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## **A Message from the President**

Stephen Luce, Ph. D.

Founded by Dr. Richard Foxx who continues to serve as the Executive Director, PennABA continues to host an annual conference and generate this 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, and our PennABA conference of 2005 reflects that development. In addition we have revived our web site at [www.pennaba.net](http://www.pennaba.net) for information about our organization and a place for members to post and review job postings in our area.

Pennsylvania is home to a large number of behavior analysts. Together with other regional associations in our area such as New York State Association of Applied Behavior Analysis (NYSABA), the Berkshire Association of Behavior Analysis and Therapy (BABAT), the Maryland Association of Behavior Analysis (MABA), and the Delaware Valley Association of Applied Behavior Analysis (DVABA), we too, hope to contribute to the level of communication and dissemination of the 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.

This years' conference will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at the Radisson Valley Forge Convention Center. We have already secured an impressive panel of speakers for the two-day format, including Drs. Richard Foxx, Bridget Taylor, Keith Williams, Sandra Harris, Paul Neuman, Martin Kozloff, and several others. Opportunities for poster presentations and program exhibits will also be available. The new, expanded two-day format will feature workshops all day on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, including one by Dr. Foxx covering the important topic of Ethics, especially for those requiring CEU credits. On Thursday evening, we will have Poster Presentations as well as a cocktail reception. 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 Continuing Education Credits through the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, Behavior Analysis Certification Board CEU's, as well as Act 48 Special Education Credits. On Friday, April 15, 2005, we will provide a full day of presentations, poster sessions, a book exhibit and program exhibits featuring the wealth of agencies employing behavior analysts in our area. We will provide lunch to the participants and hold elections for the members of the PennABA Executive Council as well on Friday. The full conference agenda is enclosed in this newsletter.

Our venue located at the cross roads of several major thoroughfares leading into Philadelphia from the west is very close to attractions as diverse as historic Valley Forge National Park and the famous King of Prussia Mall. For those who are interested, we will be able to assist you in visiting Philadelphia or the Main Line region of its western suburbs. The gathering on Thursday evening is designed to facilitate networking and increase the likelihood of direct contact with all of the conference participants. Rooms at the hotel are available at a reduced rate if they are booked before March 1, 2005.

We look forward to your involvement with PennABA and ask you to encourage your colleagues and students to join as well. If you have any questions, please contact me at [sluce@melmark.org](mailto:sluce@melmark.org) or Angela Smith at [angelasmith@melmark.org](mailto:angelasmith@melmark.org).

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## 2005 PennABA Conference Agenda

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005

8:00 to 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Morning Workshops (2 CEU's) A. Bridget Taylor B. Keith Williams
11:00 to 1 p.m.	Lunch-Please enjoy the Philadelphia suburbs
1:15 to 4:15 p.m.	Afternoon Workshops (3 CEU's) A. Richard M. Foxx B. Stephen C. Luce and Jamie Pagliaro
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
5:30 to 6:00 p.m.	Poster Set-up
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Poster Session and Cocktail Reception

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

8:00 to 9 a.m.	Registration
9:00 to 9:10 a.m.	Presidential Welcome
9:10 to 10:10 a.m.	Sandra Harris
10:10 to 11:00 a.m.	Paul Neuman
11:00 to 11:10 a.m.	Break
11:10 to 12:00 m.	Martin Kozloff
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 to 1:30 p.m.	Voting for Executive Council Members
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	Richard M. Foxx
2:30 to 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 to 3:35 p.m.	Keith Williams
3:35 to 4:15 p.m.	Evaluations and Certificates

### Call for Posters

If you wish to participate in the poster sessions at the conference, please submit an abstract to Angela Smith at [angelasmith@melmark.org](mailto:angelasmith@melmark.org) by March 10, 2005.

*The Radisson Valley Forge Hotel and Convention Center*  
1160 First Ave.  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Guest Rooms are available for \$109.00 per night. Please register for your rooms by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to receive the discounted rate. Indicate that you are with the PennABA Group to receive the discount. You can reserve a room directly at 610-337-2000 or 866-267-1500. For directions go to [www.radisson.com/kingofprussiapa](http://www.radisson.com/kingofprussiapa).

### Featured ABA Programs

#### ABA Program at Penn State Harrisburg

The program is designed to teach students to become proficient in the practice of applied behavior analysis and is intended for both part-time and full-time students. The program faculty includes Richard Foxx, Helen Hendy, Kimberly Schreck, and Keith Williams.

Requirements for M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis include 32 credits in required course work which includes a master's project and supervised internship experience. For program information contact Richard M. Foxx at [rmf4@psu.edu](mailto:rmf4@psu.edu).

#### BCBA/BCABA Certificate Program

Certificate program in ABA for special populations is designed to provide students with skills to better serve individuals with special needs. This program follows a BACB approved curriculum enabling students to meet course eligibility requirement to sit for the examination at the BCBA or BCABA level.

The next five course sequence offered in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts through the University of Massachusetts in Boston commences September 2005.

If interested contact Mary E. Brady, PhD at [mary.brady@umb.edu](mailto:mary.brady@umb.edu), phone: 617.287.7254.

**April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**The Radisson Valley Forge Conference Center**

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Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION:** Please check one.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 A **full member** is a) anyone holding a terminal degree in a discipline which is directly related to or involving behavior analysis and whose full-time professional commitment includes teaching, research, and/or practice in behavior analysis; or b) anyone engaged on a full-time basis in any profession or vocation that utilizes the principals or procedures of behavior analysis.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 An **affiliate member** is anyone interested in the discipline of behavior analysis, but who lacks formal training. Affiliate members enjoy all benefits of membership except the right to vote on matters of interest to the organization and the right to hold office in Penn ABA.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 A **student member** is anyone pursuing formal training in the discipline of behavior analysis but who is not yet gainfully employed therein on at least half-time basis. Student members may neither vote or hold office.

*The membership period begins on the first day of the annual conference and ends on the day before the following year's annual conference begins.*

May we include your contact information in future mailings? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you a Board Certified Behavior Analyst? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION:** Please check which workshops you wish to attend. Please only choose one per session, as the sessions will run concurrently. BCBA, BCABA, PPA, and Act 48 Credits will be available at no additional cost.

**Morning Sessions:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Programming for Independence in Curriculum Development of Children with Autism.  
 Bridget Taylor, Ph.D., BCBA  
 2 CEU's, \$50.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Assessment and Treatment of Feeding Problems in Children.  
 Keith E. Williams, Ph.D., BCBA  
 2 CEU's, \$50.00

**Afternoon Sessions:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ethical and Clinical Issues in Providing Behavior Analytic Services  
 Richard M. Foxx, Ph.D., BCBA  
 3 CEU's, \$70.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Influencing Staff Performance in Human Service Settings  
 Stephen C. Luce, Ph.D. & Jamie Pagliaro, MBA  
 3 CEU's, \$70.00

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:** Please check below.

_____ Full Member \$150.00	_____ Affiliate Member \$140.00	_____ Student Member \$80.00	<b>Total</b>
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Add membership, workshop, and conference fees:	\$
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Late Registration Fee \$35.00 if postmarked after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005

Please make checks payable to **PennABA**. Send Registration form and fees to Melmark, C/O Angela Smith, 2600 Wayland Road • Berwyn, PA 19312.

**2005 PennABA Executive Council Nominations**

This nomination form is being sent to all current PennABA members. Please nominate individuals for the posted positions below. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005, ballots for voting will be circulated and voting will take place at the 2005 conference. Individuals who are elected will serve for two years (May 2005 to May 2007).

The following Council Member Positions will be voted on. Please write in nominations below.

President:  
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Secretary and Conference Chair Person:  
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Member at Large:  
*(Two Members at Large will be Elected.)*  
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Student Member:  
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Thank you for your continued support of PennABA.  
Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name (Please print)

Stephen C. Luce, Ph.D.  
President

Angela F. Smith, M.A., BCBA  
Secretary and Program Chair

*PLEASE return your nominations along with your registration forms. If you will not be attending the conference, please feel free to submit the nominations along with your membership fees to Melmark, C/O Angela Smith, 2600 Wayland Road • Berwyn, PA 19312.*

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