

DEV SIG. BEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT SIG

MINUTES 2022

These minutes were taken by Dr. Helena Han. They will be given to Katerine Monlux, current secretary, to manage them as the protocol requires it.

Subject: Minutes for ABAI - Behavioral Development Special Interest Group Business Meeting (05/27/22)

Behavioral Development Special Interest Group Business Meeting

Chair: Gladys Williams (CIEL)

The SIG promotes behavior analytic empirical and conceptual analyses of issues related to behavioral development, and it encourages examination of how methodological and theoretical positions outside behavior analysis approach these issues empirically and conceptually. These kinds of analyses have often dealt with complex kinds of behavior such as verbal behavior development, stimulus equivalence, relational frames, and problem solving, as well as normal and problematic behaviors in social interactions, as well as the historical bases of behaviorism and behavior analysis as basic science and applied practice. The business meeting will review activities during the past year and discuss plans for the next. All are welcome to attend.

2022 Annual Meeting Agenda

Dr. J. Dudek - Past Chair

Dr. Gladys Williams - New Chair

Attendees: Drs. Doug Greer, JoAnn Delgado, Kieva Haranchuck, Jennifer Langan, Helena Han, & Michael Lamport

Isabelle Ree, Patrice Miller (8)

Date & Time: 05/27/22 @ 7:00 pm - 7:50 pm

1) Remembering Hayne Reese: A few words from those who had the privilege of knowing him - Dr. Greer stated how great researcher, pioneer, and developmental behavior researcher he was.

2) Membership and a Social Media Presence

- Increased membership should equal increased funds!
- How do we draw more members?
- > Currently have \$1,646.00 in the SIG bank account; 77 members
- \$300-400 used for scholarship

3) What are the perks of membership?

\$15 for students

\$20 for others

- Challenge: Only few actually pay

- **We have secured someone to manage our social media presence: Kenya Velazquez and Paula Kasacker**

- Facebook
- Instagram
- ABAI Website
- Other

4) Organization of the SIG

- **Welcome Gladys Williams, our new Chair!**

- Treasurer, reconciler, and secretary positions are up this year.

—> **Nominations for new leadership:** Need a Vice Chair

5) Research

- **The Jack Gewirtz Research Award did not get off the ground this year**

—> We need a committee to put out the call for submissions, collect and review submissions, select a recipient, and communicate with the group

—> What are the submission guidelines/criteria for entry?

- Give out the awards each year at ABAI during the business meeting as honorary
- People who received the awards should be announced at ABAI —> it's been done as symposium; but need more publications

- **What are some other research initiatives?**

- Collaboration
- Objectives

6) Outstanding Business

- **We no longer have a journal, nor do we have a “presence” in any journal**

- APA taken away by???
- Need more publications
- Need to be involved in more journals; not necessarily needing more journals
- Include the key word, “behavior development”

- **The Sid Bijou Award - It is an award in Development, but we have no say in who receives this award.**

- how can we have control in who gets the award? (Martha was going to look into it.)

7) Conference Area Submissions

- Area coordinators have always been SIG members or officers. Coordinator roles have become more demanding. However, they should continue to collaborate with SIG leadership on conference program events/topics/speakers.

- Strongly recommended: One of the invited speakers to be international speaker

- Did not offer money to the international speaker, but now they do (e.g., flight, etc.)

DISCUSSION

Challenges:

- Need young people - Need to reach more young people

- Via social media (Facebook), invitation has been sent out

- How can we increase the financial support?

(Membership is not enough.)

- Not understanding the meaning of “the need for development” - Need to show why autism intervention fails?

- Need more research

- Need more collaboration

- People don't read literature

- Do not have enough written records; need more records, presence, and publications

- Dr. Greer: “We need to move beyond autism; need to teach to read, learn, write, etc.

- Professionals need to developmentally conduct assessments

Progress/Success

- Few years ago, the access to the funds could not be located. Now, we actually have functioning funds although it is small.

New Objectives by the New Chair:

1) To reach more young people

2) New ways to reach more people

3) To increase the financial support

4) To ensure the receipt of the membership fee (ABAI need to include prompts for people to pay; currently not available)

5) To increase the perks of membership (e.g., advanced notification of the newsletter, etc.)

6) To produce a newsletter publication and include a schedule for the newsletter publications

7) Research objectives:

Organize what is currently known. What is the literature telling us up to now.
Compare established treatment evidence with recent promotions.
Do a retrospective history of the field of behavioral development.

Best Regards,

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