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AUGUST 2014
15 Deadline for RFPs, 2014 ASBA-ASA Annual Conference presentations:
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25 Deadline for Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award nominations:
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Arizona schools win inflationary funding victory
Read ASBA General Counsel Chris Thomas’ comprehensive overview of the recent Superior Court decision and what it means to local school districts.

Call for nominations for Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award
Do you know an outstanding public education leader who has followed in the footsteps of Barbara Robey as a tireless servant leader and advocate for Arizona public education and the children of our state? ASBA is asking for nominations for the prestigious 2014 Barbara Robey ASBA Lifetime Achievement Award. Since 2008, the ASBA Board of Directors has bestowed this award annually on an individual who has made outstanding contributions in support of public education in Arizona and worked towards fulfilling ASBA’s mission of “Quality leadership and advocacy for children in public schools.” Barbara Robey, who passed away last month, was the first recipient of the award in 2007. She was followed by outstanding education leaders:
   Charlotte Patterson, 2008
   Jeretta Douglas, 2009
   Dr. Chuck Essigs, 2010
   Dr. Ruth Solomon, 2011
   Eddie Basha, Jr., 2012
   Carolyn Warner, 2013

The completed nomination form and all supporting documents must be received by Aug. 25, 2014. All nominations from previous years will also be considered. The Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented at the ASBA annual awards dinner on Thursday, Dec. 11, during the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix.
Questions: Shirley Simpson, membership services coordinator, ssimpson@azsba.org.
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Register for ASBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, Sept. 6
Immediately after our Law Conference at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, ASBA will be holding our annual Delegate Assembly. It is at this assembly that delegates from member districts will vote to determine the association’s political position in the coming year. This critical policy-determining meeting is your opportunity to share your district’s views. Board members were sent a 2015 draft political agenda earlier this month with recommendations by the Legislative Committee to be voted on at this Delegate Assembly.

Those attending the Delegate Assembly will be held at the JW Marriott Camelback starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. Registration is $55/person and includes a continental breakfast. Registration deadline is Aug. 29. Names of delegate and alternate (if any) must be provided by that date as well.

2014 Official Delegate Form & Registration

**ASBA Annual Law Conference pre-conference offers your choice of four sessions**

Our popular Law Conference starts off on the right note with four separate pre-conference sessions allowing your choice of one of two morning sessions from 8:30 a.m.-noon and/or your choice of two afternoon sessions, 1-4:30 p.m. You may sign up for a half-day pre-conference session, either morning or afternoon ($100/person for members and $200/person for non-members), or for a full-day with morning and afternoon session ($200/person for members and $400/person for non-members). BUT, no matter what you sign up for, you will receive online materials for all four pre-conference sessions. Lunch is only provided for the full-day option.

The two morning sessions are:

- Special Education and the Law
  - Role and View of Advocates
  - Section 504: The Other Special Education Law
  - Discipline of Special Education Students
  - Latest OCR and U.S. Department of Education Guidance (Dear Colleague Letters)
  - State Enforcement Trends
- Preventative Law (Or, How to Cut Your Legal and Liability Expenses While Getting More Money to Education Your Students)
  - Dumb Employment Law Practices
  - Divided School Boards: How to Disagree Without Costing Your District More Money
  - District Liability for Actions that Occur Off-Campus: How a Little Forethought Can Save You a Whole Lot of Money
  - Trends in Claims

The two afternoon sessions are:

- Hot Topics in Student Discipline
  - Release Agreements for Disciplined Students
  - Teacher Rights in Dealing with Students
  - Open Enrollment and Student Discipline
  - Disclosure Issues with Parents
  - The Future of Zero Tolerance Policies
  - Discipline of Students with Mental/Emotional Health Issues
- Arizona’s College and Career Ready Standards – Formerly Known as Common Core
  - Common Core Backlash: What the Critics are Saying and How to Answer Them
Register/Conference Information

The Law Conference will once again be held Sept. 3-5, at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn in Scottsdale. You may secure hotel reservations at 8 a.m. by calling 800.582.2169 or visiting https://resweb.passkey.com/go/asba2014. The room rate is $159 single/double, and the reservation deadline is Wednesday, August 13.

Superintendent Seminar Series starts Aug. 22

ASU's Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has announced that they will again this year be presenting a series of three training sessions for new superintendents at ASU SkySong, 1475 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. The three sessions dates are Aug. 22, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26. Dr. Pam Santesteban will be facilitating and the cost is $150 per district. For more information, contact Michele Lefevre, 602.496.0127, learningforever@asu.edu or to register.

ASBA Executive Searches

None open at this time.

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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