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2021 Annual Conference Review

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On behalf of the NCABA Executive Council, I would like to thank our attendees, speakers and membership for supporting our 32nd Annual Conference which was held virtually on February 26th, 2021. Moving to a virtual conference was a difficult but necessary decision and we are grateful that our membership demonstrated overwhelming support.

Our 317 attendees had the opportunity to learn from five invited speakers who presented on a variety of topics such as a behavioral systems approach to ethics (Matthew Brodhead, PhD, BCBA-D, Michigan State University), operant principles rich-to-lean transitions (Christine Hughes, PhD, University of North Carolina-Wilmington), extending the reach of ABA (Matthew Normand, PhD, BCBA-D, University of the Pacific), supervision and leadership (Tim Courtney, MS, BCBA, ClearPath Billing), and culturally competent and humble practice (Shawn Capell, MS, BCBA, LBA, Covenant 15:16 LLC).

We thank each and every one of you for your attendance to the 32nd Annual Virtual Conference. Because of your continued support, our speakers were able to deliver meaningful content and promote research within the field of behavior analysis. NCABA offered both NCPA and BACB continuing education credits, including supervision and ethics credits across invited addresses and our workshop. This year 1646 total BACB as well as 308 NCPA continuing education credits were awarded. I would like to thank the attendees and board members for their patience and assistance in navigating the new virtual platform and continuing education system.

Our business meeting was well attended and after approving minutes from the 2020 business meeting and recognizing the members of the NCABA Executive Council for their continued efforts to grow and uphold the organization's mission, awards were presented to several well-deserving individuals. Patrick Ballantine (Ballantine Company Inc) was awarded the NCABA "Do Things" award; Jamie Clary (Positive Behavior Supports) was awarded the Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award; Dacey McDuffie (Effective Interventions) received the Technical Utilization Award, and Mekayla Rivera (Easterseals UCP and Arizona State University) was awarded the J. Iverson Riddle Student Scholarship.

Our student symposium was organized by NCABA's Student Representative Ashley Neagle from Ball State University and included presentations by Richelle Hurtado, MA, BCBA (University of North Carolina Wilmington), Keisha Dobie, MA/CAS, MSA, BA (East Carolina University), and Janet Enriquez, MS, BCBA (University of North Carolina Charlotte).

Thank you to all who attended our business meeting that focused on the status of practice issues for behavior analysts in North Carolina. Selene Johnson provided an update from the Public and Professional Relations Committee and the status of SB 103 and

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NCABA 2021 Elected Officials

- **President**
Monique Baker
- **Past President**
Callie Plattner
- **President Elect**
Shanun Kunnavatana
- **Vice President**
Nina Deese
- **Secretary**
Leigh Ann Strain
- **Treasurer**
Nancy Poteet
- **Members-at-Large**
Jacqueline Hamilton
Sarah Pope
- **Student Representative**
Alaina Swick

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HB 91. Further updates on these efforts can be found later in this newsletter. The newly elected officers were announced and are listed on our website, along with a link that members can use to contact them by email.

The board welcomes Nina Deese into the position of Vice-President, Sarah Pope into the position of Member-at-Large, and Alaina Swick into the position of Student Representative. Nancy Poteet was re-elected into the position of Treasurer.

The knowledge and support from our non-voting members is essential to the NCABA board. Thank you to Jamie Clary, our Web Editor; Ruth Hurst and Sarah Pope our ACE coordinators and liaisons to ABAI and NCPA; and Duke Schell and Fred Spooner, our Senior NCABA Board Advisors. I would like to sincerely thank out-going board members Kristi Toward (Past President) and Ashley Neagle (Student Representative) for their notable support for NCABA during their terms.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the entire Executive Council. Your diligence, support and advocacy for NCABA is undeniable – this conference and the execution of our organization’s mission would not be possible without your dedication.

On behalf of the entire NCABA Executive Council, thank you and we look forward to seeing you in person at our 33rd Annual Conference in Winston-Salem!

~ Callie Plattner, Past-President

Update from the Public and Professional Relations Committee

- 1) On May 17, 2021, Governor Roy Cooper signed into law legislation establishing independent licensure for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts. SB103 is now officially law in NC. Many ABA companies and individuals from across the state supported NCABA’s efforts to seek clarity on the practice of behavior analysis in NC, and we are grateful for their support. Next steps include the appointment of members to the licensure board and the establishment of processes to license qualified individuals. We will keep our members abreast of updates.
- 2) House Bill 882 was filed on 05/05/2021 – “An act to permit students to receive behavioral health services in public school units.” Primary sponsor is Representative Hawkins.
- 3) House Bill 771 was filed on 05/04/2021 – “An act to establish a program for local school administrative units to apply to the department of public instruction for ongoing extraordinary costs of children with disabilities, including for placement of students in settings outside the school system to reduce the use of modified day, homebound, and hospitalized placements; and to require an annual report on the monitoring of students in homebound, modified day, and hospital placements.” Primary sponsors are Representatives Lofton, Bradford, Hawkins, and Willis.

A Note on Collaboration

As behavior analysts we are required by our Professional and Ethical Compliance Code to collaborate with other professionals when indicated and professionally appropriate as evidenced in section 2.03 (b).

NCABA is committed to encouraging collaboration and learning across disciplines and we are excited to learn from Daphne Hartzheim, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCBA (ABI Learning Center) at our Annual Autism Conference this July.

We would also like to encourage our members to access a resource (linked below) provided by ABAI characterizing professional behavior analysts' responsibility for interprofessional collaboration while engaged in the treatment of a variety of conditions.

[Click here to read ABAI's resource document: "Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Between Behavior Analysts and Speech Language Pathologists."](#)

NCABA Financial Report

May 1st, 2021

Total Account Balance: \$139,785.39

Current PPRF* Funds: \$28,753.00

Available NCABA General Funds: \$111,032.39

**Public & Professional Relations Fund (PPRF)*

Save the Date!

6th Annual Autism Conference

Friday, July 30th, 2021

We are excited to announce our 6th Annual NCABA Autism Conference, held virtually on July 30, 2021. This year we will be offering a 3-hour workshop with Cassi Breaux on "Building an Assent-Based Culture: Applications in Practice and Management." In the afternoon, we will have Dr. Daphne Hartzheim, speaking on interdisciplinary treatment approaches for language development, and Dr. Leslie Neely, discussing how recent advancements in technology can be leveraged to make ABA more humanistic and precise. Finally, we will have a discussion panel on the parent experience of supporting a loved one with Autism.

Our panelists include Lorri Unumb, Mary Rosswurm, and Michele Trivedi.

Registration for this conference will include full day access to all of the events for only \$60. Registration will open late-June once the agenda has been finalized. We look forward to sharing the day with you!

~ Shanun Kunnavatana, President Elect

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SPONSOR THE 6TH ANNUAL NCABA AUTISM CONFERENCE

Support NCABA in our efforts to provide thought-provoking presentations that extend our impact as individuals, and as a field. Consider sponsoring the 6th Annual Autism Conference and promote your organization to our ever growing membership. Six sponsorship spots are available for \$250 and will include:

- ◆ A one-page company advertisement distributed to all attendees
- ◆ Sponsorship announcement on NCABA social media and informational emails regarding the conference
- ◆ Each sponsor will be acknowledged at the beginning of each presentation and have the opportunity to distribute a prize or promotional item via drawing during a break

NCABA Membership & Conference Attendance

<i>Membership 2021</i>			
Full Members	Para-professional	Student	
470	9	46	
<i>Conference 2021</i>			
Full Member	Paraprofessional	Student	Non-Member
279	1	25	7

NCABA Officials Elected in 2021

- **Nina Deese**, *Easterseals UCP of NC & VA*, Vice President
- **Sarah Pope**, *Mosaic*, Member-at-Large
- **Alaina Swick**, *UNC Charlotte, Positive Behavior Support Corp.*, Student Representative

2021 Award Recipients

Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award

Jamie Clary, Positive Behavior Supports

Technical Utilization Award

Dacey McDuffie, Effective Interventions

“Do Things” Award

Patrick Ballantine, Ballantine Company Inc

Student Scholarship Award

Mekayla Rivera, Easterseals UCP and Arizona State University

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