

Texas Association for Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group Requirements

The purpose and mission of the Texas Association for Behavior Analysis (TxABA) is to promote the advancement of the science of behavior and the practice of Behavior Analysis. As the scope of our professional activities expands, there are natural constraints imposed on one organization's ability to address all the needs of its membership. These constraints create the ideal conditions for the development of Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

SIGs can significantly contribute to the fulfillment of the organization's mission by allowing opportunities more precisely tailoring information or activities to a group of people with specific interests in particular areas. TxABA supports, in principle, the development and maintenance of SIGs under the TxABA umbrella.

The following set of requirements has been established to assist SIGs in organizing their activities and also to ensure organizational consistency within TxABA.

- Any and all SIG activities are subject to review and must be approved by Council
- There is a formal application process
- An application for SIG status must be accompanied by signatures from three (3) full members of TxABA in support of the application
- Organization of TxABA SIG requires TxABA Council approval
- SIGs require by-laws (template to be provided)
- SIGs must have an elected President (who is a full member of TxABA) and one other person as an officer (does not have to be a full member of TxABA)
- SIGs must hold free and fair elections
- All SIG members must be members of TxABA
- SIGs must maintain accurate records of membership
- SIGs cannot speak on behalf of TxABA and must qualify public statements as not representing the opinion of TxABA, its Executive Council, or its members
- TxABA is not responsible for and will not manage finances for SIGs
SIGs must present an annual report to the Executive Council of TxABA before the annual conference each year to maintain SIG status under the umbrella of TxABA