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A Message from Penn ABA President, WILLIAM J. HELSEL, EDD, BCBA

Penn ABA was founded in the late 1990s by Richard M. Foxx and William J. Helsel. Dr. Richard Foxx continues to serve as the organizations Executive Director. The Board Members of PennABA continue 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 reflected that development. In addition we have revived our web site at www.PennABA1.org 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 (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 2005 annual conference was held on April 14th and 15th, at the Radisson Valley Forge Convention Center. An impressive panel of speakers was secured for the two-day format, including Drs. Richard Foxx, Bridget Taylor, Keith Williams, Stephen Luce, Sandra Harris, and Paul Neuman. The 14th was devoted to four Workshops: 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. On the 15th, 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.

The 2006 Penn ABA Conference is scheduled for May 4th and 5th at the Holiday Inn, Grantville/Hershey, PA (Hotel Front Desk, 717-469-0661). The new successful expanded two-day format used for the 2005 conference will be followed in 2006 and features 4 workshops all day on Thursday, May 4th, to include the following: Edmond Tiryak on Ethics; Dr. Foxx and others on Assessment and Treatment of Severe Behavior; Rebecca MacDonald on Video Modeling with Children with Autism; and Kim Schreck on various treatments for Children with

Autism. A remarkable line-up is slated for Friday, May 5th with presentations from Fran Warkomski, Rebecca MacDonald, Ed Tiryak, Keith Slifer, Bill Helsel and others from here in Pennsylvania and across the country. Opportunities for poster presentations, a book exhibit, and program exhibits will also be available. 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 workshops and 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. We will provide a continental breakfast and lunch on Friday to the participants. The full conference agenda will be posted on the new website once finalized.

2006 Penn ABA Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 4, 2006

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-12:00	Morning Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard M. Foxx, Jeff Garito, Jonathan Ivy, James Meindl• Kimberly Schreck
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch-Please enjoy Hershey/Grantville
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebecca MacDonald• Edmond Tiryak
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Executive Council Meeting
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Poster Session and Cocktail Reception

Friday, May 5, 2006

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:50 a.m.	Fran Warkomski
10:10-11:00 a.m.	Rebecca MacDonald
11:10-12:00 p.m.	Edmond Tiryak
12:00-1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15-2:05 p.m.	Keith Slifer
2:10-3:00 p.m.	William J. Helsel
3:20-4:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion

Call for Posters

*If you wish to participate in the poster session at the conference please submit an abstract to Bridget Gibbons at bgibbons@psu.edu by **April 7, 2006**.*

Conference Location Information

Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel
Exit 80, I-81
604 Station Road
Grantville, PA 17028
Phone (717) 469-0661

Please register for your rooms by **April 10, 2006** to receive the discounted rate of \$82.00 per room (1-2 people). Indicate that you are with the Penn ABA group to receive the discount. You can reserve a room by calling (717) 469-0661 or on the internet. For directions go to www.stayholiday.com.

PennABA Membership and Conference Registration

May 4th and 5th, 2006

The Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel

Name:	
Affiliation:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
E-mail:	

PENN ABA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION: Please check one.

<input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership \$45.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 anyone engaged on a full-time basis in any profession or vocation that utilizes the principals or procedures of behavior analysis
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Membership \$35.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership \$20.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, APA, and Act 48 Credits will be available at no additional cost.

Morning Sessions

<input type="checkbox"/> Treating Severe Behavior Problems Richard M. Foyx, Ph.D., BCBA, Jeff Garito, MA, BCBA, Jonathan Ivy, MA, James Meindl, BCABA 3 CEUs, \$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Using Assessment Data, Probes, and Children's Responses to Guide an Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention for Children with Autism Kimberly Schreck, Ph.D., BCBA 3 CEUs, \$70.00
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Afternoon Sessions

<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Pretend Play to Children with Autism Using Video Modeling Rebecca MacDonald, Ph.D., BCBA 3 CEUs, \$70.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Avoiding Lawsuits and Ethical Problems Edmond Tiryak, J.D. 3 CEUs, \$70.00
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Please check below.

Full Member Affiliate Member Student Member
 \$150.00 \$140.00 \$80.00

Add membership, workshop, and conference fees:

Membership Dues:	
Workshop(s):	
Conference:	
TOTAL:	\$

Late Registration Fee \$35.00 if postmarked after **April 10th, 2006**

Please make checks payable to **PennABA**
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