

First Annual General Membership Meeting Summary

Nov. 8th, 2014, Moncton, NB

1. Current President Paul McDonnell welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive Committee:
 - a. Past-President: Sheila Bulmer
 - b. President: Paul McDonnell
 - c. President-Elect: Marlene Breitenbach
 - d. Secretary-Treasurer: Holly Seniuk
 - e. Member-at-Large: Sorcha Parker
2. Paul reviewed the activities of APABA to date:
 - a. Application to ABAI and approval
 - b. Newsletter to ABAI
 - c. Development of Facebook page
 - d. Obtained quotes for website development
 - e. Development of logo
 - f. Meeting with Dr. Jim Carr (CEO of BACB®)
 - g. Member recruitment
 - h. Poster presentation at ABAI Annual Convention 2014 Expo
 - i. Held business meeting at ABAI Annual Convention 2014
 - j. Attended ABAI Affiliate Chapter Leadership Training at ABAI Annual Convention 2014
 - k. First Annual General Membership meeting and webinar
3. Paul reviewed membership demographics and provided a financial report
4. Paul discussed upcoming elections:
 - a. Addition of 1 or 2 more Members-at-Large
 - b. Formation of Nomination Committee
5. Paul announced that Dr. Heward generously donated his honourarium for the webinar to be used for an award for member(s) pursuing research and/or projects in sustainability
6. Break-Out Sessions
 - a. Discussion of Governance
 - i. Need representation from across provinces and specialties.
 - ii. Need for a student representative. Perhaps one campus based and one distance based.
 - iii. Terms should be 2 years with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms.
 - iv. Members-at-Large can represent provinces and host meetings in their respective province.
 - b. Goals & Function of Chapter
 - i. Focus needs to be on recruitment.

- ii. Idea to increase funds – donations, name in newsletter for donation.
 - iii. Increase Facebook posting.
 - iv. Online discussion group.
 - v. BCBA Bedtime reading group – email Marlene Breitenbach for more information
 - vi. Continuing education – very important
 - vii. Money for members to attend workshops and conferences
 - viii. Networking for supervision
 - ix. Swag – APABA t-shirts etc.
 - x. Lobbying –insurance coverage, competencies of service providers
 - xi. Provide information to public regarding certification and what to look for in a service provider
 - xii. Training materials
 - xiii. Support members through lower insurance rates, exam preparation materials etc.
 - xiv. Public awareness, what can we give back to the community?
 - xv. Parent group – parents can mentor new parents
 - xvi. Student mentorship
 - xvii. Business cards
 - xviii. Promote research
 - xix. Positive parenting programs
 - xx. Promote ABA in other areas – TBI, stroke, health and fitness
- c. Ideas for committees:
- i. Public relations
 - ii. Awards
 - iii. Nominations
7. Webinar with Dr. William Heward – “Common Mistakes by ABA Practitioners & How to Avoid Them”
8. Closing remarks.