

CONFERENCE '96

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOUR
ANALYSIS
NOVEMBER 21 AND 22
METRO HALL,
55 John Street, Toronto, Ontario

"The Diverse Applications of Applied Behaviour Analysis"

Keynote Address:

Shep Siegel

"Learning, Drug Tolerance, and Drug Addiction"

Confirmed Speakers:

Adrienne Perry and Nancy Freeman (Autism)
Elspeth Bradley and Peter Wyngaarden (Dual Diagnosis)
Gerald Bernicky, Anne Cummings, and Caroll Drummond (Organizational
Behaviour Management in Social Service Agencies)

Areas where speakers are yet to be confirmed:

Education
Behavioural Medicine
Acquired Brain Injury
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Forensics

Other events will include :

Poster Sessions and prizes
Wine and Cheese
The ONTABA Annual General Meeting

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The professionalization of Behaviour Analysis is happening. It's amazing that it took 25 years, but better late than never. After attending the Affiliates meeting at the last ABA conference, I am beginning to see many signs. There has been a steady (albeit, slow) growth in the number of ABA members, conference attendees, and affiliate chapters. Several U.S. states are creating civil service classifications for Behaviour Analysts and/or are adopting the Florida accreditation process. Relatedly, Behaviour Analysts are beginning to be invited by governments to participate in the legislative process concerning, among other things, right to treatment and clinical accountability. The Ontario Ministry of Health apparently has recognized the role of behaviour analysis in Acquired Brain Injury programs and is asking services to include a behavioural psychologist (although, to date, there is no such officially recognized designation in the College of Psychologists).

Several affiliates, including ONTABA, are working simultaneously (and somewhat independently) on professional standards. Affiliates are now hosting much more ambitious regional conferences. For example, the New York State chapter will be holding a regional conference in Buffalo in October, and the conference presenters are some of the biggest names in Behaviour Analysis. The annual ONTABA conference has increased from one to two days in just 3 years.

One factor that could impact tremendously on the growth of behaviour analysis in Ontario is, of course, ONTABA. WE are the provincial professional voice of Behaviour Analysis. We can have influence across a broad spectrum of services. In order to have any credibility with the government, other professions, the media, and the general public, however, we must have a relatively large membership. We have over 200 names of people who at one time or another have been members of ONTABA. Some of you have not renewed your memberships. A provincial professional organization of 200 has a much louder voice than one of less than say, 100. We have kept the membership fees extremely low, partly, in order to build the organization.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

The benefits for belonging to ONTABA are not just in getting this newsletter and a reduced rate at the ONTABA and ABA conferences. We need to support each other, and we will have more strength with more members. A large membership will have clout. It can mean that we will be sought out more and more by the provincial government as consultants and advisers. A large membership will allow us to more effectively advocate for, and control, our own profession. With a diverse membership across the province, we would be better able to educate the public and other professionals, and correct misinformation on a large scale. It would be easier to promote the ways in which behaviour analysis can benefit society. As a result of these and other activities, a strong membership can mean more jobs and security for behaviour analysts. ONTABA is your organization. Unlike some other provincial associations, we have open nominations and elections. Please send in your nominations. Also, please consider submitting a poster to the conference. The poster session is a great way of sharing information and networking. Even if you have no data, a poster describing the behavioural activities of your service would be wonderful.

If you are currently an active ONTABA member — thank you for renewing. I would also like to thank those of you who have brought in new members (a special thanks to Ken Hranchuk). Please continue to inform your colleagues and students about ONTABA and encourage them to join. If, on the other hand, competing contingencies have kept you from renewing your ONTABA membership, please take the time to do so now. Those of you who are reading this column and are not, or never have been, ONTABA members, but are interested in supporting behaviour analysis, please consider joining. There is strength (and reinforcers) in numbers!

Maurice Feldman

Editor's Note

If you are unsure of your membership a letter informing you of your status will be sent out early in September by the Treasurer and Recruitment Committee.

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Dear ONTABA Member:

The time has come again to consider renewing your membership for 1996 with our growing association. We value your membership highly and wish for your support and contribution to continue the success and growth of our association.

We ask you to please complete the form below and submit your membership fees to the address listed above. All memberships are 1 year duration only.

Name: _____ Current Membership: _____
Expiry Date: _____

Yes! I wish to renew my ONTABA Membership immediately! _____

Type of membership:

Requirements:

Full (Voting) (\$10.00)

- Completed university degree or college diploma in a related field.
- Professional employment utilizing behaviour analysis principles for a period of at least one year.

Sustaining (\$30.00)

- Same as above. Sustaining members will have their names printed in the ONTABA Newsletter and/or on official Association documentation when appropriate.

Student (\$10.00)
(Voting or non-voting)

- Current registration in a full or part time univer-college degree or diploma program in a related field.

Affiliate (\$10.00)
(Non-voting)

- Do not meet above requirements but I am interested in supporting the purposes of ABA.

* Voting members may serve as officers on the executive of ONTABA provided that they are currently members of ABA International.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please make your cheque or money order payable to:
TREASURER, ONTARIO ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE DISREGARD
THIS NOTICE**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The session is designed to encourage members to interact and learn a little about each other's activities and interests. We encourage you to prepare a poster or presentation on any of the following topics.

- Description of your service or program
- Ongoing or completed research
- Case study
- Theoretical Topic

Preparation Requirements

You should prepare the poster to be read from five feet away (36 points). Suggested presentations and poster format would be :

Service Description -

The name and location of your service

A description of the types of services you offer to what client population

A description of how you provide your services (e.g., number of staff, service delivery models)

Service or client characteristics data

Current pressures and future directions

Research Presentation -

Title, author(s) and affiliation

Purpose of study

Method

Results presented in Tables, Figures

Conclusion and implications

Case Study -

Title, author(s) and affiliation

Description of presenting problem(s) or symptoms

Description of intervention

Results presented in Tables, Figures

Conclusions

Since the idea of the poster and presentation sessions is to encourage interaction and networking, you should bring a one-page handout that describes your research, program, etc. You may wish to bring brochures and business cards as well. *All those presenting will be in a draw for a prize.*

Freebie!! Students can come free if they are first author on a paper presentation or poster. This is non-transferable so all you have to do is get here. Members in the Metro area are encouraged to put up students if you can during the conference so we can keep the costs down. Students can call the Editor at (416) 925-5141 ext. 318 if they are looking for a place.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1996

Unless otherwise notified all submissions will be accepted for presentation.



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I shall be presenting a poster for the ONTABA Conference.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Title of poster: _____

Type: Service Description Research Case Study Theoretical Topic I'm a Student

I would be willing to give a short talk on my poster if asked prior to the conference

Nominations *Instructions:*

Please read Articles IV and V of the *ONTABA* BYLAWS. They describe the "rules" for electing members of the Board of Directors of *ONTABA*. Please note that some members (Treasurer and two Members-at-large) were elected for a three year term for continuity on the executive a member of the executive can hold the position to a maximum of 2 consecutive terms on the first election only. At this time these positions will

become a 2 year term. These are the positions were are nominating.

You may nominate up to 4 persons for each of the positions. All nominees for positions on the Board of Directors must be full *ONTABA* members as well as members in good standing with ABA International at the time of the election. Any nominee not meeting these criteria, who wishes her/his name to stand for a position, must become a full member of

ONTABA and provide proof of membership in ABA prior to mailing of the *ONTABA* election ballots in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Please return the nomination ballot and any other materials you want to send to *ONTABA* in the enclosed addressed envelope by September 15, 1996. Thank you for your participation in this very important activity.

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Nomination Ballot - 1996

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Currently held by Drew McNamara

<i>Treasurer (3 years)</i>

Currently held by F.J. "Pancho" Barrera

<i>Member-at-Large (3 years)</i>

Jane Summers. Interim Member at Large

<i>Member-at-Large (3 years)</i>

Remember you must be a member to nominate.

Please place your nominations and other "sendables" in the envelope enclosed.

Name (*Please Print*)

Signature

Question: How do you think we should pursue the certification and/or guidelines for Behaviour Analysis?

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ONTABA, the Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis, is an affiliate Chapter of the Association for Behaviour Analysis International. *ONTABA* currently has over 160 members from professions such as education, nursing, health care, and psychology. The objectives of *ONTABA* are to promote behaviour analysis in the province of Ontario, to facilitate interactions between professionals engaged in behavioural activities, to monitor and participate in legal and professional issues related to behaviour analysis, and to initiate standardized practices and certification of Behaviour Analysts.

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