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Cordially, *Sandra K Schuster, Esq.*, NaBITA 2011-2012 President

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NaBITA Activities Update

NaBITA now has more than 100 institutional members, with over 500 participating individuals from

those institutions. This represents excellent growth from last year. Thank you for prioritizing NaBITA in times of tight budgets.

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NaBITA's 2nd Annual Conference, held in December of 2010, had 210 registrants (up from 175 in 2009) and was hosted by Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Thank you to NaBITA Conference Coordinator Samantha Dutil and Tulane Site Coordinator Erica Woodley for producing an amazing conference featuring Gary Pavela, Mary Ellen O'Toole and Jim Cawood, amongst many other well-received presenters. Special thanks also go to Gene Schuster and Rebecca White for their tireless, volunteer efforts on behalf of NaBITA. Evaluations showed this was one of the most content-rich conferences our attendees have experienced in their professional careers. Your constructive feedback suggested less focus on extremes of violence and shooters, and more emphasis on lower-level disruptive and concerning behaviors. Our 2011 conference will reflect these priorities as requested by you, our members. New this year was the 1st Annual NaBITA Campus Threat Management Institute, which was capped at 35 participants and attended by 40! NaBITA hosted a Riverboat Dinner Cruise with more than 50 participants and the Institute Faculty. This year also marked the first official meeting of the NaBITA Board of Advisors, who are ably helping to set priorities for the future of the association.

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At the 2010 conference, president-elect Sandra K. Schuster, Esq. took office for her 2011-2012 presidential term in a brief ceremony and welcoming statement. Her leadership and vision are already impacting NaBITA for the better. In collaboration with Executive Director Brett Sokolow, Saunie issued a NaBITA Position Statement on the Arizona Shootings which has garnered dozens of favorable comments, calls and emails from the higher education community and beyond. You may always contact her directly with any questions, ideas or concerns at Saundra@nabita.org.

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Leadership Musical Chairs. The 2010 conference also saw the transition for NaBITA past-president and founder Brett Sokolow from the presidency to a new role as volunteer Executive Director for NaBITA. W. Scott Lewis, J.D., has assumed the position of president-elect, 2013-2014. During his current term as president of ASCA, Scott has been on leave from his position as the NaBITA VP for Corporate and Workplace Initiatives. In leaving that role to become president-elect, the vice president position became vacant. NaBITA Advisory Board member Dan Timberlake, MBA, Ph.D., volunteered and has now been appointed VP for Corporate and Workplace Initiatives for 2011-2012. Dan will continue to serve on the Advisory Board as a VP. Similarly, Saunie's presidency left open the VP for K-12 Initiatives position she had held concurrently with being president-elect. NaBITA Advisory Board member Brian Van Brunt, Ed.D., has graciously volunteered to fill that slot. Thank you and welcome Dan and Brian.

NaBITA produced five webinars (NaBITANARs) in 2010 which served members and non-members as well. In a concerted effort to expand our webinar offerings, NaBITA will offer more webinars in 2011. These events will be announced soon.

Membership fees are unchanged for 2011, but membership benefits have expanded, dramatically. Based on requests from members for more team support materials, we have greatly expanded the offerings of each membership category, and will continue to do so annually. At present, please find the following available in each [membership category](#):

[Enhanced-level members](#) -- 127 (up from 82) protocols, sample policies, templates, training tools, articles, materials and the BIT KIT

[Standard-level members](#) -- 96 (up from 61) protocols, sample policies, templates, training tools, articles, and materials

[Basic-level members](#) -- 42 (up from 21) protocols, training tools, articles, and materials

[NaBITA Advisory Board](#)

The 2011-2012 Advisory Board members are:

Margaret "Mickey" Hay, Ph.D., Dean of Students and Academic Support - Southwestern Michigan College

Brett A. Sokolow, Esq., NCHERM Managing Partner; NaBITA Executive Director

Sandra K. Schuster, Esq., NCHERM Partner; NaBITA 2011-2012 President

Charles Kenyon, Ed.D., Associate Vice President and Dean of Students - Buffalo State College

Patricia Lunt, Ph.D., Dean of Students - Northern Virginia Community College

Janice Murray-Laury, Vice President for Student Affairs - Kean University

Peggy Scott, Ed.D., LPC, Director, Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities - Stephen F. Austin State University

Corlisse Thomas, Ed.D., Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs - Baruch College/CUNY

Daniel Timberlake, MBA, Ph.D., Director of Counseling Services - Boise State University; NaBITA VP for Corporate and Workplace Initiatives

Brian Van Brunt, Ed.D., Director of Counseling and Testing Center - Western Kentucky University; NaBITA VP for K-12 Initiatives

W. Scott Lewis, J.D., NCHERM Partner; Assoc. General Counsel to St. Mary's College; NaBITA President-Elect

Mitchell Levy, Ph.D., L.M.H.C., Executive Director of the Center for Counseling, Advising and Academic Support,
LaGuardia Community College

Carolyn Reinach Wolf, Esq., NaBITA VP for Strategic Initiatives

Erica Woodley, Assistant Dean of Students/Case Manager - Tulane University

We appreciate the service of our AB members, who meet annually at the conference, and by email listserv. Already, we have been hard at work on conference planning for 2011.

NaBITA Staff Roster:

- President -- [Saundra K. Schuster, Esq.](#)
- President-elect -- [W. Scott Lewis, J.D.](#)
- Executive Director, Founder and Past President – [Brett A. Sokolow, Esq.](#)
- Associate Executive Director, Conference Chair and Membership Coordinator – [Samantha Dutil](#)
- Vice President for Workplace Initiatives – [Dan Timberlake, MBA, Ph.D.](#)
- Vice President for Strategic Initiatives – [Carolyn Reinach Wolf, Esq.](#)
- Vice President for K-12 Initiatives – [Brian Van Brunt, Ed.D.](#)
- Events Coordinator – [Rebecca White, M.Ed.](#)

[NaBITA in the News](#)

The January shootings in Arizona by former Pima Community College student Jared Loughner raised the national profile of campus behavioral intervention and threat assessment team efforts. The media turned to NaBITA frequently for official comment during the weeks after the shootings. Click below to follow NaBITA in the News:

[USA Today](#)

[Anderson Cooper 360 °](#)

[CBS \(AP\)](#)

[Clear Channel Radio](#)

[Newsweek.com](#)

[CNN Newsroom with Kyra Phillips](#)

[KTVB](#)

[The Wall Street Journal](#)

[USA Today again](#)

[More USA Today](#)

[NaBITA Award of Excellence](#)

Congratulations to Maxient on being named the recipient of the 2010 NaBITA Award of Excellence!



As the nation's foremost provider of student conduct administration software, Maxient offers a one-stop, completely customizable, web-based solution that fits college and university budgets in these tight economic times. In addition to increasing office productivity, Maxient's Conduct Manager suite features tools specifically designed to assist behavioral intervention teams in connecting the dots. Founded and staffed by individuals who previously worked in student affairs, their experience in the field shows with a product that is highly functional and very intuitive.

[NaBenefits](#)

There are many benefits to NaBITA membership. If you have not joined us already, please consider joining today. Here are the descriptions of our member categories and all that you receive in return for your membership dollars.

Basic Membership

- o 10% discounts for NaBITA Regional Events and Webinars
- o Access to NaBITA ListServ for all your Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) members
- o Biannual NaBITA Newsletter
- o Access to the NaBITA Membership List
- o Access to 42 Proprietary Publications

Standard Membership

- o 50% discount on registration for one person for the NaBITA Annual Conference and 10% discount for all your other Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) members
- o 10% discounts for NaBITA Regional Events and Webinars
- o Access to NaBITA ListServ for all your Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) members
- o Biannual NaBITA Newsletter
- o Access to the NaBITA Membership List
- o Access to 96 Proprietary Protocols, Team Formation Documents and Training Materials

Enhanced Membership

- o One free registration to the NaBITA Annual Conference, and 20% discounts for all your other Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) members
- o 10% discounts for NaBITA Regional Events and Webinars

- o Two free NaBITA Webinar registrations per year
- o Access to NaBITA ListServ for all your Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) members
- o Biannual NaBITA Newsletter
- o Access to the NaBITA Membership List
- o Access to the NaBITA Experts Consultation Bulletin Board
- o Access to 127 Proprietary Protocols, Team Formation Documents and Training Materials

Join NaBITA Today

NaBITA Partners

NaBITA is pleased to have a thriving partnership program, and we hope you'll take a moment to visit the sites of those organizations that help to support your association. Partnership with NaBITA is given only after each partner is carefully vetted by our staff.

Spotlight on NaBITA's Newest Partner



The Pavela Report - NaBITA Partner

The Pavela Report (TPR) is a widely cited resource on law and policy issues in higher education. In addition to analyzing new cases, summarizing state and federal reports, and providing comprehensive case studies, Gary Pavela (a Fellow of the National Association of College and University Attorneys) offers creative commentary readers will not find elsewhere. The Pavela Report appeals to educators who seek clear, concise, and substantive analysis.

Of special interest to NaBITA members: An updated TPR case study on classroom disruption and threats of violence.

Subscription offer: In 2011, TPR offers an introductory one year subscription for \$90 (less than one-half the normal weekly subscription price). Just reply to this message (or send an e-mail to pavelareport@gmail.com) and your discounted subscription will begin immediately. Be sure to mention your NaBITA affiliation. New subscribers only.



[The National Center for Higher Education Risk Management - NaBITA Partner](#)



[The Center for Aggression Management - NaBITA Partner](#)



[Maxient - NaBITA Partner; 2010 NaBITA Award of Excellence Recipient](#)



[Campus Assistance Program, a division of Health Management Systems of America - NaBITA Partner](#)



[360° Stay Safe at College - NaBITA Partner](#)

Click here to view the most recent NaBITA Whitepaper, [***Preventing the Preventable***](#)

Read below for a preview of the recent NaBITA article, [***BIT Recordkeeping Best Practices and Model Policy***](#)

BIT Recordkeeping Best Practices and Model Policy

By: W. Scott Lewis, J.D., Sandra K. Schuster, J.D. and Brett A. Sokolow, J.D.

We have been collecting recordkeeping questions that we receive consistently from campus behavioral intervention teams with the intent that we would compile them, add our answers and publish both the questions and answers together with a model BIT recordkeeping policy as a resource for teams on best practices. Here it is...

Issue 1: How should we handle records requests?

With a request for records, the school should be responding solely and specifically to the question asked. The most typical inquiries are from governmental agencies (Law enforcement, military, education, etc.), professional/graduate schools, and licensing boards. Some ask for “all educational records,” some ask for academic and disciplinary records, some ask for just academic records. Schools should be providing what is asked for, not more. This is primarily because our students are reading these requests and expect us to provide exactly what is requested. In the case where requests beyond academic records are only made, the school should have a mechanism where the request is forwarded to all entities (e.g. Registrar, Conduct office, etc.) to fulfill the request.

Issue 2: How should we address the situation where a student is unaware of the BIT record?

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