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- 23 Maricopa County Workshop – Washington ESD, Phoenix
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Save the Date for this year’s ASBA County Workshops

Each fall workshops are held for officers, staff and elected county directors to share issues and solutions to local challenges with members of other boards in their district. Board member training accomplishments are celebrated with awards, and elections for open county director positions are held. County directors also serve on the ASBA Board of Directors. This year, there will be a special Early Bird Training Session for school board leaders on upgrades in the delivery of ASBA’s policy services.

| COUNTY | DATE | HOSTING DISTRICT | COUNTY DIRECTOR(S) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---|
| MARICOPA | Mon., Sept. 23, 2013 | Washington ESD | Bill Adams ★ ★ & Bonnie Sneed |
| PINAL | Tues., Sept. 24, 2013 | Maricopa USD | Torri Anderson ★ ★ |
| YAVAPAI | Weds., Sept. 25, 2013 | Ash Fork Joint USD | Barry Sharp ★ |
| COCHISE | Tues., Oct. 1, 2013 | Douglas USD | Jeffery Crandall ★ ★ |
| SANTA CRUZ | Weds., Oct. 2, 2013 | Nogales USD | VACANT County Director ★ (Jeff Crandall Hosting) |
| PIMA | Thurs., Oct. 3, 2013 | Vail USD | Sara Mae Williams & Jim Coulter ★ ★ |
| GREENLEE & GRAHAM (Joint) | Weds., Oct. 9, 2013 | Clifton USD | Kimberly Lunt ★ ★ Dalene Griffin ★ ★ |
| GILA | Thurs., Oct. 10, 2013 | San Carlos USD | Barbara Underwood |
| APACHE | Tues., Oct. 15, 2013 | Sanders USD | Arnold Goodluck ★ ★ |
| NAVAJO | Weds., Oct. 16, 2013 | Winslow USD | Linda Yazzie ★ ★ |
| COCONINO | Thurs., Oct. 17, 2013 | C.A.V.I.A.T. | Jerry Williams |
| MOHAVE | Tues., Oct. 22, 2013 | Lake Havasu USD | Tom Duranceau ★ |
| LA PAZ | Weds., Oct. 23, 2013 | Salome ESD | Harlow Harper |
| YUMA | Thurs., Oct. 24, 2013 | Yuma UHSD | Marvin Marlatt ★ ★ |

★ Up for election for one-year term on ASBA’s Board of Directors.

★ ★ Up for election for two-year term on ASBA’s Board of Directors.

Agendas for ASBA Law Conference and five pre-conferences now available online

Registration for the main ASBA Law Conference and the five pre-conference sessions is now open, and complete agendas are now available to view on our website. The full-day Law School for School Leaders pre-conference session and four half-day pre-conference sessions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 4. The main Law Conference begins at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, and runs through 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6. All events will be held at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn in Scottsdale.

View the agendas to see the wide range of topics that will be presented:

- [Main Law Conference Agenda](#)
- [Full-Day Pre-Conference: Law School for School Leaders Agenda](#)
- [Half-Day Pre-Conference: The New Era of Teacher and Principal Evaluations Agenda](#)
- [Half-Day Pre-Conference: School Finance for the Non-Financial Expert Agenda](#)
- [Half-Day Pre-Conference: Open Meeting and Public Records Laws](#)
- [Half-Day Pre-Conference: Special Education](#)

The Law Conference and the Sept. 4 pre-conference events require separate registration. District member registration is \$350/person for the Law Conference and \$150/person for the pre-conferences. Registration for the Law School for School Leaders or the half-day pre-conference sessions secures links to materials for all pre-conference sessions, PLUS breakfast, snacks and lunch. In addition, you do not need to be registered for the full Law Conference to attend the Sept. 4 pre-conference events.

[Click here to register for these events now](#)

Important Law Conference Hotel Information

The conference hotel (JW Marriott Camelback Inn) is sold out. We encourage you to make a reservation at Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort & Suites, 6160 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253, by calling 480-389-3447. To receive the conference rate of \$92, let them know you are with the ASBA event. To be placed on the waiting list for the Camelback Inn, please email Ellen White at ewhite@azsba.org with the individual's name and the arrival and departure dates.

UnitED program matches business leaders and principals – sign up now

In August, the Arizona Educational Foundation/AEF will launch its UnitED program for Maricopa County schools and businesses and is looking for principals to participate. The program facilitates partnerships between business leaders and principals with a special emphasis on STEM. Participation in the UnitED program provides resources and opportunities for schools with the added bonus of media exposure for participants and their district. AEF is working with several other nonprofit and community organizations to partner principals with business leaders and needs principals to sign up now. The only mandatory commitment is an orientation from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. on August 29, 2013.

Principals should follow this link to submit an application:

<http://azedfoundation.org/programs/united/united-application-for-principals/>

Questions? mandy@azedfoundation.org or bobbie@azedfoundation.org, or call 480-421-9376.

Essigs honored with Outstanding Service to Education in Arizona award

Congratulations to Dr. Chuck Essigs, AASBO director of government relations, for receiving the first-ever Outstanding Service to Education in Arizona Award at AASBO's 60th Anniversary Annual Conference held in Tucson in July. Gov. Jan Brewer, Sen. Rich Crandall and Supt. of Public Instruction John Huppenthal sent video well wishes. Going forward, this award will bear Dr. Essigs' name. Prior to his current position, Dr. Essigs was assistant superintendent for business services and government relations for the Mesa Unified School District for 18 years. He also served as a deputy associate superintendent for the Arizona Department of Education.

Three Arizona superintendents chosen for AASA National Superintendent Certification Program

Dr. Lupita Hightower (Tolleson Elementary School District), Dr. Nathan McCann (Altar Valley Elementary School District) and Dr. Manuel Valenzuela (Sahuarita Unified School District), are the first three superintendents selected from Arizona to participate in the official launch of the AASA National Superintendent Certification Program. Partnering with the SUPES Academy, this program has been designed to provide the tools and skills superintendents need to be successful in their careers. The program is open to current superintendents with less than 5 years of experience. For more information: [click here](#).

Stop the Drop conference focuses on middle school math issues

Concerns about why previously high-scoring U.S. elementary students drop in math competency by the 10th grade is the central topic of this three-day conference to be held March 27-29, 2014, in Santa Fe, N.M. Join administrators and teachers and learn ways to address this "Mid School Math Cliff" phenomenon. [Learn more](#).

Nominate your district's innovative, creative program for recognition

The Arizona Department of Education is seeking submissions for their Achievement in Action Award. As part of ADE's mission, this new award is designed to recognize and acknowledge outstanding education practices from K-12 schools from around our state that have implemented creative and innovative programs which have had a positive impact on student achievement. Programs that incorporate technology will receive special consideration. Award recipients will be announced and honored at ADE's Leading Change Conference in June. Submit nominations by Oct. 1 at [azed.gov](#).

Let your district's voice be heard on Saturday, Sept. 7 at ASBA's Delegate Assembly

The Annual Delegate Assembly is a vital process which allows representatives of member districts the opportunity to come together and determine the association's political position in the coming year. This is your district's chance to vote on proposals that establish the beliefs of the association and the action items that determine legislative and legal advocacy in the coming year. Be sure to register and send your board's representative to this year's ASBA Delegate Assembly which will be held immediately after the Law Conference starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7.

- [Register for the Delegate Assembly](#)
- [Official Delegate Form](#)

Summer Leadership Institute photos now available online

It was a great conference in Flagstaff this past weekend with school board members, district administrators and other public school leaders from around Arizona coming together for learning and sharing. To view a gallery of photos taken at Summer Leadership, [click here](#).

Arizona board members honored with ASBA Cactus Pin for taking service to the next level

Nine Arizona school board members received recognition for service to ASBA and the National School Boards Association, and their participation in activities and events beyond their regular board service that promote the vision and mission of ASBA and the local governing board.

Receiving Gold Cactus Pins were Dr. Jeffery Crandall (Tombstone USD), Patricia Foy (Seligman USD), Jesus Rubalcava (Gila Bend USD), Evelyn Shapiro (Isaac ESD) and Katrina Talkalai (San Carlos USD).

Silver Cactus Pins were awarded to Steven Chapman (Tolleson UHSD), Anne Greenberg (Paradise Valley USD), Richard Hopkins (Buckeye ESD) and Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil (Dysart USD).

Winners were recognized at the ASBA Summer Leadership Institute in July. [View image](#) Pin awards reflect activities between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013.

[Learn more](#) about the Cactus Pin Award and other ASBA member award and recognition programs.

Two districts recognized by ASBA Safety Committee for outstanding records

The ASBA Safety Committee and SCF Arizona have proudly recognized two Arizona school districts for their outstanding safety records. For more than two decades, ASBA has recognized specific districts that have made strong commitments and taken an active role in reducing employee accidents and injuries.

The 2013 winners of ASBA Safety Awards are:

Category 1: Premium less than \$50,000 and a maximum loss ratio of less than 1 percent

Cochise Elementary School District

Category 2: Premium range of \$50,000 - \$100,000 and a maximum loss ratio of 4.5 percent

Red Mesa Unified School District

The award was presented to Red Mesa at the ASBA Summer Leadership Institute in July. Representatives from Cochise were unable to attend the event.

SCF Arizona awards dividends; focuses on workplace safety and ergonomics

SCF Arizona, the state's largest provider of workers compensation which services a number of ASBA member districts, announced it will pay out safety dividends totaling \$3.5 million for 2012 to qualified policyholders who maintain safe workplaces. The amount paid to each qualified policyholder depends on annual premium paid and number workplace injury claims. To assist in your district's workplace safety and for more information ergonomics, see this week's safety tip: [Learn more](#).

ASBA Executive Searches

None open at this time.

Opening soon:

- Superintendent, Bowie USD
- Superintendent, Chinle USD

Looking for an interim superintendent? ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at shighlen@azsba.org.

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