

IL-ABA POST

Message from Our President

JENNIFER KLAPATCH TOTSCH, PHD BCBA-D, IL-ABA PRESIDENT

IL-ABA Overall Updates

The membership year, and our status as an Associate Chapter with ABAI, is officially coming to a close on August 31. As a result, there will be several changes on the horizon. From a member's perspective, the biggest change will be the loss of access to your subscription to *Behavior Analysis in Practice*. However, the return to our Affiliate Chapter status will afford ILABA greater financial flexibility to serve our membership in the following ways—

- Membership Terms- Membership years will now be structured on a rolling basis, which means you will always get the benefit of a full year's worth of benefits regardless of when you sign up. Be sure to visit our website and renew today!

- Website Update- We are very excited to be housing our website through a new association management platform. This will allow us greater ability to organize events, process payments, engage members through discussion forums and directories, and, most exciting of all (for me at least), automate much of our communication and record keeping!

- Committee Re-structuring- The Board and Officers have been hard at work re-structuring our committees and responsibilities in order to better serve you. Be sure to check out the committee descriptions in this newsletter for more info on this year's actions items and ways to get involved!

Please note that ABAI still maintains the Sept 1- Aug 31 membership year; as such, if you wish to maintain your ABAI membership, you would need to do so outside of your ILABA membership. ILABA members are still eligible for ABAI's [Chapter/Adjunct membership rates](#). ****

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Licensure Update

JANA SARNO, MA, BCBA, OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

The summer has been busy for the Legislative Committee of ILABA and we are pleased to share our progress with you! As many legislators headed to summer break, we knew that a slower schedule in Springfield could work to our advantage. Namely, it allowed us to build a strategy plan for the summer that could carry us forward when legislative session begin in the fall. At the heart of our legislative summer plan, we wanted to share the profession of ABA – what do we do on a daily basis, what do *our* services look like, and who do we serve in the community. As knowledge of ABA grows, the need for licensure becomes more apparent.

To kick-off this initiative, in June a survey was sent to all membership to request volunteers to join the effort. Once the group was identified, next steps were rolled out – designing support materials and trainings, agendas for meetings, lining up schedules, and using social media to disseminate information. In July, a series of 1-hour training meetings were held with interested Behavior Analysts in the state of Illinois. The agenda covered (a) discussing the profession of ABA, (b) importance of licensure, (c) setting up and conducting meetings with legislators, and (d) next steps. Working closely with the ILABA lobbyist, meetings with legislators were scheduled to discuss the profession of ABA. Meetings included BCBA constituents living/working in the legislative district, an ILABA Legislative Committee member, and the ILABA lobbyist. Meetings ranged from 30 minutes to well over an hour of thoughtful discussion. To date, ILABA and the supporting volunteer group of BCBAs have scheduled over 15 meetings with legislators, across the state, for August and September, with even more in the works!

As we continue to work on licensure in Illinois, we would like to thank our volunteer group of BCBAs. This monumental progress wouldn't be possible without a truly collaborative spirit. If you are interested in taking a more active role in legislative activities with ILABA, please reach out via email. We could use your help as we work towards making 2019 the year of licensure in the state of Illinois!



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Academic Committee Update

ASHLEY WHITTINGTON-BARNISH, PHD, BCBA-D, MEMBER AT LARGE

ABA University/College programs in Illinois met in December 2017 and are working to set up a consistent annual/biannual meeting schedule to connect and discuss the curriculum updates, training expectations, and student needs across the state. The Academic Committee works toward two main goals:

1. Connect universities/colleges across the state of Illinois that offer Verified Course Sequences through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB®).
2. Support and integrate students and recent graduates into the field of behavior analysis.

The committee is particularly interested in streamlining processes to reduce confusion for training sites who supervise students from a variety of programs. Toward the second goal, the ILABA student representative worked with the academic committee to write a survey to assess student and early career professionals' needs and use that information to plan research and mentoring opportunities through ILABA. If you have any further ideas about how to help create this program, please contact us academic@ilaba.org. ****

Practitioner Education Committee Update

BRIGID MCCORMICK MA, BCBA, MEMBER AT LARGE

The ILABA Practitioner Education Committee plans to make ILABA Illinois's Behavior Analysts number one stop for resources and education. We have several projects in the works including building up the resources section available to members, providing monthly events including CEs, and building a network of collaboration for Illinois providers across the state. We are looking for volunteers to:

- Help organize and plan CE events
 - Short-term commitment: organize and plan a few CE events
 - Long-term commitment: organize and plan several CE events
 - Gather resources for our membership portal
 - Choose your favorite topic and gather information to support others in our community

We have BIG ideas and are looking for committed members who want to make Illinois a better place for Behavior Analysts and those we serve. If you're interested in getting involved, email us at practitioner@ilaba.org. ****


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Insurance Task Force Update

STEPHANIE GORBOLD, MA, BCBA, IL-ABA PRESIDENT ELECT

Through a lot of hard work and collaboration ILABA successfully came to an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) and the rate cuts for ABA therapy were reduced. This is just the beginning and the hard work hasn't stopped. The collaboration with BCBSIL will continue as new things arise and we are connecting with other funding sources as well. ILABA has also been working with other state chapters to help them navigate similar issues. Be sure to follow the ILABA Facebook page and read your ILABA emails for future updates. ILABA will continue to advocate for providers and those we serve. When the practitioner committee began in the spring of 2017 there were several goals we came up with to better serve our membership and fulfill ILABA's mission. We are excited to announce that the Practitioner Committee has developed three subcommittees: Insurance Task Force, Practitioner Education and Client Rights. A call for volunteers went out last month. If you missed it and are interested in getting involved please contact us at insurance@ilaba.org. ****



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ILABA is committed to improving the presence of Behavior Analysis in the state of Illinois. By becoming a Sustaining Agency, you are supporting our mission and current critical efforts including **obtaining licensure, educating fellow providers, advocacy in the State, and outreach.**

Below are recommendations for your values-based contribution. **Determine your contribution based on the value you find in the work we do.** Contributions must be a minimum of \$100 to become a Sustaining Agency, which are not tax deductible.

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