

KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Special Interest Groups¹

The mission of the Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis or KansABA is "...to disseminate information about the science and practice of behavior analysis and about education and training; address issues relevant to the science and practice of behavior analysis; maintain disciplinary, professional, and ethical standards; and recruit interest in behavior analysis throughout the State and the Kansas City metropolitan area..."² In support of its mission, KansABA encourages its members to form special interest groups. This document describes the relations between the SIGs and KansABA, the minimum requirements for forming SIGs, and the minimum requirements for SIG operations.

SIGs and KansABA

KansABA's members have a variety of interests across a range of activities in teaching, research, service, and practice. To support them, KansABA encourages the development of special interest groups or SIGs. For this, KansABA will (a) assist them with recruitment, promotion, and dissemination; (b) publish SIG news and announcements on the KansABA website and in its conference program; (c) host SIG business meetings at the KansABA conferences; (d) co-sponsor continuing education events; and (e) maintain links between the SIG's and KansABA's websites.

SIG Formation

KansABA SIGs may be formed by minimally five KansABA full members. They do not have to become SIG members. Applications include (a) a completed application form; (b) proposed by-laws; and (c) the e-mailed signature lines of five founding SIG members, accompanied by the message: "I support the formation of a KansABA SIG for [the name of the interest]." These are submitted at any time to webmaster@kansaba.org. They are reviewed at KansABA's Executive Council's next in-person meeting, usually within two months.

SIG Operations

KansABA allows its SIGs flexibility in their by-laws and governance, but has some requirements for every SIG, some for their by-laws and others described below:

- Each SIG has interests distinctly different than those of other KansABA SIGs
- SIG officers promote basic principles of good governance, due diligence, and care in the oversight and management of its operations
- SIGs cannot affiliate formally with other organizations. The SIGs are created by KansABA members for KansABA members, with whom they share common missions, interests, and policies. Affiliating with other organizations may send conflicting messages about their and KansABA's missions, interests, and policies

- SIGs cannot be for-profit organizations. SIGS may apply for nonprofit status with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (e.g., 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) status). For suggestions about financial management, see ABAI's Frequently Asked Questions about its special interest groups.¹

Again, KansABA encourages and supports the formation of SIGs. For further information, see the other links at this site.

Footnotes

1. Adopted and adapted from the Frequently Asked Questions about ABAI's special interest groups at <https://www.abainternational.org/constituents/special-interests/sig-handbook-and-faqs.aspx>.
2. For KansABA's by-laws, see <http://www.kansaba.org/>.
3. For ABAI's *Handbook for Special Interest Groups*, see https://www.abainternational.org/media/114178/sig_handbook_2016.pdf.