



AN ABAI CHAPTER AFFILIATE

Student Committee Charter

Purpose

The Student Committee is a standing committee of the Texas Association for Behavior Analysis (TxABA) whose purpose is to promote engagement, diversify opportunities, and provide resources among TxABA student members. Additionally, the Student Committee shall work with the Student Representative to ensure the perspective of students across the entirety of the state are represented on the council so as to further the growth of the next generation of behavior analysts.

Committee Membership

The Student Committee shall have a minimum of three (3), and no more than twelve (12), committee members. Unless otherwise stated, committee members shall serve a 2-year term starting May 1 and ending April 30. All committee members may apply for re-appointment following the conclusion of their term, for a maximum of two additional years of service. To be eligible to serve on the Student Committee, students must have a minimum of one year remaining in their masters or PhD program at the time of appointment (or re-appointment).

Student Committee members will be selected from among the TxABA student membership. When each position is available, the Executive Director will put out a call for nominations to TxABA student members. Any TxABA student member may nominate a qualified individual (including themselves) for these positions. The Executive Director will send the list of nominees to the Executive Council, which will appoint a member from among the list of qualified nominees.

The Executive Council will make efforts to appoint students from a diverse range of Universities across the state of Texas. At no point should the Student Committee consist of more than two students from a single university program (The Student Representative does not count toward this total). The Executive Council will make efforts to appoint students across degree and program types.

Below are the current committee member roles:



- **Executive Director:** The TxABA Executive Director shall serve as an advisor to this committee (non-voting), except in cases of a tied vote, in which case the Executive Director may cast a vote to break the tie. They will provide administrative support and recommendations based on their knowledge of the organization's operations.
- **Chair:** The chair shall be the current TxABA Senior Student Representative. This individual will be appointed by the Executive Council by majority vote each year. The chair or designee shall schedule, organize, and announce each committee meeting. The chair may appoint a co-chair from the current committee members.
- **Secretary:** Take notes during each meeting of the Student Committee and disseminate the minutes to each committee member.
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity for Everyone (EDIE) Committee Representative:** A member of the EDIE committee shall be available as an advisor to the Student Committee upon request and will not have voting privileges. Additionally, the EDIE committee may request to lend support to the Student Committee.
- **Online Program Representative(s):** Selected from an online masters or doctoral program in behavior analysis or other eligible degree (to be determined at the discretion of EC).
- **PhD Student Representative(s):** Selected from an on the ground doctoral program in behavior analysis or other eligible degree (to be determined at the discretion of EC).
- **Masters Student Representative(s):** Selected from an on the ground masters in behavior analysis or other eligible degree (to be determined at the discretion of EC).

Activities, Duties, and Responsibilities

Acting with the Executive Director, the Student Committee is charged to:

- Establish TxABA Student Ambassadors whose role is to foster academic and professional relationships with the various university programs outside of but complementary to behavior analysis, such as speech language pathology.
- Ensure that the grants and student funding opportunities from TxABA are readily accessible to TxABA student members in collaboration with the Executive Director and TxABA web developers, and Grants and Funding Committee.
- Promote TxABA sponsored scholarships/grants for students.
- Organize student events during the TxABA annual conference to promote engagement and connectedness across student membership.
- Organize student events outside of the TxABA annual conference to promote engagement and connectedness across student membership.
- Work in collaboration with the Program Committee to ensure alignment of student interests regarding professional and intellectual development are considered in the planning of annual service offerings.



Sub-Committees

The Student Committee may establish sub-committees as necessary which will be charged with planning and organizing specific programs and services approved by the Executive Council. Members of these sub-committees may be appointed by the Student Committee without approval by the Executive Council.

