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### Benefits of PennABA Membership

Reduced registration fee to the annual conference

Receipt of PennABA Newsletter

Listing in PennABA Membership Directory

Listing of employment opportunities in behavior analysis

Communication network for sharing/receiving information with others interested in behavior analysis

Enhanced knowledge and skills in applied behavior analysis

## A Message from the President of PennABA, William J. Helsel, Ed.D., BCBA

PennABA was founded in the late 1990s by Richard M. Foxx and William J. Helsel in response to a contact from Ms. Cheri Heeter, BCBA, who had just arrived in Pennsylvania from Florida, home to FABA, and wanted to know about an affiliated chapter here in the Keystone state. Drs. Foxx and Helsel responded by incorporating PennABA in 1998. Dr. Richard Foxx continues to serve as the organizations Executive Director. And with the invaluable help of key folks from Penn State University campuses in Harrisburg, Hershey, and State College, along with organizations like Melmark and PLEA, we are holding our 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference in 2007. As a small non-profit organization, the primary role of the PennABA Board Members is to host an annual conference and generate a newsletter designed to inform and connect Behavior Analysts in Pennsylvania and our neighboring states. We have continued to solicit input from our members to refine the services we provide with the most notable membership driven change reflected in the structure of our conferences beginning in 2005 and continuing today. In addition, we revised our website in 2006 relying on feedback from our members. You can find us at [www.pennaba1.org](http://www.pennaba1.org) where we publish information about the organization and where we hope eventually those Pennsylvanians interested in behavior analysis will increase their communications with each other.



Pennsylvania is home to a large number of behavior analysts along with a number of people showing a growing interest in Applied Behavior Analysis. Together with other regional associations in our area such as the New York State Association of Applied Behavior Analysis (NYSABA), the Berkshire Association of Behavior Analysis (BABAT), the Maryland Association of Behavior Analysis (MABA), the Delaware Valley Association of Applied Behavior Analysis (DVABA), and the New Jersey Association for Behavior Analysis (NJABA), we too hope to contribute to the level of communication and dissemination of the behavior analytic work being done in our region. You are receiving this newsletter because you have been active in PennABA in the past and/or you have been identified as an important colleague in our vicinity.

As Spring 2007 approaches, we are preparing for our annual PennABA Conference to be held at the Sheraton Station Square in downtown Pittsburgh on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. When you go to the website to review the conference schedule more closely and register for the conference, be sure to click on the link for more information about the Sheraton Station Square. There are beautiful panoramic views of the hotel and where it is located in Pittsburgh. Come help us usher in Spring here in Pittsburgh! Beyond the beautiful accommodations, the list of speakers this year will prove to make your trip to Pittsburgh worthwhile. Our speakers this year include Nancy A. Neef, Ph.D., Dennis H. Reid, Ph.D., Martin Ivancic, Ph.D., Richard M. Kubina, Jr., Ph.D., Keith E. Williams, Ph.D., and Richard M. Foxx, Ph.D. Again, please visit the website to learn more about our presenters' topics including perspectives on Performance Management, Precision Teaching, Ethics, ADHD, Autism, Feeding Disorders, and research methodology. We have again applied for continuing education accreditation to enable those participants attending presentations either one or both days of the conference to receive APA CEUs through the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, BCBA and BCABA CEUs through the Behavior Analysis Certification Board, as well as Act 48 Special Education Credits through the assistance of William Galbraith, Ph.D. at PaTTAN.

A quick review of our past two conferences will give new folks interested in PennABA a chance to see the quality of presenters and presentations we have been able to attract as a measure of what to expect in the future. The 2006 PennABA Conference was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel, Grantville, PA. The new successfully expanded two-day format used for the 2005 conference was followed in 2006 and featured three, 3-hour workshops on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, including Richard Foxx, Jeff Garito, Jonathan Ivy, and James Meindl on "Treating Severe Behavior Problems," Rebecca MacDonald on "Teaching Pretend Play to Children with Autism Using Video Modeling," and Edmond Tiryak on "Avoiding Lawsuits and Ethical Problems." The evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> concluded with a Poster Session and Cocktails. May 5<sup>th</sup> was devoted to a series of presentations from a variety of speakers with Fran Warkowski, Bill Galbraith, and Michael Miklos starting us off with "B. F. Skinner's Model of Verbal Behavior Application to the Classroom," followed by Rebecca MacDonald's presentation "Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention for Young Children with Autism," Edmond Tiryak's "Some Musings on ABA in Pennsylvania Today," Keith Slifer's "Behavioral Approaches to Pediatric Procedure-related Anxiety and Pain," Bill Helsel's "The Four Building Blocks: A Contextualist's Model for Alternative Behavior," and a Q&A Panel for "Translating a Scientific Approach to Human Behavior Across Various Settings."

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## PennABA 2007 Conference Agenda

### Thursday, April 19, 2007

8:00 - 9:00	Conference Registration	
9:00 - 12:00	<b>Morning Workshops</b>	
	<b>Workshop One</b>	<b>Workshop Two</b>
	<i>Learning the Basics of the Standard Celeration Chart</i> Presenters: Richard M. Kubina Jr, Ph.D., BCBA, Douglas E. Kostewicz, M.S., BCBA and Shawn M. Datchuk, M.S.	<i>Applying Behavior Analysis to Promote Happiness Among People with Autism and Other Severe Disabilities</i> Presenter: Dennis H. Reid, Ph. D., BCBA
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch on your own	
1:30 - 4:30	<b>Afternoon Workshops</b>	
	<b>Workshop Three</b>	<b>Workshop Four</b>
	<i>Ethics and Behavior Analysis; Avoiding Lawsuits and Ethical Problems</i> Presenter: Richard M. Foxx, Ph.D., BCBA	<i>Programming for Residential Life Quality and Staff Pride</i> Presenter: Martin Ivancic, Ph.D.
5:30 - 7:00	Social Hour and Poster Session	

### Friday, April 20, 2007

8:00 - 8:45	Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast	PennABA Council Business Meeting
8:45 - 10:00	<b>Opening Event and Keynote</b>	
	<i>The Evolution of Research Methods with ADHD: Intelligent Designs or Monkey Business?</i> Presenter: Nancy A. Neef, Ph.D.	
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 11:10	<b>Speaker Series One</b>	
	<i>An Initial Survey of Fractional Graph and Table Area In Behavioral Journals</i> Presenter: Richard M. Kubina, Jr. Ph.D., BCBA	
11:10 - 12:00	<b>Speaker Series Two</b>	
	<i>Using Applied Behavior Analysis to Address Feeding and Nutrition Problems in Children</i> Presenter: Keith E. Williams, Ph.D., BCBA	
12:00 - 1:30	PennABA Luncheon	
1:30 - 2:20	<b>Speaker Series Three</b>	
	<i>The Critical Importance of Science-Based Treatments for Autism</i> Presenter: Richard M. Foxx, Ph.D., BCBA	
2:20 - 3:10	<b>Speaker Series Four</b>	
	<i>Some Recent Developments For Training, Supervising, and Motivating Support Staff</i> Presenter: Dennis H. Reid, Ph.D., BCBA	
3:10 - 3:30	Break	
3:30 - 4:20	<b>Speaker Series Five</b>	
	<i>Motivating Direct Service Staff: Conditions Related to Recall</i> Presenter: Martin Ivancic, Ph.D.	
4:20 - 4:50	Question and Answer Panel: Closing Remarks	

## PennABA 2007 Conference Registration

April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
The Sheraton Station Square Hotel & Conference Center, Pittsburgh, PA

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Affiliation:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

May we include your contact information in future mailings?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
Are you a Board Certified Behavior Analyst?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>

### PennABA Membership

Please check one option below to renew your PennABA membership or to become a new member of PennABA.  
Membership to PennABA is not required to attend the PennABA conference, but members enjoy a discounted conference rate for Workshops and the Speaker Series.  
The membership period begins on the first day of the annual conference and expires on the day before the following year's annual conference begins.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Membership</b> <b>\$45.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>anyone holding a terminal degree in a discipline which is directly related to or involving behavior analysis and whose full-time profession commitment includes teaching, research, and/or practice in behavior analysis</li> <li>anyone engaged on a full-time basis in any profession or vocation that utilizes the principles or procedures of behavior analysis</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Affiliate Membership</b> <b>\$35.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>anyone interested in the discipline of behavior analysis, but who lacks formal training</li> <li>affiliate members enjoy all the benefits of membership except the right to vote on matters of interest to the organization and the right to hold office in PennABA</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Membership</b> <b>\$20.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>anyone pursuing formal training in the discipline of behavior analysis but who is not yet gainfully employed therein on at least half-time basis</li> <li>student members may not vote or hold office</li> </ul>

### Workshop Registration \*

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Please check which workshop you wish to attend. Please only choose one workshop per session, as sessions run concurrently.  
BCBA, BCABA, APA and Act 48 Credits available at no additional cost. Please have your certificate number available.

#### MORNING SESSIONS

Workshop 1			Workshop 2		
<i>Learning the Basics of the Standard Celeration Chart</i> Presenters: Richard M. Kubina Jr., Ph.D., BCBA, Douglas E. Kostewicz, Ph.D., BCBA and Shawn M. Datchuk, Ph.D. 3CEUs			<i>Applying Behavior Analysis to Promote Happiness Among People with Autism and Other Severe Disabilities</i> Presenter: Dennis H. Reid, Ph.D., BCBA 3CEUs		
Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member	Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00

#### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Workshop 3			Workshop 4		
<i>Ethics and Behavior Analysis; Avoiding Lawsuits and Ethical Problems</i> Presenter: Richard M. Foxx, Ph.D., BCBA 3CEUs			<i>Programming for Residential Life Quality and Staff Pride</i> Presenter: Martin Ivancic, Ph.D. 3CEUs <small>**plus \$10 supplemental handout fee for hardcopy and CD of Life Quality materials for attendees personal use.</small>		
Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member	Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00**	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00**	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85.00**

### Speaker Series Registration

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Please register by membership type. Attendees can earn up to 6 CEUs for attending entire day.

Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00

Please Add Membership Dues, Workshop Fees and Speaker Series Fees.

Membership Dues:	
Workshop(s):	
Speaker Series:	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	

Please make checks payable to:	PENNABA
Please send Registration Form and fees to:	Penn State Hershey Medical Center Feeding Program HP19 c/o Dr. Keith E. Williams 905 West Governor Road Suite 350 Hershey, PA 17033-0850

\* Registration is by day. Registrants can choose to attend Day 1 of the Conference (per Workshop) or Day 2 of the Conference (Speaker Series) or Both.



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## Paying Tribute to One of Our Own: Ms. Bridget G. Gibbons, M.A.

As efforts are put forth to build an Association for Behavior Analysis state affiliate like PennABA, the work necessarily falls on the backs of a few. A small group of people with career responsibilities who find the time in their busy schedules to devote to what they believe a valuable service. PennABA is no exception. One such person who readily embraced her duties at PennABA over the past several years was Ms. Bridget G. Gibbons, M.A., BCBA. She was our most recent Secretary/Treasurer and played an instrumental role in the pulling together of the 2006 PennABA Conference held in the Harrisburg area, as well as performing numerous other tasks over the past several years. She did so with a pleasant graciousness that was felt by all who came in contact with her at PennABA. Any thanks to Bridget also requires an extended thank you to Dr. Keith E. Williams and others at The Penn State Hershey Medical Center who supported her efforts. In November 2006, Bridget moved on to a position at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. It is our hope here at PennABA to say farewell while expressing our gratitude and wishes that her new responsibilities might still allow her to be an ongoing part of PennABA. Thank you Bridget!

## A Message from the President of PennABA (continued)

The 2005 conference was held on April 14th and 15th, 2005, at the Radisson Valley Forge Convention Center. An impressive panel of speakers was secured for the two-day format, including four workshops on the 14<sup>th</sup>: Bridget Taylor on "I can do it myself: Behavioral strategies to increase the independence of children with autism;" Keith Williams on "Assessment and treatment of feeding problems in children;" Richard Foxx on "Ethics and clinical issues in providing behavior analytic services;" and Stephen Luce & Jamie Pagliaro on "Influencing staff performance in human service settings." Later that evening a Poster Session with Cocktail Reception was held. For the 15<sup>th</sup>, Stephen Luce kicked the day off with a Presidential Welcome that was followed by Sandra Harris presenting "Educating learners with autism: Where we were and where we are." Who better to give us an historical perspective of education and services for autism than Dr. Harris, Founder (circa 1972) and Executive Director of Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center at Rutgers University. Following Dr. Harris were Paul Neuman presenting "Reducing the effects of activity-based anorexia;" Richard Foxx presenting "ABA and Positive Behavior Supports;" Keith Williams presenting "Children and feeding problems;" and closing remarks made by Stephen Luce. Two thoroughgoing meaningful days were had by those in attendance.

It is my sincerest hope that the news I conveyed in this message will assist in maintaining our current members and encourage others to join PennABA to further our purpose in spreading the benefits of our science of human behavior and the dissemination of humane technological achievements.