MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS
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MABA Election Ballot 2021

Dear MABA Member,

We would like to begin the election process for officers to the Executive Committee.

If you are a **full** (voting) member of MABA, we invite you to vote for the offices of **President-Elect and two Member-at-Large** positions. The nominees for office and a brief biography of each individual are provided on subsequent pages of this mailing. According to MABA by-laws, officers must be voting members of both MABA and its parent organization, the Association for Behavior Analysis.

To elect individuals to this office, please complete and sign the attached form, then scan and email to info@marylandaba.org:

Ballots MUST be returned by November 29, 2021 in order to be considered.

Please make an "X" next to the candidate for whom you wish to vote. Print and sign your name at the bottom. Please scan and email to info@marylandaba.org by November 29, 2021:

PRESIDENT-ELECT (select one):

Aila Dommestrup	
Aaron Lesser	

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (select TWO):

Matthew Edelstein	
Anlara McKenzie	
Jannette Puisseaux	
Adithyan Rajaraman	
Kristin Wienecke	

Your name: _____   Signature: _____

MABA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Office of the President-Elect

Aila Dommestrup	Aila Dommestrup graduated from Syracuse University in 2006 with bachelor of art's degrees in psychology and sociology. She received her doctoral degree in 2013 in School Psychology with an emphasis in Autism Spectrum Disorders from the University of Georgia. Dr. Dommestrup completed her doctoral internship and two years of post-doctoral fellowship training at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She is a board certified behavior analyst (BCBA-D) and licensed psychologist. Dr. Dommestrup is a supervising psychologist with the Neurobehavioral Unit – Outpatient Program which serves children and adolescents with developmental disabilities and their families who are referred for the assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior. She also serves as the director of the NBU – Follow-up Services program which provides ongoing consultation support to caregivers, schools, and community providers in the continued implementation of behavior plans developed during outpatient, intensive outpatient, or inpatient admissions. Dr. Dommestrup's interests also includes educating teachers, school staff, and community providers on serving children and adolescents exhibiting challenging behavior through her role as Core Director for Principles of Behavior Change with the Center for Innovation and Leadership in Special Education. Dr. Dommestrup's research interests include the assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior, improving generalization of caregiver and client behavior from clinic to home settings, and long term monitoring of caregiver integrity.
Aaron Lesser	Aaron Lesser is a Senior Behavior Analyst in Kennedy Krieger Institute's Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program and faculty member at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He earned his Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and completed a predoctoral fellowship at the Munroe-Meyer Institute and a postdoctoral fellowship in the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine training program. He has worked in the field since 2007 and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) since 2011. His interests in practice and research focus on individuals with Avoidant and Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID) and associated co-morbidities, response blocking procedures during treatments to decrease food refusal, and interdisciplinary approaches to texture advancement.

Member-at-Large

Matthew Edelstein	Dr. Edelstein is a clinical psychologist in the department of Behavioral Psychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute and a full-time faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is dually licensed in both psychology and in behavior analysis, and holds a board certification in behavior analysis with a doctoral distinction. Dr. Edelstein's clinical practice and research focuses on the application of gold standard behavioral practices in underserved outpatient pediatric populations, including evidence-based parent training. In addition, he has been responsible for supervision

	and overseeing the clinical training of doctoral interns, doctoral externs, and postdoctoral fellows for over 4 years.
Anlara McKenzie	Anlara McKenzie, MA, BCBA, LBA - Anlara McKenzie is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Licensed Behavior Analyst in the state of Maryland. Anlara has over 8 years of experience practicing Applied Behavior Analysis with children with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities both in the in-home (Little Red Car ABA Services, LLC), the clinic (Acorn Health), and the hospital setting (Kennedy Krieger Institute, serving both as a clinical therapist and a clinical supervisor). Anlara holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Masters of Arts in Human Services Psychology with a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Anlara serves as the Clinic Director of the Odenton Clinic for Acorn Health of Maryland. Her research has been presented at regional and national conferences as well as published in peer-reviewed journals. Her current research interests include increasing the quality of staff training / supervision and improving supervision relationships.
Jannette Puisseaux	Jannette Puisseaux, M.A., BCBA is a Supervising Behavior Analyst at Little Leaves Behavioral Services with nearly 15 years of experience working with individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. Prior to joining Little Leaves, Jannette was the Director of Related Services at The Auburn School, and previously worked at The Kennedy Krieger Institute's Neurobehavioral inpatient and outpatient units. Jannette earned her B.S in Psychology and Master's Degree and Clinical and Health Psychology from the Complutense University of Madrid (Spain), and completed a post-graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis at Florida Institute of Technology. Jannette's practice interests include the assessment and treatment of challenging behaviors, skill acquisition and caregiver training.
Adithyan Rajaraman	Adithyan (Dithu) Rajaraman has been applying behavior analysis to improve socially important behaviors of children with and without disabilities for 13 years. Dithu completed his Doctorate in Behavior Analysis at Western New England University, under the advisement of Dr. Greg Hanley. In 2019, he joined the faculty at UMBC, where he mentors undergraduate and graduate students of Psychology with an emphasis in behavior analysis. He has been working to increase the scope of behavior-analytic course offerings for undergraduate Psychology majors. Dithu has published research in the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* as well as in *Behavior Analysis in Practice*. Dithu's research and practice interests include the analysis, treatment, and prevention of dangerous problem behavior, with an emphasis on investigating trauma-informed approaches to behavioral assessment and intervention. This research aim is intimately connected to the goal of being able to provide safe, dignifying, yet highly effective behavior-analytic services to underrepresented individuals in underserved communities.
Kristin Wienecke	Kristin Wienecke: Kristin is a graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County master's degree program in Human Services Psychology with a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis. During her graduate school years, Kristin worked as a Clinical Specialist on the inpatient Neurobehavioral Unit (NBU) at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. There, she received extensive training in functional assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior. During her post-graduate years, Kristin worked for the Montclair School District in New Jersey, developing comprehensive behavior programming for students with emotional disabilities, and consulting across the district in general education classrooms. Since

	2014, Kristin resides in Maryland with her family. She currently serves as Clinical Coordinator for The Ivymount School in Rockville, Maryland. Her primary job roles include supervising and conducting behavior analytic assessments and evaluations of student performance, overseeing development of Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs), creating and supporting staff trainings, and providing BCBA supervision and professional development events. Kristin attended her first MABA in 2007 as an undergraduate psychology student at James Madison University. She is excited for the opportunity to serve on the council of the Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis.