Nominations requested for Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award

ASBA is asking public school leaders statewide to identify and nominate individuals who may qualify for the prestigious ASBA Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award for 2013. The award was established in 2007 to honor the service of Mrs. Robey who, for more than three decades, has been a tireless servant leader and advocate for Arizona public education and the children of our state during her tenure as an ASBA employee and through her ongoing volunteerism. Mrs. Robey was the first recipient of the award. Since that time, the ASBA Board of Directors has bestowed the award annually on an individual who, like Mrs. Robey, has made outstanding contributions in support of public education in Arizona and who has worked towards fulfilling ASBA's mission through servant leadership over an extended period of time.

The completed nomination form and all supporting documents must be post-marked on or before July 29, 2013. The Barbara Robey ASBA Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented on Thursday, December 12, 2013, at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix at the ASBA annual awards dinner during ASBA-ASA Annual Conference. Download: Criteria/Form (click on the “Lifetime Achievement” tab)

Save the date for the ASBA Law Conference

The new and greatly expanded 37th Annual ASBA Law Conference is just around the corner. The conference will take place from Wednesday, Sept. 4, through Friday, Sept. 6, 2013, at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn in Scottsdale. In-depth Pre-Conferences will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 4. The main conference will begin on Thursday morning, Sept. 5 and run through Friday afternoon, Sept. 6. Registration opens at www.azsba.org/events/law-conference on July 15.

Room reservations will also open on July 15 at 8:00 a.m. and may be secured by calling 800.242.2635.

There will be five in-depth pre-conferences to choose from on Wednesday, Sept. 4:

- Law School for School Leaders (full day)
- The New Era in Teacher and Principal Evaluations (all morning)
- School Finance for the Non-Financial Expert: This half-day session (all morning)
- Special Education and the Law: This half-day session (all afternoon)
- Sunshine and School Boards: How Arizona’s Open Meeting and Public Records Laws Impact School District Governance (all afternoon)
Registration for a single pre-conference session secures links to materials for all five 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 Pre-Conferences.

The number of breakout sessions at the Law Conference is increased in this year’s conference from 16 to 28. Look for a wide range of topics including:

- The Risks and Potential Rewards of Turning Your School into a Charter School
- Board Member Dual Roles
- Guns on Campus
- School Bullying
- Dealing with Difficult Parents
- Social Media Do’s and Don’ts
- Unique Legal Issues of JTEDs
- Religion and Politics and Employee Speech
- BYOT: Legal Issues When Students and Employees Bring Their Own Technology to School
- The (Still) Evolving Law of English Language Learners
- The Art (and Law) of Complaining for School Employees
- …And Many Others

As always, you will receive links to the materials for ALL of the sessions, whether you attend them or not.

Also on the agenda are enlightening and informative general sessions, including:

- A full legal and legislative update
- “Student Free Speech and the Disruption Standard”
- “From Tucson to Newtown: Anticipating and Preventing – as Best We Can – the Unthinkable”
- The always entertaining “Stump the Lawyer” panel

Finally, this year we will be pairing the Law Conference with the ASBA Delegate Assembly which will be held on Saturday morning, Sept. 7 beginning at 8 a.m. On the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 6, the Law Conference will provide a full strand of sessions for those that want a primer on public policy issues that will be discussed at the Delegate Assembly the next day. For more information about the Delegate Assembly, please visit www.azsba.org/events/asba-delegate-assembly. Registration for this event opens July 15 as well.

Meet and network with fellow county attendees at ASBA’s Summer Leadership Institute
Are you registered?
This year ASBA is including a new component. On Saturday at 9:15 a.m., immediately following the general session with Shaun Martin, rural teacher of the year, each ASBA county director will host a facilitated dialogue where you will be able to meet with other attendees from your county. There will be information sharing and time allotted for questions and answers. This will be a great networking opportunity you won’t want to miss.

Time is running out and the deadline for registration without late fees is July 18. All online materials for each session, complimentary wi-fi in all meeting rooms and meals as noted on the online agenda are included in your $200 registration fee. Printed conference materials are available for an additional $15 charge. Additional meals for guests are also available for purchase. Conference/hotel info: click here.

Summer Leadership Institute overflow hotel now available
The block of rooms at Little America is sold out for SLI. The overflow hotel is the Woodlands Hotel, 1175 W. Route 66, Flagstaff. The phone number is 928-773-8888. Be sure to request the ASBA conference rate. The room rate is $115, the same as Little America.

**Have you considered joining ASBA’s Hispanic/Native American Indian Caucus?**
The Caucus is dedicated to promoting quality education for all students and fosters positive relationships among Hispanic and Native American Indian school board members, members of the community, political leaders and ASBA. Annual memberships are available in three categories:
- Regular Membership - $25 individual / $100 full board (open to elected or appointed public board members from ASBA member districts).
- Associate Membership - $25 (open to district-level staff from ASBA member districts).
- Friends of the Caucus Membership - $25 (open to individuals interested in supporting the work of the Caucus).

The Caucus will be holding a business meeting at the Summer Leadership Institute in Flagstaff on Friday, July 26, at 4:15 p.m. For more information/join.

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**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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