



the ANALYST

Introducing...The Public & Community Relations Committee

The Public & Community

Relations Committee (PCRC), is a sub-committee of the ONTABA board of directors. We were formed in March 2012 with the goal of reaching out to the community to increase awareness of behaviour analysis and share ONTABA's vision. The committee consists of a diverse team of clinicians, students and a local media personality, CityTV's Shauna Hunt



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From the President's Desk

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Hi Everyone!

I hope you are managing to stay cool in this record breaking warm summer. Your ONTABA board has been working hard meeting monthly to keep ourselves moving forward on some key initiatives. With the RFP announcement from the government we have put our regulation efforts on hold until we can access more information.

Your Professional Regulation Committee has been and will continue to email out updates to members as more information on this process becomes available. We have turned our focus in more recent meetings to the Annual Conference and the newly formed Public and Community Relations Committee.

The Conference is shaping up to be a great event this year with invited speakers Dr. Gina Green and Dr. Mark Dixon confirmed for presentations. The call for papers has also been posted so we are looking to you in the behavioural community to submit presentations and to encourage your colleagues to submit presentations as well.

The Public and Community Relations Committee has been hard at work identifying their key initiatives and recruiting committee members. Their breakout event was a huge success as ONTABA walked for Autism in the annual Autism Speaks walk on June 17th 2012. Team ONTABA raised nearly \$3000.00 for the cause and had a great team of walkers who turned out for the event.

Keep your eyes peeled to email and our new Facebook group for more events to participate in as ONTABA works to increase awareness of Behaviour Analysis and the profile of ONTABA as your professional association.

As always, please provide all the feedback you can to your various committees and take the opportunity to join in and help highlight ONTABA and the work of Behaviour Analysts in your area.

All the best for a safe and happy summer.

Jen



Public and Community Relations Cont'd

The PCRC wants to strengthen ONTABA's brand by making behaviour analysis accessible to consumers, families, other disciplines and the population as a whole. Our plan is to have a presence at relevant events, build community partnerships, engage in social media, organize fundraising and awareness events, and to develop position statements on matters important to our members. In this way, we will support our vision of fostering a culture of excellence, integrity, and expertise for the advancement and promotion of the science of behaviour analysis in Ontario.

The Public and Community Relations Committee (PCRC), along with a few ONTABA members, attended the 8th annual Autism Speaks Walk for Autism in Toronto on June 17th, 2012. Proudly sporting ONTABA t-shirts and boasting \$2,045 in donations, the ONTABA team completed the 3km walk along with 7,000 others!

In addition to increasing the presence of ONTABA at related community events, the PCRC has assembled a group of experienced behaviour analysts who will serve as advisors to the board when making contact with the public.

The PCRC is excited to hear from you!! Members can follow ONTABA on Twitter @ONTABA1. Check out our redesigned Facebook page — <https://www.facebook.com/groups/248167828616496/>. We have over 350 members.. This is a great way to connect with the local behavioural community and stay up to date with ONTABA events.

Satellite Conference Committee

ONTABA sponsored 3 events this year.

The first event took place in collaboration with Child Care Resources and hosted Dr. Hanley. Dr. Hanley discussed the development of life skills and addressing challenging behaviour of children with autism.

ONTABA was excited to once again work with St. Lawrence College and sponsor the St. Lawrence Conference in Kingston. This is the 3rd annual Building Behavioural Solutions conference. This year they partnered with Pathways for Children and Youth, a local agency that provides ABA, IBI and School Support Services to deliver this conference. The event was well attended by professionals, community members and students.

Finally, the third event was Using Applied Behaviour Analysis To Support Students With Autism Spectrum Disorders In General Education Classrooms Conference. This event was hosted by the Behaviour Institute and was very well attended by school board staff including teachers, support staff and administrators.



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- B.F. Skinner



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- Temple Grandin

Professional Regulation Committee

Over the past year, the Professional Regulation Committee (PRC) has been actively working towards regulation of behaviour analysts in Ontario via the introduction of a Private Act, which would provide title protection for ONTABA members.

A significant amount of effort has been put forward by the committee members, in conjunction with our government relations firm, Pathway Group. Earlier this year, we began drafting the Private Act and the associated By-Laws in hopes to submit the information to the membership and Ontario Legislature in the Spring.

As we reported to the membership in April, the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a feasibility study on the development of an Ontario-based certification process for practitioners of applied behaviour analysis. Given MCYS's interest in exploring certification/regulation for ABA practitioners in Ontario, the ONTABA Board of Directors felt it was appropriate to refrain from submitting the Private Act until MCYS has received the results from the feasibility study and made a decision regarding the type of certification/regulation system they are willing to support. Both the PRC and the Board of Directors are excited about MYCS's interest in the development of a certification/regulation system in Ontario for ABA practitioners.

We have contacted MCYS to indicate our support for the feasibility study and to offer the assistance of our Board of Directors in sharing information with the RFP recipient regarding our certification/regulation efforts to date.

We know this information will be very useful for MCYS in their decision making process.

We will keep the membership up to date as we receive new information.

Questions can be sent to: professionalregulation@ontaba.org.

ONTABA's Vision: Fostering a culture of excellence, integrity, and expertise for the advancement and the promotion of the science of behaviour analysis.

ONTABA's Mission: To demonstrate leadership, knowledge, and innovation in education, training, and research for the ethical and effective application of behaviour analysis

[www. ONTABA.org](http://www.ONTABA.org)

Welcome to Our New Board Members



Current Role: Member at Large

Louis Busch is a Behaviour Therapist with the Dual Diagnosis Resource Service at the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health. As part of an inter-professional team he works with individuals with intellectual disability, mental health needs and challenging behaviour to improve quality of life and facilitate successful community living.

Louis is a part-time professor with George Brown College's Behavioural Science Technology program, and specializes in crisis prevention, challenging behaviour, and transition planning.

Louis has experience applying behavioural approaches in a variety of populations including Autism, Acquired Brain Injury, Developmental Disabilities and Dual Diagnosis.

Louis' major interests include the assessment and treatment of severe problem behaviour in adults with a dual diagnosis, the use of functional analysis methodology, applying behavioural momentum theory to compliance training procedures, and performance management strategies for residential and hospital support staff.

Website Committee

The website committee continues to work hard to bring you up to date information in a timely and manageable way.

The facelift is still on schedule to be completed before the Nov. 2012 Annual Conference. New functionality will be included with this facelift. We continue to seek input from members on what your website can do for you.

Please don't hesitate to email suggestions to website@ontaba.org.





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2012 Conference Update

The 2012 ONTABA conference is fast approaching. The call for papers for the Annual Conference is now available online at www.ontaba.org.

Click on the call for papers link and submit a presentation for the concurrent sessions (50 minutes in length) or a poster for the poster session.

The presentations and poster session will be held on **November 29th or 30th, 2012**.

The call for papers will close on **Sept 7th, 2012** so be sure to submit your information before then. Please indicate in your submissions if you would like your submission to be considered for CEU's.

If you have any questions please contact the conference committee at conference@ontaba.org. We look forward to your submissions!

APBA Update

The board of directors is excited to announce that ONTABA now has affiliate status with the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA). The APBA is a nonprofit organization that has provided supports for affiliates including information and suggestions on establishing and building an organization and advocating for public policies affecting the practice of applied behavior analysis. The board of directors is looking forward to working with the APBA on future endeavors as they arise for the benefit of the behaviour analysts in Ontario and the people they serve.

CEU Update

ONTABA is excited to announce that we will be able to offer CEUs for our 2012 Annual Conference 2012.

This year the cost of CEUs will be as follows:

- ◆ FREE for members who sign-up for the early bird & two day pass
- ◆ \$5.00 for members who sign up after early bird deadline
- ◆ \$10.00 per CEU for non-members

We look forward to seeing you at the conference. Stay tuned for additional updates regarding CEUs.

Conference Vendors



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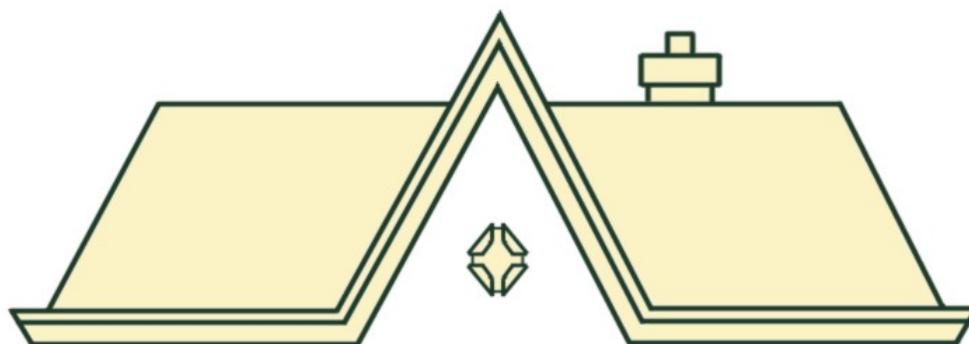


The September 2011 BCBA pass rate was 46%, but the pass rate for those who used the CBA Learning Module Series was over 71%.

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The Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis Election 2012 Nomination Ballot

The current positions available are:

Graduate Student Representative (1 position- 1 year term)

Undergraduate Representative (1 position – 1 year term)

Member at Large (3 positions– 2 year term)

Treasurer (1 position-2 year term)

Secretary (1 position -2 year term)

All nominees for the positions on the Board of Directors must be ONTABA members. Moreover, all Board of Directors must be members of ABA International at the time of assuming office or become a member within 2 months of assuming office and maintain membership throughout their term of office.

Instructions:

Any Voting member in good standing is eligible for nomination and election to any elective office. Student members may only be elected to the Student Representative positions.

Each Voting member may propose four names, but may not nominate the same person for more than one office.

Each Student member may propose four names for the office of Student Representative.

Please feel free to copy the nomination ballot for more nominations. Once your nominee agrees to stand for election, have them complete (or you may complete) the nomination ballot with a brief bio and mail to:

ONTABA, 283 Danforth Ave.,
Suite 413, Toronto, ON M4K 1N2
or e-mail to contact@ontaba.org

Please submit ballots by September 28th, 2012. The nominee must sign the nomination ballot.

If you wish to email your nomination, please include all information requested on the nomination ballot.

In addition, we must receive an email directly from your nominee as proof of their agreement to stand for election.

No Voting member may allow her/his name to stand for more than one office.

- Once all nominations are received, voting will take place through the ONTABA webpage.
- Members will be given voting instructions via email.
- Voting will be permitted up to the AGM,
- Board members will be determined by a plurality vote of the membership and declared elected at the AGM.

2012 NOMINATION BALLOT
DEADLINE: September 28th, 2012

Name of Nominee: email):	Nominated by (please provide name and email):
Nominee's Address:	
Nominee's Phone:	
Nominee's E-mail:	
Position nominated for – check only one: <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer (2 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary (2 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Member at large (2 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate student representative (1 year) <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate student representative (1 year)	
Brief biography of nominee for the election ballot (250-300 words):	

I agree to stand for election for the ONTABA Board of Directors position checked above

The Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis Awards 2012 Nomination Ballot

ONTABA would like to solicit nominations for its fourth annual excellence and contribution to behaviour analysis awards. There are three categories for nominees:

- ◆ Excellence in Academic Achievement in Behaviour Analysis (Teaching)
- ◆ Excellence in the Application of Behaviour Analysis (Clinical)
- ◆ Excellence in Research and Dissemination of Behaviour Analysis (Research)

Instructions:

Please see pages 2 and 3 for nomination guidelines

Any ONTABA member in good standing is eligible to nominate.

Each member may nominate a maximum of one person for each category.

Please copy nomination form and use one per nominee.

The member will complete the nomination ballot with a brief bio of the nominee and outline of why the nominee should win the award. This can be sent by mail to: ONTABA, 283 Danforth Ave., Suite 413, Toronto, ON M4K 1N2 or e-mail to contact@ontaba.org

The deadline for nominations is September 28th, 2012

All nominations will be reviewed by the Board and the final decision will be made by of the ONTABA Board of Directors.

The winners in each category will be announced during the AGM at the ONTABA 2012 Conference.

ONTABA Award Nomination Guidelines

The awards are intended to recognize outstanding contributions made to the field of behaviour analysis - in the areas of

- ⇒ Academic (Teaching)
- ⇒ Clinical Practice
- ⇒ Research – within the province of Ontario.

- While ONTABA invites nominations for any of three awards annually, it makes no commitment to confer any award nor to acknowledge any particular nomination.
- Nominations will be judged given the stated intent of the award, the outlined criteria, as well as any other supporting evidence or documentation that the person forwarding the nomination may offer.
- ONTABA may require additional information and/or clarification of matters relating to the nomination. If responses to requests for further information or clarification are not forthcoming, the nomination will receive no further consideration.
- The person(s) forwarding the nomination must state their relationship to the nominee. Nominations in which there may be a perceived conflict of interest will not be considered (e.g., nominations will not be considered if they are made from someone who has been or anticipates being a student or client of the nominee within the two years of the nomination).
- The ONTABA board may strike a committee to give advice regarding the nomination process and/or the nominations received. However, decisions regarding the awards shall be made by the ONTABA board and its decision shall be final.
- Nominees need not be members of ONTABA; however, a significant portion of the contribution they have made to the field of Behaviour Analysis should have been made in Ontario.

Academic (Teaching) award

Intended to recognize an individual for outstanding contributions to the instruction and the development of students in Behaviour Analysis in Ontario

The nominee shall be or have been (e.g., retired) a member of faculty at an institution of higher learning in Ontario.

Have made an outstanding contribution to the teaching of behaviour analysis and/or the professional development of students for careers in behaviour analysis either through sustained exemplary work in the area and/or a specific contribution to the furtherance of education in behaviour analysis in Ontario.

Application (Practice) Award

Intended to recognize an individual for outstanding contributions to the clinical practice of behaviour analysis.

The nominee shall:

- Have a demonstrated record of significant contribution to the practice of behaviour analysis in clinical settings through innovative approaches, extraordinary commitment to service recipients, and/or exceptional efforts in advocacy for the funding or provision of treatment using the principles of behaviour analysis.
- Have a record of contribution to clinical behaviour analysis demonstrable through published papers demonstrating innovative contributions to the field and/or longstanding clinical contributions.

Dissemination (Research) Award

Intended to recognize an individual for their outstanding contribution(s) to the field of behaviour analysis made through the completion and dissemination of research of significant theoretical or practical significance.

The nominee shall:

- Have a demonstrated record of seminal contributions to the research literature on theoretical and/or applied issues in behaviour analysis.



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