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This past year has been a momentous one in SQAB's life. First, after 11 years, the Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA) asked us to change our status with respect to the overall organization. SQAB was founded, and continues as an independent, nonprofit organization. When it began meeting at ABA it also became a special interest group within that larger organization. We always meet during the pre-meeting time at ABA, and have provided tutorials during the regular meeting. The Executive Board considered alternative venues for holding SQAB including the pre-meeting of Psychonomic Science. After many negotiations with ABA and discussions within the Executive Board, we reached an agreement. To bring the members up to date, two documents resulting from a series of meetings is included. The Executive Board of SQAB approved the new version of the Collaborative Relationship. After this year's meeting we hope to report on the effects of this new relationship.

Second, Timothy Hackenberg has been elected to serve on the ABA board and therefore has stepped down as board member of SQAB. Jennifer Higa has been elected to the board in his place. Billy Baum was elected to serve a full term as president.

SQAB and ABA Reaffirm Collaborative Relationship

By

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The Society for the Quantitative Analysis of Behavior, or SQAB (<http://sqab.psychology.org>), was founded in 1978 to present symposia and to publish both focused and cross-disciplinary papers emphasizing the quantitative analysis of behavior. Each June for 14 years, the symposium occurred in William James Hall on the Harvard campus in Cambridge (the Harvard Symposium on the Quantitative Analysis of Behavior), the papers from which were published first by Ballinger (Harper & Row) and then Erlbaum in a series of volumes. During that period, SQAB was incorporated as a non-profit organization. As represented in its publications and convention program, SQAB is at heart a learned society with cross-disciplinary interests that extend beyond the experimental analysis of behavior, although to be sure many

SQAB members are also ABA members and have interests in quantitative approaches to the experimental analysis of behavior.

In 1993, SQAB began to hold its annual conference at the site of the annual ABA convention, just prior to the ABA convention itself. Factors that were relevant to holding the SQAB meeting just prior to ABA included: a) the overlap in presenters, audience, and program content; b) not incurring the expense of mounting a separate meeting at a different place and time; and c) educating the behavior-analytic community in the value of quantitative approaches. The reasoning was that a collaborative relationship between SQAB and ABA would clearly strengthen the experimental program at ABA's convention (and the field itself), even if SQAB was an independent organization. The arrangement has proved highly workable for both SQAB and ABA, and in the ensuing years, SQAB has brought many eminent people to the meeting (a Nobel laureate included), has provided consistently high quality presentations that are well attended, and has provided excellent tutorials for those wishing to know more about quantitative approaches to behavior. SQAB has also been a SIG of ABA since 1992.

In recognition of this mutually beneficial and collaborative relationship, SQAB and ABA have reaffirmed their commitment to support each other's activities. Some features of the relationship are listed below. SQAB will continue to hold its meetings prior to the ABA convention at the ABA convention site. SQAB will continue to maintain its independence and unique identity (e.g., with respect to program content, website, publicity, publications, media). SQAB will continue to provide and distribute tapes of tutorials. SQAB attendees will display standard convention badges with a unique SQAB designation. SQAB conference organizers will encourage SQAB presenters to participate in the ABA program. ABA will advertise the SQAB conference in its publications. ABA will assume various forms of liability for the two meetings. In recognition of the ABA support for SQAB, and with the exception of a limited number of guest registrations for SQAB attendees who are not ABA members, SQAB attendees will either register for the ABA convention or pay the equivalent of a workshop registration fee.

Available data indicate over 80% of SQAB attendees typically attend ABA in any case.

The arrangements should provide a greater degree of stability for the two organizations, as well as strengthen both research and theory in a science of behavior.

Draft: Memorandum of Understanding: June 3, 2004

The SQAB convention program is of extraordinarily high quality and ABA benefits by being associated with it. In no way does ABA wish to intrude in the SQAB program or regulate it. Importantly, each organization encourages the participation of its members in the events of the other in the spirit of collegial interdisciplinary cooperation, according to the provisions of this memo and in accordance with the policies of each organization. In light of our understanding that the relationship between SQAB and ABA is mutually beneficial and should be continued, we agree on the following terms:

- 1) SQAB attendees will either pre-register or register on-site for the ABA Convention before attending the SQAB meeting. Similarly, ABA members wishing to attend SQAB will either pre-register or register on-site for the SQAB Convention.
- 2) Non ABA members who wish to attend only SQAB will pay the current 6 hr workshop fee. (At time of writing, the fee is \$125.)
- 3) In consultation with ABA, SQAB registrants will display a unique form of identification to be used in conjunction with the regular ABA convention badge.
- 4) At its discretion, SQAB may ask ABA to process its attendees' registration according to the standard ABA procedures. If this option is elected, the current transaction fee will apply (at time of writing, the fee is \$12.).
- 5) ABA may monitor the entrances to the SQAB meeting room to ensure that each attendee is displaying the appropriate ABA identification (i.e., the ABA convention badge).
- 6) ABA will provide an average of 10 complimentary ABA convention registrations per year to SQAB for each year of the agreement, to be assigned at SQAB's discretion to guests who are not members of ABA. For example:
 - a) If SQAB agrees for 2 years, then 20 registrations are allotted.
 - b) If SQAB agrees for 5 years, then 50 registrations are allotted.

SQAB will notify ABA by July 15, 2004, if the agreement is to be in effect for the 2005 convention, and by Sep 1, 2004, if the agreement is to be in effect for the 2006 convention. The

duration of the agreement may be extended by mutual understanding.

- 7) SQAB will maintain its independence and unique identity (e.g., with respect to its program, website, publicity, publications, media, etc.).
- 8) ABA will make suitable space available for SQAB's meeting in the principal hotel, immediately prior to the ABA convention proper, as it has for the past several years. At current levels, SQAB expects to attract 300 attendees. SQAB will communicate with ABA about its needs for each year in which the agreement is in effect.

- 9) ABA will provide standard audio-visual support comparable to that provided in regular sessions of the ABA convention proper. If SQAB wishes to videotape its meeting, it will be responsible for any special physical and financial arrangements required beyond the standard configuration (e.g., any special lighting that may be needed, special microphones, video cameras, etc.).
- 10) Attendees of SQAB may avail themselves of ABA-negotiated hotel room rates.
- 11) SQAB will have no general liabilities should ABA fail to fulfill its room block contractual obligations with the hotel, although SQAB will assume liabilities for any events associated with its meeting (e.g., damage).
- 12) SQAB presentations will conform to general ABA guidelines (e.g., no demonstration with live non-human animals, in tradition of learned society, etc). ABA will not interfere with the selection of speakers.
- 13) Production, distribution, sales, and ownership of SQAB sponsored tutorials during the regular ABA convention remain in the hands of SQAB. The tutorials will be advertised and scheduled as part of the ABA convention program and tutorial series. Every effort will be made to continue the current practice of scheduling the SQAB tutorials in the period immediately after SQAB. For presentations approved for ABA's continuing education program, ABA will provide the necessary staff support for assigning continuing education credit.
- 14) SQAB will be expected to approach ABA if it desires any presentations during its meeting to carry continuing education credit.
- 15) SQAB will be entitled to disclosure of any financial data resulting from this agreement.
- 16) ABA will provide a link from the ABA to the SQAB website.
- 17) SQAB program committee will encourage invited speakers to present at the ABA convention.

William Baum, Jay Moore, on behalf of ABA
 SQAB President Executive Council

Business Meeting Notes 2004

There was a short meeting. Billy went over the agreement with ABA. Randy Grace will co-edit proceedings for the Journal, Behavioral Processes. He is working on getting another co-editor. Randy Grace suggested that to promote more interaction with other fields, he expects to publish the keynote speakers' address (or a related paper) along with BBS-like commentaries.

Officers and Executive Board 2005

Billy Baum will serve out his full term as President. He let us know that he had but one more year to serve. The Executive Board voted him a full term.

Treasurer's Report for 2004-2005

Unaudited, May 20, 2005

Balance brought forward

Income

Book sales
 Registration & Membership
 Membership only
 Interest earned
 Sale of videos
Total income

Expenses

Fees (bookkeeping)
 Helpers at symposium
 Hotel (banquet, bartenders)
 Postage
 Speakers
 Symposium expenses (copying, paper, badges)
 Tax preparation
 Video duplication
 Viper Trading (posterboard rental)
Total expenses

Year's balance

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