

BYLAWS of TxABA

ARTICLE I: NAME

1. The name of this organization will be the TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS, with the option of the subtitle: A Regional Organization. It will be represented by the initials TxABA.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

1. To promote the advancement of behavior analysis as a science and as a profession by all means permitted by the bylaws.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. TxABA will consist of two classes of members, voting and non-voting, and categories in each class as may be established by Council. Members of both classes are entitled to the rights and privileges of TxABA as are appropriate for their membership category.

2. An applicant for voting membership status will possess the minimum of a Master's degree in behavior analysis or a related discipline. The applicant will also demonstrate competence in either experimental or applied behavior analysis. The applicant must be a voting member of the Association for Behavior Analysis.

3. There will be a class of non-voting members designated as Affiliates who will have such privileges as granted by Council.

4. There will be a class of non-voting members designated as Students who will have such privileges as may be granted by Council. Applications for student status must be accompanied by proof of full-time enrollment in an academic, internship, or residency program.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

1. Officers will consist of two classes of members, voting and non-voting. All officers will be voting members of ABA and TxABA. Voting officers include President, Past President, and three Council Members. Non-voting representatives include the Secretary-Treasurer and the Student Representative.

2. The officers of TxABA will constitute the TxABA Council, and will serve as the Officers and the Board of Directors of the organization for the elected or appointed times. Each voting officer is entitled to vote as a member of the TxABA Council at the TxABA Council meetings in the year beginning May 1 after his or her election or appointment. Council voting is determined by a majority of those Council members voting on a motion.

The TxABA Council will serve as the governing body of TxABA, and will conduct its business at meetings or by correspondence, and report its actions, or request the membership to

take action, at the Annual Business Meeting.

3. The President will serve a two-year term. Upon completion of his or her term, the President will accede to the office of past president and will serve a two-year term. Each Council Member will serve a three-year term. Each year, one Council Member's office will expire and a new Council Member will be elected. Newly elected officers shall assume office on May 1 following their election.

4. The President may present a Presidential Address on one year of his or her term at the Annual Conference. The President will preside at all TxABA Council Meetings and the Annual Business Meeting, count nominations and election ballots, as well as the ballots in any referenda submitted to the voting membership, and exercise general supervision over the affairs of TxABA.

If the President is unable to preside over a meeting, that responsibility will fall to the Past President. If he or she is unable to preside, the Secretary-Treasurer will assume the responsibility.

5. The Secretary-Treasurer will keep the records of TxABA and the TxABA Council; conduct official correspondence; receive applications for membership and give notice of all inductions into membership. The Secretary-Treasurer will have the responsibility for all funds of TxABA and will have authority to disburse these funds for purposes authorized by the TxABA Council. The Secretary-Treasurer will keep a record of all money received and all disbursements made and submit an annual report of the financial status of TxABA to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

The council by majority vote may appoint or remove a Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer serves at the pleasure of the Council.

6. There will be one representative to, but no officer of, Council who will be a Student member. Each year at the Annual Conference, student members will elect one Student Representative to the Council for a one-year period term beginning on May 1 following the conference.

7. If any Officer, because of death, resignation, or other reason, cannot perform the duties of the office, the TxABA Council will be empowered to fill the vacancy by any method which, in its judgment, will best reflect the goals and purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

1. Each year, the Secretary-Treasurer will email all current Voting Members a Call for Nominations ballot for President-Elect and/or for the Council Representatives necessary to complete the Voting Membership of the TxABA Council. For each office that appears on the nominating ballot, each Voting Member may propose up to two names and may nominate the same person for only one office.

a. The Secretary-Treasurer will count the ballots and compile a list of the names of the Voting Members who have received the highest number of nominations for each office.

b. From the list, the President will ask those nominees receiving the highest number of nominations for each office if they are willing to stand for election, and will proceed through the list in the order of vote count until at least two candidates for each office have been obtained. No one may hold two offices at the same time, so if a Voting Member received enough nomination votes for two offices, the president will request that the individual choose the office for which he or she wishes to be a candidate.

c. After the list of candidates has been determined, the Secretary-Treasurer will email all Voting Members whose membership dues are paid, a ballot for all matters to be voted upon, together with a statement on which the names of the candidates for each office are listed in alphabetical order with a brief biographical description of each nominee.

2. The Student Representative is elected by student members in a meeting at the Annual Conference. This meeting will be chaired by the current Student Representative and attended by one Council member. The winner will be a Student Member who has obtained a plurality of the vote.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

1. The council will meet at least twice a year, with one meeting occurring at the Annual Conference. Other meeting times and locations will be determined by Council.

2. An Annual Business Meeting will be held to coincide with the Annual Conference.

3. A Conference will be held one per year at a time determined by Council.

ARTICLE VII: DUES AND FEES

1. Dues will be established by Council for all categories of membership.

2. The fiscal year will close at a time selected by Council.

3. Conference fees will be established by Council for all categories of membership.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

1. Council may establish any standing committee necessary to conduct the business of TxABA.

2. The President may establish ad hoc committees for a period not to exceed one year unless approved otherwise by Council.

ARTICLE IX: DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. A Member, voting or non-voting, whose yearly dues are not paid in full before three months after such payments are due, and to whom notice of delinquency has been sent to the last known address, will be removed from membership. Thereafter, a Member may be reinstated by applying

in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer and by paying dues for the year in which reinstatement is requested.

2. A Member, voting or non-voting, may resign by sending to the Secretary-Treasurer a notice of resignation. Membership may be reinstated by paying dues for which reinstatement is requested.

3. The Council, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the Officers of the Council, may suspend or expel a voting or non-voting member for nonpayment of conference fees after appropriate notice has been provided.

4. On written request signed by a former voting member or non-voting member and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer, the Council, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Officers of the Council, may reinstate such former voting or non-voting member on such terms as the Council may deem appropriate.

5. TxABA is not a licensing or certifying entity within the State of Texas, and therefore does not have the authority to sanction members activities for issues of practice or conduct.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments or changes to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Council or by a majority vote of the voting members at the Annual Business Meeting of members. A copy of the proposed amendments or changes and a ballot will be made available to all voting members by the Secretary-Treasurer. A two-thirds majority of those voting on the issues will be required for the adoption of amendments or changes.

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