



## **An Agreement to Collaborate for Mutual Benefit between the Association for Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS) and ACBS [Affiliate Name]**

Given our shared dedication to the advancement of functional contextual cognitive and behavioral science and practice so as to alleviate human suffering and advance human well-being, we, the Association for Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS) and ACBS [Affiliate Name] agree to enter into a mutually beneficial relationship to be governed by the following terms:

***Our Shared Values & Principles*** – We will strive by our words and actions to consistently embrace and reflect these values and principles.

- Alignment – We will focus our energy and resources on the ACBS vision & mission.
- Cooperation – We will strive to develop a symbiotic relationship which emphasizes mutual benefit and leverages cooperation wherever possible.
- Non-Commercial – We will direct all activity to the shared purpose of the association and service of the members generally without intentional financial or market benefit for any specific individual(s) or organization(s).
- Non-Competitive – We will limit activities to those which support the mission and in no way undercut or compete with those of either party in the agreement.
- Transparent – We will freely share the processes and rationale for all decisions which affect the partnership, the members and the mission.
- Inclusive – We will open activities as well as opportunities for volunteer participation and leadership to all members in the community.
- Quality – We will strive to deliver the best possible programs and activities for our members.

### ***Our Shared Commitments***

- ACBS agrees to
  - Authorize [Affiliate Name] to use the association brand (logo/name).
  - Gives ACBS [Affiliate Name] the Non-exclusive right to serve members in [territory].
  - Share [Affiliate Name] activities with the community at large on the ACBS website and in ACBS communications to the membership.
  - Provide access to affiliate management resources and development opportunities including
    - Dedicated webpage on the ACBS website
    - Membership form that ACBS members can submit if they are interested in joining [Affiliate Name]

- Meeting space at the annual conference (if space is available)
- Affiliate leader virtual roundtables (as organized by the Chapter/SIG Committee)
- ACBS [Affiliate Name] agrees to
  - Comply with the ACBS brand usage specifications (color, size, placement, no 3<sup>rd</sup> party sharing or endorsement, etc.).
  - Continually meet all requirements necessary for legal operation within the Affiliate's above-specified territory.
  - Assure that all members of ACBS [Affiliate Name] are also members of ACBS.
  - Keep member data private and secure at all times.
  - Conduct activities that move the shared mission & serve our members.
  - Use ACBS and ACBS Affiliate resources (including member names and contact information) only for official Affiliate activities.
  - Share news of its activities with the ACBS community at large.
  - Participate in the Chapter/SIG committee virtual roundtables and or discussions
  - Complete required Affiliate annual reports
  - Comply with GDPR or other relevant communications/privacy laws as well as ACBS's privacy policy. *(ex., no mailing lists may be shared, nor used for private purposes)*
    - Member names and contact information may not be maintained after Affiliate's closure
- Jointly, we agree that ACBS and the ACBS [Affiliate Name] are, and shall remain, separate legal entities and that neither party shall be authorized to incur any liability, obligation, or expense on behalf of the other. The ACBS [Affiliate Name] is not liable or responsible for the debts or obligations of ACBS and ACBS is not liable or responsible for the debts or obligations of the ACBS [Affiliate Name].

**Recourse/Termination** – While we enter this agreement with the desire to work together to further the mission as long as possible, we recognize that situations may arise where the relationship needs to end. In that event, either party may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice to the other. The termination will be effective no less than 90 days from the date of the notice and remediation to restore the relationship will be welcome. Affiliate leadership, members or partnering organizations are required to delete all acquired member information, lists, and data, upon termination of the agreement. Member information may not be shared with another person or group.