

MEETING OF THE DISSEMINATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (SIG) MEETING HELD 5/26/2014

Minutes

VENUE: ANNUAL ABAI BUSINESS MEETING

TIME: 6:00PM- 7:30PM (CT)

PRESENT: AMANDA KELLY (CHAIR), BEN WITTS (VICE CHAIR), (TREASURER), MELISSA ENGASSER (SECRETARY)

General Business:

1. 2013-2014 Accomplishments:

- Ben Witts was nominated for TEDTalks.
- Behavior Analyst International Digest (BAID) was revived. Initially created by Joseph Wyatt 1989. The current issues focus on behavior analysis in nature content, written in lays terms. The publication is currently receiving a substantial amount of material to have to publish. Furthermore, Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies also publishes reprints of the publication.

2. Membership:

In 2013 when dues were free, the SIG had 79 members. Recently fees have been added (\$10 for students; \$15 for professionals) and membership has reduced to 24 members. Please urge those that are interested to join and pay their dues. Dues go towards maintaining the website and providing material for dissemination. Currently, the Sig is also working on becoming a BACb type 2 provider, and dues will go to help pay for continuing education opportunities for members.

3. Webinars/CEU's: The board discussed creating webinars with the availability of CEU's for members only.

- A task force will be created that will focus on the content creation for the webinars. Once members or the task force have been designated, the members will research options on what recording software will be used, that has the least amount of glitches.
- The board will also apply for a provider number from the BACB, once content for the webinars has been created.

6.DBA Current Finances: The SIG currently has a total amount of \$1,800.

7. **BJA:** The winners of the 2014 Skinner Journalism Awards are David Freeman and Maggie Koerth Baker.

8. **SIG Positions:** In the very near future there will be open positions on the executive council. Please stay posted for details.

9. **BACB Type 2 Provider:** The SIG is currently pursuing to become a BACB type 2 provider. The goal is to obtain material from the other SIG's, and not just solely from the dissemination SIG. It will be open to the public, but geared towards behavior analyst and students of behavior analysis.

10. **Membership Participation:** In order to increase participation within the SIG a page on the website named "Stop talking and Start doing" will be add. Commitments made by members and follow through of the commitments will be made available to the public.

11. **Ideas for Dissemination (internal and externally to the mainstream):**
Behavior Bingo: This involves meeting "A- list BCBA's" in your area of interest, and has them answer questions. It was mentioned that there is possibility of arranging a schedule with the "a-list BCBA" using twitter. Additionally, items about having a round-table lunch with these "a-list BCBA's" where people can purchase a ticket to meet these BCBA's. It was determined that the SIG would approach the "a-list bcba's" on feedback on this idea.

Elevator Script: The SIG is interested in creating an elevator script, in which behavior analyst can describe ABA in 2 minutes or less.

PowerPoint Translations: The SIG is in need of material and of people willing to edit PowerPoint's and either translate them into lays-terms and/or other languages.

Creating Informational Pamphlets: The idea of creating informational pamphlets regarding topics in ABA such as toilet training, problem behavior, etc.

Online Etiquette Behavior: The SIG would like to help in how to have BCBA's best and most ethically disseminate information about the science online.

11. **Business Incorporation:** The SIG is currently incorporated and has a bank account. The suggestion of pursuing non-profit status was mentioned.

