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# North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis

## 30th Annual NCABA Conference Announcement

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The 30<sup>th</sup> annual NCABA Conference will be held **February 20-22, 2019** in downtown Winston Salem, NC at the Twin City Quarter. The downtown location is an easy walk to the Downtown Arts District, Fourth Street's Restaurant Row, craft breweries, shopping, and more!

We are gearing up for an exciting 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary lineup of speakers and events, including invited speakers: Greg Hanley (Western New England University), Susan Schneider (author of *The Science of Consequences*), Nicholas Weatherly (Florida Institute of Technology), Scott Geller (Virginia Tech), Mark Galizio (UNC-Wilmington), William Ahearn (The New England Center for Children), and Gina Green (Association of Professional Behavior Analysts).

We will also have two invited panels with special guests on the following topics: 1) Women in ABA and 2) Behavior Analyst Licensure. Pre-conference workshops will be held on Wednesday morning with a presentation provided by Nicholas Weatherly and a presentation related to supervision presented by Callie Plattner and Sam Anderson. Post conference workshops will be presented by Greg Hanley and William Ahearn. Several BACB and NCPA credits will be available throughout the conference. Other events will include concurrent sessions, a student symposium, a poster session, a book signing, and the annual NCABA social!

Be sure to save the date and watch for conference registration to open in early December. Reserve your room now using the hotel information on page 3 of this newsletter to secure your stay for an NCABA Conference that you will not want to miss.

~Selene Johnson, President

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### NCABA 2018 Elected Officials

- **President**  
Selene Johnson
- **Past President**  
Whitney Luffman
- **President Elect**  
Kristi Toward
- **Vice President**  
Callie Plattner
- **Secretary**  
Leigh Ann Strain
- **Treasurer**  
Nancy Poteet
- **Members-at-Large**  
Monique Baker,  
Aleck Myers
- **Student Representative**  
Sydney Batchelder

## Submit your Proposal to Present a Paper or Poster at the NCABA Annual Conference

Share your work with others at our annual conference by presenting a paper in a one hour session Thursday morning or by presenting the information in poster form at our poster session on the first evening of the conference. Monetary awards are given for Best Undergraduate Student Poster, Best Graduate Student Poster, and Best Professional Poster. The deadline for paper submissions is **December 1st, 2018** and the deadline for poster submissions is **January 7th, 2019**. You can submit your proposal online now by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.nc-aba.com/ncaba-conference/>

## Interested in Becoming an Exhibitor at the 30th Annual NCABA Conference?

- Provide printed materials (or other items) containing your exhibitor information to all conference attendees
- Set up an exhibitor table for one or more of the conference days
- Reserve an exhibitor space at the poster session to display your company materials in poster format

Exhibitor space is limited so be sure to reserve your space early by completing the form at the link below:

<https://www.nc-aba.com/exhibitor-form/>

Visit us at:

[www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com)

## Public & Professional Relations Committee

- April 2018** The NCABA Public and Professional Relations Committee (“the Committee”) began meeting, on average, biweekly to carry out the motion passed by the membership at the February 2018 annual business meeting:
- The membership hereby authorizes the Board to retain legal counsel for the purpose of providing advice, counsel, and representation, including, if necessary, pursuing a declaratory judgment action on behalf of the association, to clarify the effect of the 2017 amendment to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-3-192, and determine 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 Board is further authorized to establish a legal fund to accept donations to be used to support these efforts, to establish a subcommittee to oversee these efforts, and to take other necessary administrative actions within the Board’s authority under the bylaws to effectuate this resolution.*
- May 2018** Daniel Collins, Executive Director of the NC Psychology Board provided a response letter to the NCABA Executive Council, which was shared with NCABA’s attorneys.
- June 2018** The Committee began soliciting companies and NCABA members for contributions to the Public and Professional Relations fund.
- July 2018** With the initial funds raised, the NCABA board engaged Dan Unumb, Esq., J.D. and Heather Fuller, J.D., who are currently working on the following tasks:
- 1) Assessing the current climate in the NC Legislature regarding potential for a licensure bill.
  - 2) Meeting with relevant leaders to gain insight into possible strategies for seeking clarity around BCBAs’ rights and status to provide applied behavior analysis services in NC. These meetings could include, but are not limited to: the Attorney General, Department of Insurance, Director of Medicaid, US Senators/Representatives, and/or NC State Senators/Representatives.
  - 3) Investigating laws and regulation procedures potentially related to the practice of behavior analysis in the state of NC and other states’ precedents around those topics.
- August 2018** As approved by the NCABA Executive Council, NCABA (the organization) matched individual and company contributions with an NCABA contribution of \$15,000. We are continuing to solicit support, as we have not yet reached the initial goal of \$50,000. We also continue to solicit support in order to be prepared for advancement of efforts towards a licensure bill, declaratory judgement action, or any other possible outcomes that would clarify the rights and status of BCBAs to practice behavior analysis in NC.
- September 2018** In order to be best prepared for all possible solutions towards clarifying the rights and status of BCBAs to practice behavior analysis in NC, including the possibility of licensure, the Committee submitted the former licensure bill (HB714) for review by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA), and the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) to get input on any suggestions for improvement.
- October 2018** The Committee created a survey for organizations that provide adaptive behavior treatment in order to gain insight into current practice trends, barriers to service access, challenges for practicing, etc. Leaders of organizations providing adaptive behavior treatment should receive the survey in the coming weeks. The NCABA Executive Council is working to form a licensure panel for the 2019 NCABA Conference.

**To learn more and to donate to the fund go to: [www.nc-aba.com/public-professional-relations/](http://www.nc-aba.com/public-professional-relations/)**

## Student Corner

- ◆ Student members can get involved in a number of ways:
  - *Student Representative*: run for the position of student representative and serve on the NCABA Executive Council. It is a one year term and a great way to make an impact.
  - *Student Symposium*: submit a proposal to present your research in the student symposium. If accepted you would provide a 15-20 minute presentation of your work along with other students. It is a great opportunity to network with other students, receive feedback from experts in the field, and interact with leaders in ABA in North Carolina.
  - *Poster Session*: submit a proposal and present your research during the poster session. Two \$50 awards will be given out, one for the best graduate poster and one for the best undergraduate poster.
- ◆ Interested in attending the conference but have concerns about the costs? Consider one of the following options:
  - *Student Scholarship Award*: The winner will receive \$100. In addition, the conference fee the following year is waived. Candidates need to have advanced coursework and practical experience in behavior analysis and need to be nominated by a faculty member or internship supervisor by January 7th.
  - *Work the Registration Booth*: NCABA will be waiving the registration fees for the first 30 student members who volunteer to work one hour at the registration booth during the conference. If you are a student member then plan to register as soon as registration opens in December and select the volunteer option.

## Conference Hotel Information

**\*Make your reservations by January 21st, 2019 to assure you receive NCABA Rates!**

You have your choice of two hotels that are connected by an enclosed walkway.  
All conference sessions except for the social are located in the Marriott.

### Embassy Suites

Make yourself at home in our hotel in Winston-Salem, NC in a spacious suite with private bedroom & separate living room. Amenities include a flat-screen TV, Wi-Fi internet access, refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker & a well-lit dining/work table.

***\$154.00 per night***

*(includes overnight parking for one vehicle, full breakfast and evening manager's reception)*

460 North Cherry Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Make reservations online at the group rate by visiting:  
[http://www.nc-aba.com/index\\_files/HotellInfo.htm](http://www.nc-aba.com/index_files/HotellInfo.htm)

Or call for reservations  
and ask for the NCABA group rate.  
(Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm)  
Toll Free: 1-800-696-6107

### Marriott

Enjoy the new Marriott Revive Beds with 300-count linens, fluffier pillows and down comforters, complimentary high-speed internet access in all guest rooms. Luxurious amenities that create a comfortable stay. Flat-screen TV in all guest rooms.

***\$144.00 per night***

*(includes overnight parking for one vehicle)*

425 North Cherry Street  
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## Award Nominations Sought

At each annual conference awards are given to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding work in the field of behavior analysis. If you know of someone like this, please take time to nominate them for one of the three awards described below. Nominations received online by **January 7th** will be considered by the NCABA Executive Council as they determine the award winners. Click on the link below to go directly to award nomination form.

<https://www.nc-aba.com/award-nomination/>

### *~Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award~*

Given to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of behavior analysis in North Carolina and whose work demonstrates the highest quality in the application of behavior analytic principles.

### *~Technical Utilization Award~*

Given to a person who has not been formerly trained in behavior analysis, but who has excelled at applying behavioral technology in their work. To qualify, the candidate must not have received formal, graduate level training in behavior analysis. The recipient of this award will receive complimentary conference registration to the next annual conference and a \$100.00 stipend toward conference expenses.

### *~Student Scholarship Award~*

Given to a student who has excelled in their advanced course work and who has demonstrated excellent behavior analytic skills in their advanced course work and practical experience in behavior analysis, and who would benefit from attending the conference. The sponsor who nominates the student should be a faculty member or internship supervisor who can briefly indicate how the student's work demonstrates potential for behavior analysis application in North Carolina. The recipient of this award will receive complimentary conference registration to the next annual conference and a \$100.00 stipend toward conference expenses.

## Join the NCABA Executive Board

NCABA is seeking nominations for people interested in serving on the Executive Committee. Nominations are being sought for the following positions:

**Vice President**  
**Treasurer**  
**Member at Large**  
**Student Representative**

You will find a full description for each of the positions and the form to nominate someone willing to serve at the link below. Nominations must be received by **January 7th** in order for the person to run for office.

<https://www.nc-aba.com/ec-nomination/>

## Submit an Article for our Newsletter

*~Have you had success with a technique?~*  
*~Have you had a well established technique fail?~*  
*~Do you have an idea that you want to share?~*

The NCABA Executive Council 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., BCBA's in NC)
- theoretical topics
- educational applications
- getting certified (BCBA, BCaBA)
- helpful tips for practitioners
- descriptions or reviews of North Carolina programs utilizing behavior analysis
- reviews or applications of books or articles related to behavior analysis
- experimental 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 Council 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](mailto:help@nc-aba.com) as an attachment.