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# SIG Mission

To promote the:

- **Development and dissemination** of empirically-sound research and interprofessional practice-based intervention within the shared domains of speech-language pathology and applied behavior analysis.
- **Application of evidence-based practices** relevant to the full range of services provided by speech-language pathologists and applied behavior analysts.
- **Narrowing the research-practice gap** through education, training, and mentorship.

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# Interesting Facts

Currently, there are **526** identified dually certified individuals worldwide. We are in **43 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico.**

# Even More Interesting Facts

We are in **19** countries outside of  
the USA:

Argentina

Australia

Bahrain

Canada

Chile

Czech Republic

France

Greece

India

Ireland

Kuwait

Netherlands

Poland

Russia

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# Resource

Where can I quickly find an SLP-BCBA?

<https://www.behavioralspeech.com/find-an-slpbcba.html>



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SLP-BCBA







# SLP-BCBA and SLP-BCaBA 2023 Achievements

- Presented at numerous state, regional, national, and international conferences
  - Autism
  - Behavior Analysis
  - Augmentative Communication
  - Speech/Language
  - Feeding
  - Special Education
- Contributions via:
  - Presentations
  - Posters
  - Online Courses
  - Podcasts
  - Webinars
- Published scholarly works (journal articles and book chapters)
- Published EESAPP: Early Echoic Skills Assessment and Program Planner
- Featured on local news channels
- A few SLP-BCBA earned their “D” distinction from the BACB.

**178 presentations in  
2023!**



**For ABAI 2023, 6** SLP-BCBAs presented:

- Beth Bellone (Massachusetts)
- Cory Whelan (Massachusetts)
- Dag Stromberg (Sweden)
- Deirdre Muldoon (New York)
- Kristin Bowman (Florida)
- Melisa Santacroce (New Mexico)
- Kathleen Dyer (Connecticut)



# National Autism Conference 2023

**At the 2023 National Autism Conference (NAC) at Penn State, 6 SLP-BCBAs presented :**

- Lilith Reuter-Yuill (Michigan)
- Tracie Lindblad (Canada)
- Amy Foor (Pennsylvania)
- Tamara Kasper (Wisconsin)
- Lina Slim (Florida)
- Barbara Esch (Michigan)



# Women In Behavior Analysis and Association for Professional Behavior Analysts

**At the WIBA Conference in July 2023, 2** SLP-BCBA  
presented:

- Ali Arena (California)
- Lindsay Ambrosino (Pennsylvania)

**At the APBA Conference in 2023, 1** SLP-BCBA  
presented:

Melisa Santacroce (New Mexico)



# American Speech Language and Hearing Association

**At the ASHA Conference in November 2023, 8 SLP-  
BCBAs presented:**

- Barb Weber (Pennsylvania)
- Brooke Findley (California)
- Cheryl Fletcher (California)
- David Rehfeld (Oklahoma)
- Jean Jarrett (North Carolina)
- Jessica Franco (Texas)
- Kate Grandbois (Massachusetts)
- Rose Griffin (Ohio)



## **SLP-BCBA Presentations at ABAI-Philadelphia Saturday, May 25, 2024**

### **AUT Poster Session #96M**

#### **147. Honoring Individual Strengths: Customizing Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Interventions Using a Functional [Dynamic] Assessment**

Saturday, May 25, 2024: 1:00 PM–3:00 PM Convention Center, 200 Level, Exhibit Hall A

Lilith Reuter-Yuill, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP/Tamara Kasper, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA

#### **Prompt Less and Shape More: Using Interconnected Chains for Skill Acquisition and Problem Behavior Reduction When Teaching Children With Autism Symposium #120**

##### ***Shaping With or Without Prompting: Findings From a Scoping Review***

Saturday, May 25, 2024 3:00 PM–4:50 PM Convention Center, 103 C

Dag Strömberg, MS. SLP, BCBA

#### **Speech Pathology Applied Behavior Analysis SIG ABAI Expo Poster # 179F**

Saturday, May 25, 2024: 8:00 PM–10:00 PM Convention Center, 105 AB

Nikia Dower, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA, LBA

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Tamara Kasper, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA

Lina Slim, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

Heather Forbes, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP



## SLP-BCBA Presentations at ABAI-Philadelphia Sunday, May 26, 2024

### **Analyses of Verbal Behavior in Complex Cases Symposium #207**

#### ***Intraverbal Assessment for Persons With Aphasia or Other Acquired Brain Injury***

Sunday, May 26, 2024 8:00 AM–9:50 AM Convention Center, 105 AB

Barbara Esch, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

### **Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services to Facilitate Communication in Individuals With Complex Needs in the United Kingdom Symposium #240**

Sunday, May 26, 2024: 10:00 AM–11:50 AM Convention Center, 103 A

Discussant: Lina Slim, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

### **Building Verbal Behavior Repertoires in Home-Based Settings Symposium #252**

#### ***The Effects of a Treatment Package on Rate of Tact Acquisition in Children With Autism***

Sunday, May 26, 2024 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM Convention Center, 113 C

Lina Slim, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

### **Let's Talk About Collaboration and Behavior Analysis Symposium #153**

Sunday, May 26, 2024 12:00 PM–12:50 PM Convention Center, 114

Discussant: Melanie Giles, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

### **AUT Poster Session #292K**

Sunday, May 26, 2024: 1:00 PM–3:00 PM Convention Center, 200 Level, Exhibit Hall A

#### ***143. Comparing Symbol Exchange Interventions for Teaching Mands to Children With Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities***

Heather Forbes, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

#### ***145. An Evaluation of Urine Alarms in Intensive Toilet Training Programs***

Heather Forbes, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

### **Ethical Considerations Across Fields, Roles, and Organizations Symposium #319**

Sunday, May 26, 2024 3:00 PM–4:50 PM Convention Center, 202 AB

Discussant: Lina Slim, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

### **You're the Best! (But You Could Be Better): How to Analyze and Grow Your Skillset Paper Session #322**

Sunday, May 26, 2024 4:00 PM–4:25 PM Marriott Downtown, Grand Ballroom Salon F

Brittany Schmidt, MA, CCC-SLP, BCBA



# SLP-BCBA Presentations at ABAI-Philadelphia Monday, May 27, 2024

**Tech Solutions for Engaging College-Level Students and Boosting Academic Performance  
Symposium #415**

***Enhancing Academic Performance in Tertiary Education Through Social Media: A Multi-Arm  
Randomized Control Trials (RCT)***

Monday, May 27, 2024 9:00 AM–9:50 AM Marriott Downtown, Grand Ballroom Salon F  
Aida Tarifa Rodríguez, PhD, SLT, BCBA-D

***Echoics: Conceptual Analyses and Applied Implications Symposium #437***

Monday, May 27, 2024 10:00 AM–10:50 AM Convention Center, 105 AB  
Discussant: Barbara Esch, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

***PDS: A Global Perspective on Interprofessional Collaboration Between Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)  
and Behavior Analysts Panel #447***

Monday, May 27, 2024 11:00 AM–11:50 AM Convention Center, 113 C  
Lina Slim, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

***Behavior Analysis in Latin America: Looking From the Past Into the Future Symposium #460***

***Regulation of Behavior Analysis in 15 Countries of Latin America: Assessing the Challenges and Opportunitie  
for Implementation of the Science***

Monday, May 27, 2024 11:00 AM–11:50 AM Convention Center, 203 AB  
Estefania Carla Alarcon Moya, MA, SLT, BCBA

***Assent-Informed Treatment: Scaling Compassionate Care in a Large Organization Symposium #449***

***Maximizing Motivation: Transforming Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Through Assent***

Monday, May 27, 2024 11:00 AM–11:50 AM Convention Center, 113 A  
Discussant: Lilith Reuter-Yuill, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP  
Chair: Tamara Kasper, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA

***AUT Poster Session #484K***

**Monday, May 27, 2024: 1:00 PM–3:00 PM Convention Center, 200 Level, Exhibit Hall A**

***165. A Systematic Review of Acquisition and Mastery of Skills Taught Using the Picture Exchange  
Communication System***

Heather Forbes, PhD, BCBA-D, CCC-SLP

***Clinical Behavior Analysis: Considerations in Characterizations, Applications, and Future Directions  
Panel #520***

Monday, May 27, 2024 5:00 PM–5:50 PM Marriott Downtown, Franklin Hall 9-10  
Melisa Santacroce, M.S. CCC-SLP, BCBA





# SPABA becomes a NonProfit

*501(c)(3) Organization*

*Lilith Reuter-Yuill*



**What is SPABA's goal in being a nonprofit?**



SPABA's vision is to support meaningful improvements in the lives of individuals and their families within the shared domains of speech-language pathology and applied behavior analysis through interprofessional collaboration.

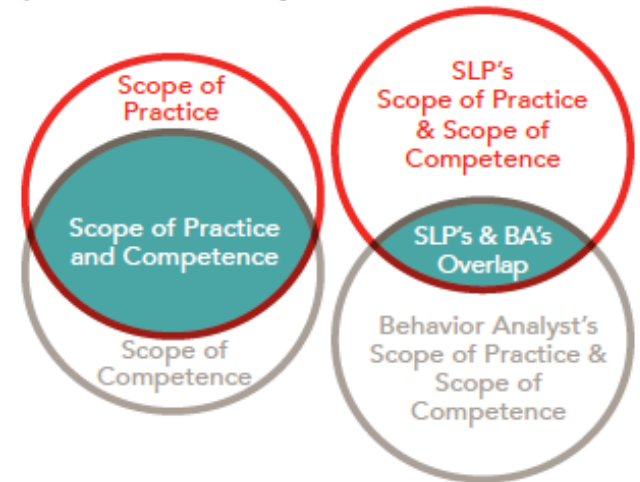
**Relative Strengths and Opportunities for Collaboration**

**RELATIVE STRENGTHS**

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS	BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnostics</li> <li>Spoken and Written Language</li> <li>Child Development</li> <li>Articulation/Phonology</li> <li>Swallowing and Feeding</li> <li>Language Structures</li> <li>Augmentative and Alternative Communication</li> <li>Speech, Fluency, and Voice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Collection Strategies</li> <li>Behavior Interventions</li> <li>Functional Behavior Assessments</li> <li>Reinforcement and Motivation</li> <li>Single Case Design Methodology</li> <li>Functional Communication Training</li> <li>Preference Assessments</li> <li>Principles and Tactics of Effective Teaching</li> </ul>

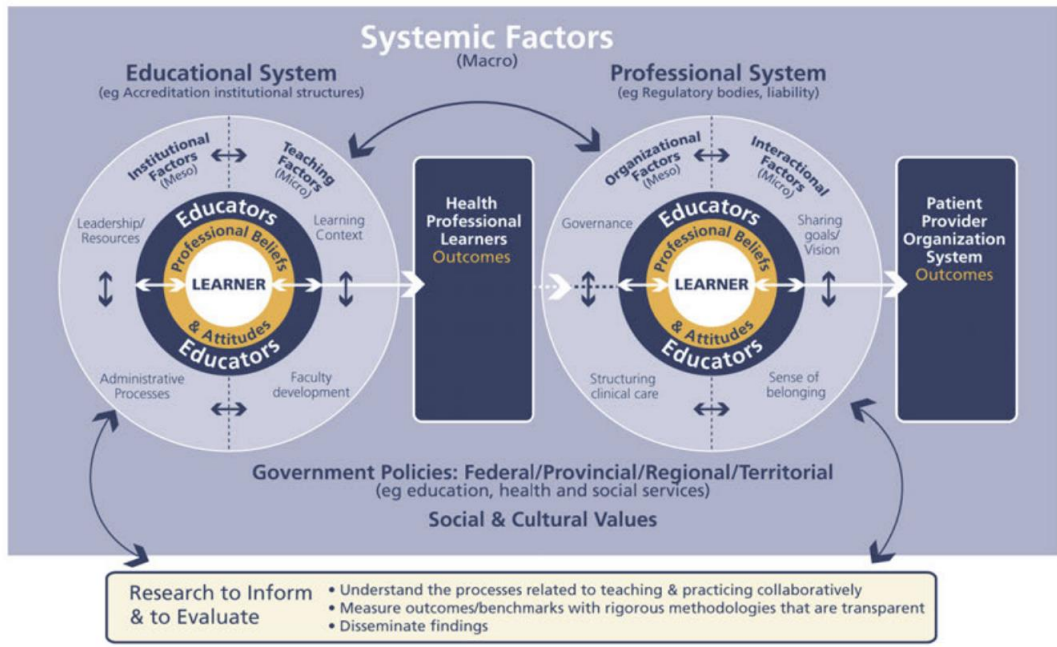
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION**

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS	BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behavior Management</li> <li>Functional Communication Training</li> <li>Single Case Design Methodology</li> <li>Data Collection Strategies</li> <li>Preference Assessments</li> <li>Principles and Tactics of Effective Teaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developmental Norms</li> <li>Articulation/Phonology</li> <li>Structures of Language</li> <li>Feeding</li> <li>Language Sampling</li> <li>Augmentative and Alternative Communication</li> </ul>

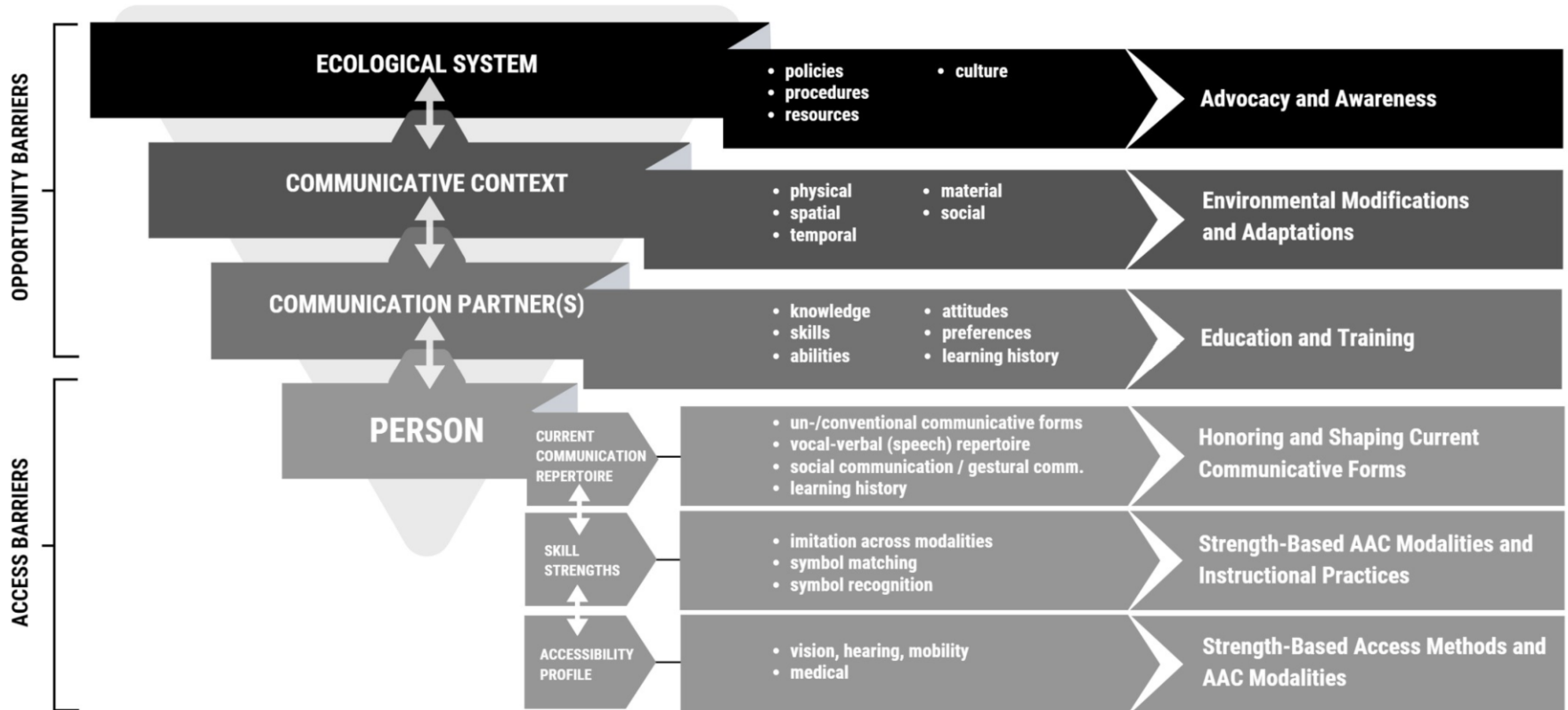




Interprofessional Education to Enhance Learner Outcomes < Interdependent > Collaborative Practice to Enhance Patient Care Outcomes



## Applied Model of Interprofessional Collaboration – Assessment (AMIC-A)



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# Operations Guide



*Speech Pathology*  
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Established March 2024 (03/28/2024)

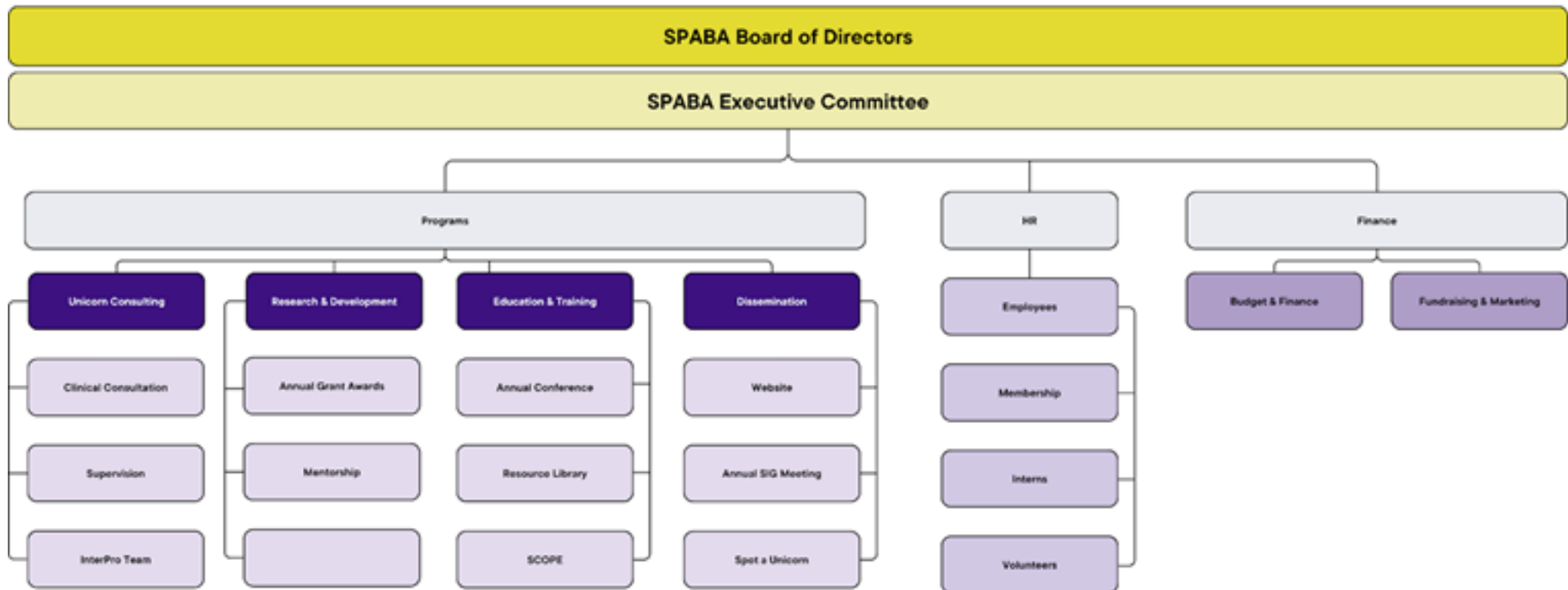






# Administrative Organization Chart

to support meaningful improvements in the lives of individuals and their families within the shared domains of speech-language pathology and applied behavior analysis through interprofessional collaboration





“The **most innovative research and technical developments** often occur at the intersections among **multiple disciplines.**” (Light et al., 2019)





# Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by Heather Forbes*



## Assets (5-22-24)

Cash on hand (Checking)	\$4,276.62
Other (PayPal)	\$2,177.20
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<b><i>Total assets</i></b>	<b>\$ 6,453.82</b>



# Profit and Loss Statement 01-01-24 through 05-22-24

## Income

Full membership	48	960.00
Student membership	5	50.00
Donations	4	200.00
BACB CEUs	3	30.00

**Total income** **\$ 1,240.00**

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## Expenses

PayPal fees		30.29
Website fees		10.16
Other (nonprofit startup costs)		285.00

**Total expenses** **\$327.45**

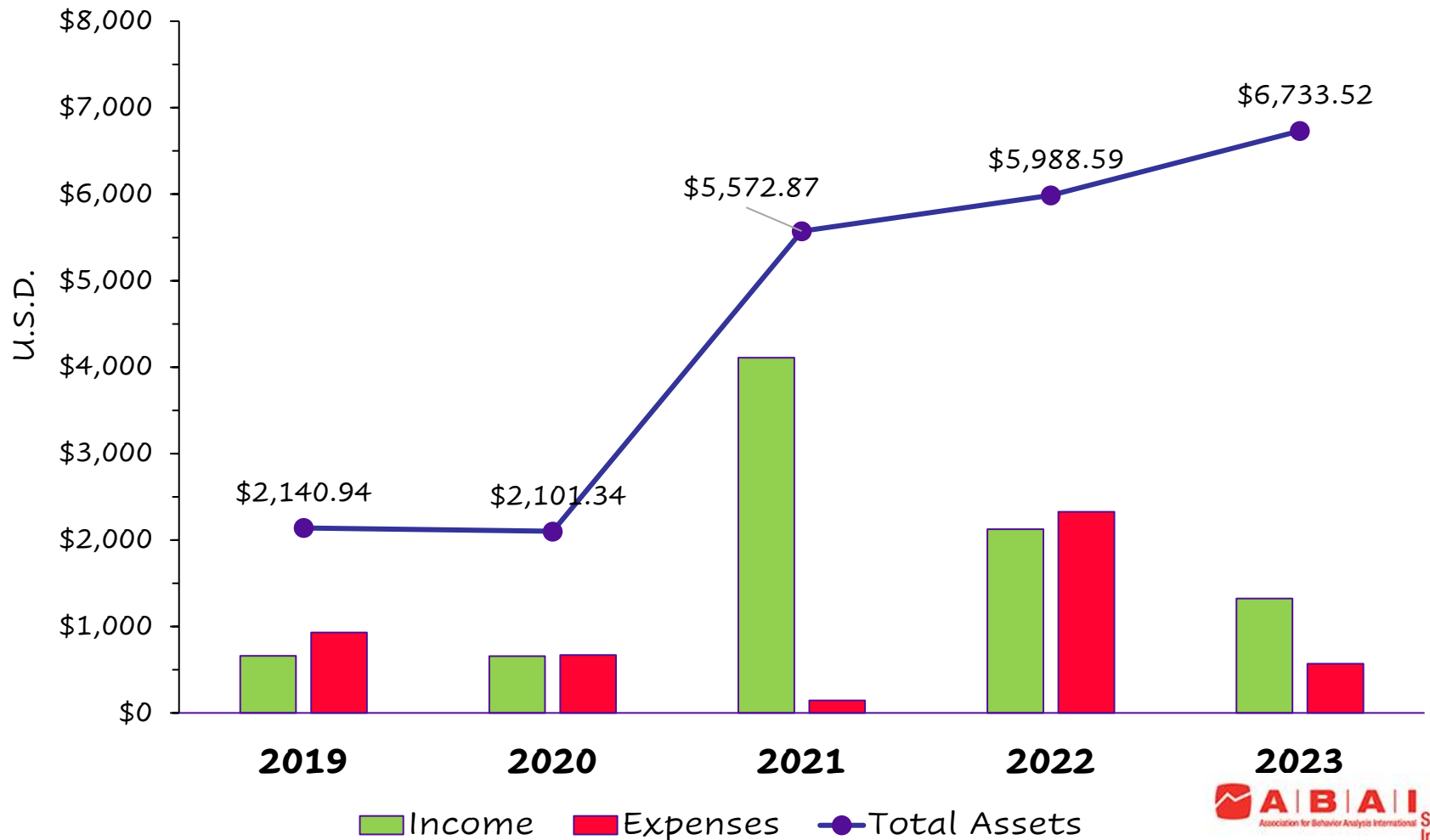
**Net profit to date** **\$912.55**

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## Expenses not shown

10/2023 Grants	3	\$1500.00
10/2023 Nonprofit startup costs		\$2500.00

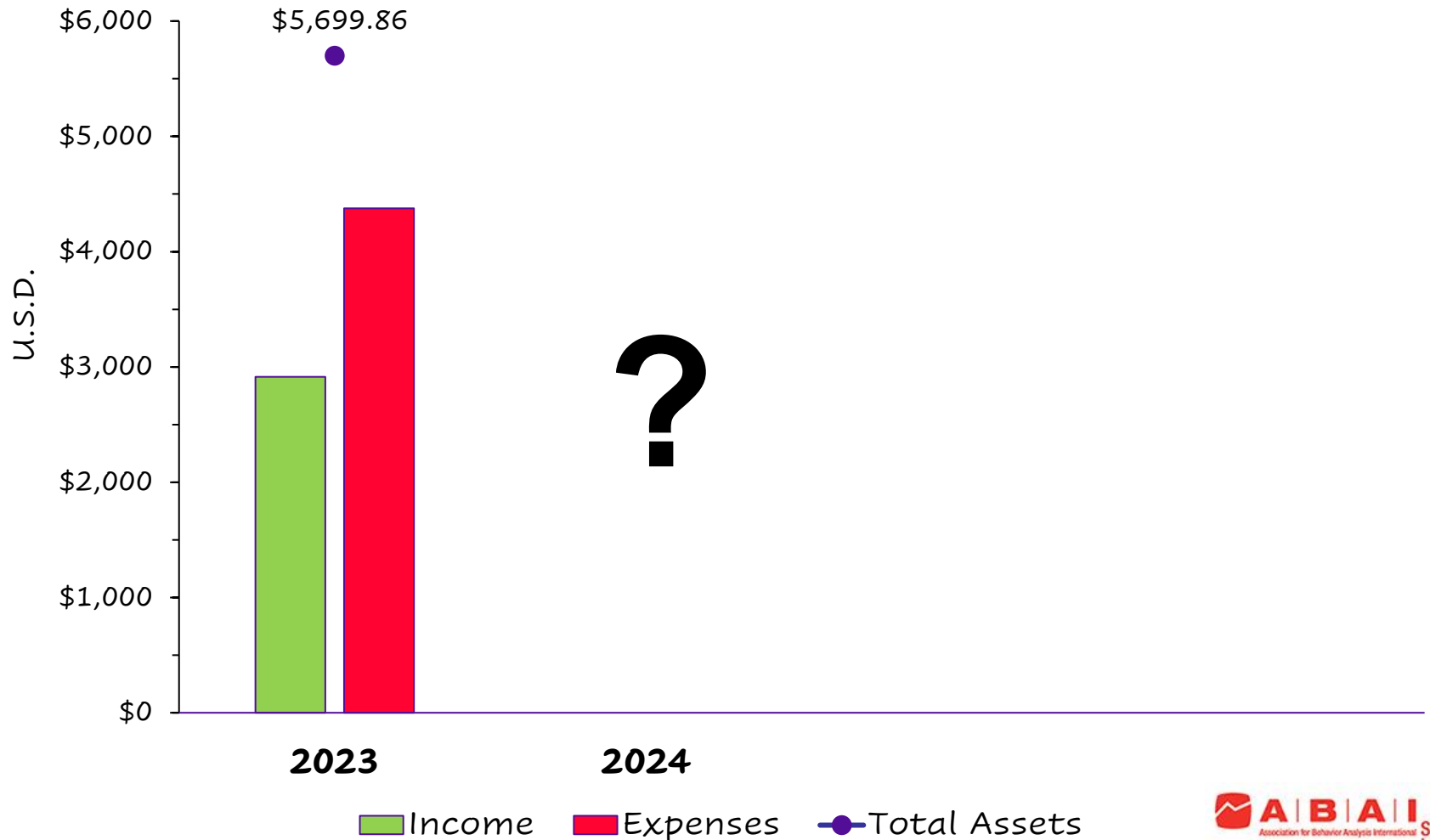
# Five-Year Financial Trend 05-21-19 through 05-21-23





# *New! Work in Progress*

Financial trends  
not yet available  
*01-01-23 through 12-31-23*





# Looking Ahead to 2024!

Your generous donations will help us to award

## Three (3)

Research, Dissemination, and Application  
Grants in 2024.

These grants will be reflected on the 2024  
Treasurer's Report.

# Want to become a member?

## *New in 2023*

### 2- and 3-year membership donation options



#### MEMBERSHIPS

\$10.00 - \$60.00



#### Memberships

- Student Membership - 1 year only - \$10.00
- Professional Membership - 1 year - \$20.00
- Professional Membership - 2 years - \$40.00
- Professional Membership - 3 years - \$60.00



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**Join the cause today.**



There is unrealized potential in interprofessional collaboration.

### -The SPABA Team

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#CollaborationOverCompetition #CollaborationForChange





# Membership Report

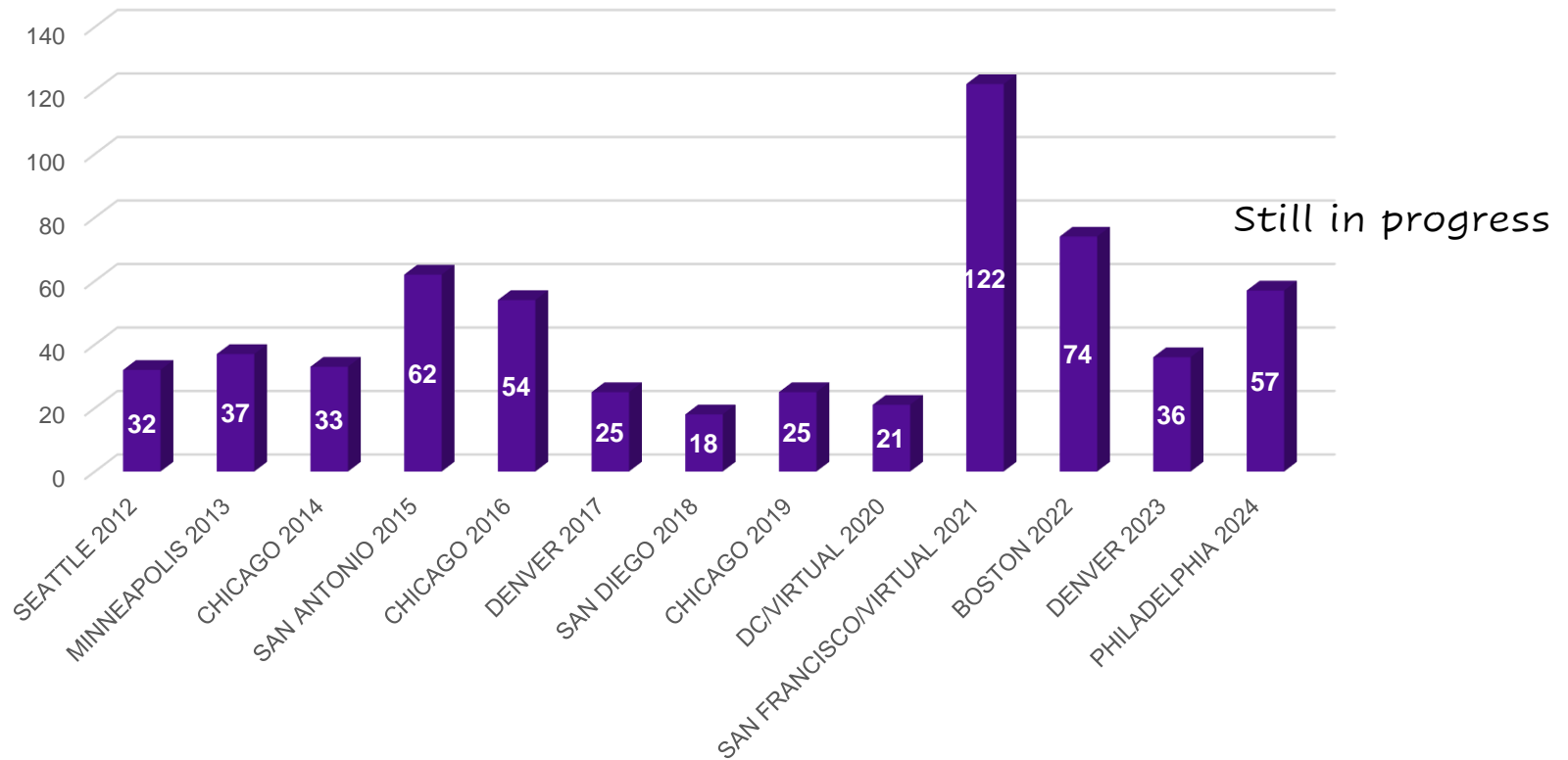
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# Membership Trends

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	To Date 2024
<b>Professional Members</b>	17	14	20	118	68	28	53
<b>Student Members</b>	5	2	1	4	6	8	4
<b>Facebook Group Members</b>	4047	5584	7233	8559	9,231	9,548	9,953
<b>Total</b>	4069	5600	7254	8681	9305	9584	<b>10010</b>

# SPABA SIG Membership Trends

SPABA Paid Memberships





# Have you officially become a member of SPABA yet?

Memberships run from January – December each calendar year.

## SPABA Membership Drive



**BECOME A MEMBER**  
**\$20/YEAR PROFESSIONALS**  
**\$10/YEAR STUDENTS**

JOIN TODAY



### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ✓ Receive annual SPABA SIG Newsletter
- ✓ 2 FREE BACB® Learning CEUs for SPABA Events yearly (\$20 total value)
- ✓ Members Only Access on SPABA Website (in progress)



[www.tinyurl.com/JOINSPABA](http://www.tinyurl.com/JOINSPABA)



<https://www.behavioralspeech.com/join-spaba.html>







# Social Media

*Submitted by Nikia Dower*



# SPABA Facebook Group

- Our first social media presence started in **2013** – primary use is for dissemination, file sharing and professional discussions relevant to SPABA’s mission.
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SPABA.SIG/>



🔒 Closed group  
Anyone can find the group and see who runs it. Only members can see who's in it and what they post.

## About






The Speech Pathology and Applied Behavior Analysis - Special Interest Group (SPABA) is a special interest group of the Association for Behavior Analysis International® (ABAI) and is for professionals from the fields of Applied Behavior Analysis and/or Speech-Language Pathology.

SPABA's mission is to promote 1) dissemination of behaviorally-oriented speech and language research and 2) application of evidence-based practices relevant to the full range of services provided by speech and language professionals.

ABAI 2018: 4720 members  
ABAI 2019: 5864 members  
ABAI 2020: 7233 members  
ABAI 2021: 8,559 members  
ABAI 2022: 9,305 members  
ABAI 2023: 9584 members  
**ABAI 2024: 9953 members**

Members are SLPs, SLP-BCBAs, SLP-BCaBAs, BCBAs, BCaBA, RBTs, behavior analysts, special education teachers, occupational therapists, etc.



Social Media Platform		Year Started	Current Likes / Followers
	Facebook Page	2016	3900
	X	2016	1192
	Instagram	2017	1749
	Pinterest	2017	68
	LinkedIn	2022	1464



2024 Research and Dissemination  
Grant Discussion  
Presented by Lina Slim



In 2021, SPABA decided to officially name the annual grants after speech/language pathologists and behavior analysts who exemplify the following:

RESEARCH – APPLICATION – DISSEMINATION

**Giri Hegde Research Grant**

**Barbara Esch Application Grant**

**Nikia Dower Dissemination Grant**



**Applicants for the Research Grant** must be students enrolled in a Bachelors, Masters or PhD program in Speech-Language Pathology, Behavior Analysis, Psychology, Special Education, or a related field.

**Applicants for the Application or Dissemination Grants** can be graduate students or practitioners. Application studies may also be research studies (as in the case of single-case research design studies).

Students are encouraged to pick the category that best applies to their work *and* provide a letter of support whether applying to the research category or the application category.



M.N. GIRI HEGDE  
RESEARCH AWARD

This grant was named after MN Hegde, Ph.D., CCC-SLP. Dr. Hegde is a professor emeritus of communication sciences and disorders who has contributed seminal articles and textbooks on a behavioral analysis of communicative disorders and treatments.

For those interested in applying for a grant this calendar year, **Research Projects** should advance the evidence base for behavior-analytic conceptualization for treatment of speech, language, communication, and feeding disorders.





**2023 Giri Hegde Research Grant Recipient**

**Jessica Tran, MS, BCBA**



Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Livingston, Ph.D., BCBA-D  
Munroe-Meyer Institute | University of Nebraska Medical Center  
**Comparison of Mand Acquisition and Preference in Children  
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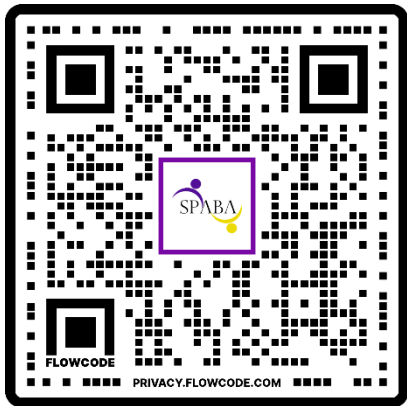




BARBARA ESCH  
APPLICATION AWARD

This grant was named after Barbara Esch, Ph.D., BCBA-D, CCC-SLP. Dr. Esch is the founder of SPABA SIG and has published research on using ABA for speech-language assessment and treatment. She is also the author of the Early Echoic Skills Assessment (2014) and Program Planner (2023).

For those interested in applying for a grant this calendar year, **Application Projects** should involve effective use of the science-based principles of behavior by SLPs.





**2023 Barbara Esch Application Grant Recipient**

**Brittany Loder MS, BCBA, TLLP**



Advisor Dr. Amanda N. Zangrillo, PsyD, BCBA-D  
Munroe-Meyer Institute | University of Nebraska Medical Center

**Response Restriction: A Path Toward Ensuring  
No Individual is Left Without Communication**



NIKIA DOWER  
DISSEMINATION AWARD

This grant was named after Nikia Dower, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA, LBA. Ms. Dower is the current co-chair of SPABA SIG. She is well known for her prolific dissemination of behaviorally-oriented speech and language research and promotion of evidence-based interprofessional practice in speech-language pathology and behavior analysis. Ms. Dower manages SPABA's social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and LinkedIn.

For those interested in applying for a grant this calendar year, **Dissemination Projects** should involve cross-discipline dissemination of accurate information about speech pathology and behavior analysis





**2023 Nikia Dower Dissemination Grant Recipient**

**Grace Lafo**



*Advisor Dr. Lesley Shawler, Ph.D. BCBA  
Southern Illinois University - Carbondale*

***Assessment of Augmentative and Alternative Communication  
Modalities for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder***

The graphic features a dark background with a dense field of golden light trails and particles that create a sense of depth and movement, converging towards the center. Two golden laurel wreaths are positioned on the left and right sides, framing the central text. The text is rendered in a bright, glowing yellow-gold color. The top line of text is arched, while the middle and bottom lines are straight.

**SPABA GRANT AWARDS**

**CEREMONY**

**OCTOBER 17, 2023**



## 2024 SPABA Grant Competition

### Now accepting Research, Application and Dissemination Proposals

#### COMPETITION OBJECTIVE

For this grant competition cycle, the Speech Pathology and Applied Behavior Analysis SIG (SPABA) will provide one Giri Hegde Research Grant, one Barb Esch Application Grant and one Nikia Dower Dissemination Grant to those who conduct empirical research or who facilitate dissemination of knowledge and collaboration between speech pathologists and behavior analysts.

- **Research Projects** should advance the evidence base for behavior-analytic conceptualization for treatment of speech, language, communication, and feeding disorders.
- **Application Projects** should involve effective use of the science-based principles of behavior by SLPs and may include research studies that contribute to the science of ABA and/or studies that reflect the mission of SPABA.
- **Dissemination projects** can be cross-discipline dissemination of accurate information about speech pathology and behavior analysis.

#### AWARD

- One grant of **\$500.00** will be awarded to the winning **proposal in each category**.
- Each completed application will entitle the applicant to one year of free membership in the SPABA SIG.

#### Notes to APPLICANTS

- **Applicants for the Research Grant** must be students enrolled in a Bachelors, Masters or PhD program in Speech-Language Pathology, Behavior Analysis, Psychology, Special Education, or a related field.
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- **As a practitioner, you may only apply for the application or dissemination grants.**




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**2024 SPABA Grant Competition**  
 Now accepting Research, Application and Dissemination Proposals

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**AWARD**

- One grant of **\$500.00** will be awarded to the winning proposal in each category.
- Each completed application will entitle the applicant to one year of free membership in the SPABA SIG.

**Notes to APPLICANTS**

- **Applicants for the Research Grant** must be students enrolled in a Bachelor's, Masters or PhD program in Speech-Language Pathology, Behavior Analysis, Psychology, Special Education, or a related field.
- **Applicants for the Application or Dissemination Grants** can be graduate students or practitioners. Application studies may also be research studies (as in the case of single case research design studies).
  - Students are encouraged to pick the category that best applies to their work and provide a letter of support whether applying to the research category or the application category.
- **As a practitioner, you may only apply for the application or dissemination grants.**




**SPABA**  
**ANNUAL GRANTS**  
**APPLICATIONS**  
**OPEN**

**DEADLINE TO**  
**SUBMIT**  
**JULY 15, 2024**

**RESEARCH | APPLICATION | DISSEMINATION**

**[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/SPABA2024GRANTS](http://tinyurl.com/spaba2024grants)**





# SPABA Community of Practice Events

*Submitted by Sophie Millon*





## SPABA Community of Practice Events (SCOPE)

SPABA Community of Practice Events (SCOPE) was started in August 2020 led by Sophie Millon, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA. These are periodic one-hour virtual events, for anyone to attend, where we discuss literature or have guest speakers that affects our practice as SLP-BCBAs, SLPs and CBAs.

Some SCOPE topics were:

**EESA Revised** - Barb Esch: July 11, 2023

**Pseudoscience** - PANEL: Gina Green, Jason Travers, Jim Todd - September 12, 2023

**Gestalt Language Processing** - Sari Risen, Tracie Lindblad, and Heather Forbes - NOVEMBER 14, 2023

**Stimulus Equivalence** - Deirdre Muldoon MARCH 12, 2024

**Matrix Training (aka, Miniature Linguistics System)** - Sarah Frampton - MAY 14, 2024



**Free to attend!**

**1 Learning BACB CEU Available for \$10.**

**1 PDH towards ASHA certification**

**SPABA Members receive 2 CEUs FREE yearly!**





# Final Discussion

## Submitted by Nikia Dower

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# Discussion



- **Donations**

- **Dissemination, Application and Research Grant award amounts**

- *tied directly to **donations** acquired by April of each year*
- *dissemination for applicants – ideas?*

- **Membership**



- **Website Help Needed:** Development of a “Members Only” Section

<https://www.behavioralspeech.com/join-spaba.html>





# 2023-2024 Activities

2023 AGM PLAN	PROGRESS
Increase in Membership on the Executive and Committees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social Media Presence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Expansion of Website	
Development of Bylaws and Policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financial Sustainability	

In case you missed it

Find the archives of JSLPABA here:

[Journal of Speech and Language Pathology Applied Behavior Analysis](#)





# Discussion

## SPABA SIG OF ABAI 2024 Initiatives

- Fundraise for SPABA as a 501(c)(3)
- Continue to focus on Research, Application and Dissemination awards and donations to support larger and more awards
- Continue professional dissemination and discussion on the Facebook Group
- Continue promoting professional growth and collaboration among our members
- *Publications that merge rather than divide the SLP and ABA worlds*
- Continue to offer ACE BACB CEs for SCOPE events, presentations on behalf of SPABA, and other events

# Announcement



- Watch for the SIG update in the ABAI 2024 Summer or Fall newsletter





*Thanks for joining us  
today!*