	\$15,000.00
-Transfer Donations to PPRF	\$21,420.00
2018 EOY Total NCABA Cash	\$64,369.32
2018 EOY Total PPRF Fund	\$36,420.00

*Public & Professional Relations Fund (PPRF)

Submit an Article for our Newsletter

The NCABA Executive Committee would like to include articles in the newsletter on varied topics related to behavior analysis and the practice of behavior analysis in North Carolina. Examples of appropriate topics are:

- innovative techniques
- case studies
- staff management/training/OBM issues
- legal and legislative issues (e.g., BCBAs in NC)
- theoretical topics
- educational applications
- helpful tips for practitioners
- descriptions or reviews of North Carolina programs utilizing behavior analysis

The NCABA newsletter will typically be published quarterly in March, June, September and December. For your submission to be considered it should be received by the 15th of the month prior to the publication month. The NCABA Executive Committee reserves the right to accept, reject, or request revisions to any article submitted for the NCABA newsletter.

Articles should be in Word format and should be emailed to help@nc-aba.com as an attachment:
help@nc-aba.com