AUGUST 2014
25 Deadline for Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award nominations:
   Criteria
   Nomination form

SEPTEMBER 2014
1   Labor Day – ASBA office closed
3   ASBA Pre Law Conference Sessions - JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale: Register
4-5 ASBA Law Conference - JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale: Register
6   ASBA Delegate Assembly - JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale: Register
12  Deadline for RFPs, 2014 ASBA-ASA Annual Conference presentations: Information/form
13  School Board Appreciation Night at Arizona Diamondbacks: Info/tickets
23  Cochise County Meeting – Willcox USD: Register
24  Santa Cruz County Meeting – Rio Rico High School: Register
24  Pima County Meeting – Tanque Verde USD: Register

Honoring those who went above and beyond, ASBA 2014 Cactus Pin recipients
Congratulations go to the 15 Arizona school board members who were recognized at ASBA’s Summer Leadership Institute last month for their participation in activities and events beyond their regular board service that promote the vision and mission of ASBA and the local governing board. The awards reflect activities completed between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014.
Gold Cactus Pin recipients were:
- Steven Chapman, Tolleson UHSD
- Dr. Jeffery Crandall, Tombstone USD
- Patricia Foy, Seligman USD
- Maxine Hill, Agua Fria UHSD
- Richard Hopkins, Buckeye ESD
- Lillian Hritz, Tombstone USD
- Ann Ordway, Deer Valley USD
- Jesus Rubalcava, Gila Bend USD
- Elizabeth Sanchez, Alhambra ESD
- Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Dysart USD
- Evelyn Shapiro, Isaac ESD

Silver Cactus Pin recipients were:
- Anne Greenberg, Paradise Valley USD
Recipients who attended the Summer Leadership Institute had their picture taken with ASBA President Elaine Hall: view images.

Don’t miss Aug. 29 deadline to register your delegate for this year’s Delegate Assembly

In July, all board members were sent a proposed 2015 political agenda and transitioned process with recommendations by the Legislative Committee to be voted on Sept. 6 at this year’s Delegate Assembly at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn in Scottsdale. This important meeting is being held immediately after our Law Conference, and attending delegates from member districts will vote to determine the association’s political position in the coming year.

The Delegate Assembly will start at 8 a.m. Registration is $55/person and includes a continental breakfast. Names of delegate and alternate (if any) must be provided by Aug. 29.

2014 Official Delegate Form & Registration

Dr. Tim Ogle: “Arizona schools need the money they deserve”

ASBA’s executive director spoke out in a commentary in the Arizona Republic regarding the recent court decision directing the Legislature to adjust school funding as approved by voters in 2000.

Read commentary

Share your success with other public education leaders by presenting at the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference

Great things are happening in Arizona’s schools and districts. We invite you to share your successes with members of the Arizona School Boards Association and Arizona School Administrators at this year’s ASBA-ASA Annual Conference (Dec. 11-12) by presenting a 50-minute breakout session. Sessions should reflect the conference theme of “Our Students, Our Future” and may focus on enhanced equity, inclusion and excellence; success stories using technology; improved student achievement; highly effective board practices; improved district operations; successful change or innovation; or collaboration with students, staff, parents or the community. Proposals for presentations are being accepted online now through Friday, Sept. 12.

Submit a proposal to present

School Board Appreciation Night at the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sept. 13

Come out and celebrate your fellow school board members as the Arizona Diamondbacks play the San Diego Padres at Chase Field on Saturday, Sept. 13. Recipients of ASBA’s 2013 Arizona All School Boards Award and Lou Ella Kleinz Award of Excellence will be honored on the field before the game. Your $40 ticket includes all-you-can-eat hotdogs, chips, popcorn, peanuts, soda and water. See you there! Tickets/more info

Powerful keynote speakers highlight 38th ASBA Annual Law Conference

It’s less than a month away so register now so you don’t miss scholar and education advocate Linda Darling-Hammond, author of “The Flat World and Education: How America’s Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future,” or ASU Professor Emeritus David Berliner, author of “Myths and Lies That Threaten America’s Public Schools.” This year we will be offering 28
information-intensive breakout sessions, and you will have the chance to network with other board members, administrators and education leaders during our hosted social reception. The main Law Conference will be held Sept. 4-5, at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn in Scottsdale. **Main Conference Registration/Information**

It will be preceded by a full day of pre-conference offerings on Sept. 3. Pre-conference registration is available for half day or full day. Half-day (morning or afternoon) registration is $100/person for members and $200/person for non-members and includes online materials for all four pre-conference sessions. Lunch is not included. Full-day session (morning and afternoon) registration is $200/person for members and $400/person for non-members and includes online materials for all four pre-conference sessions and lunch.

Morning sessions (8:30 a.m. – Noon):
- Special Education and the Law
- Preventative Law (Or How to Cut Your Legal and Liability Expenses While Getting More Money to Educate Your Students)

Afternoon sessions (1 – 4:30 p.m.):
- Hot Topics in Student Discipline
- Arizona’s College and Career Ready Standards – Formerly Known as Common Core: **Pre-Conference Registration/Information**

**Additional Law Conference rooms available at Montelucia Resort**
The conference hotel (JW Marriott Camelback Inn) is sold out; however, ASBA has secured the same conference rate of $159 single/double at the Montelucia Resort, 4949 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale. The Montelucia is almost directly across the street from the Camelback Inn. To make your reservation, contact the hotel directly at 480.627.3200 or 888.627.3010 and request the Arizona School Boards Association Law Conference rate.

**Summer Leadership Institute a sold-out success, photos now available online**
Summer Leadership Institute had 275 attendees this year, which included school board members, superintendents, school administrative personnel and education leaders from all over Arizona. For a photographic recap of events: **view slideshow.**

**Do you know how your legislator voted on education issues this year?**
Legislative action helps or hinders the access of Arizona schoolchildren to a quality education. It is imperative that the public is informed on how their legislators voted on issues critical to K-12 education. This year, ASBA’s sister 501(c)(4) organization, the Friends of ASBA, has put together a new publication focusing on legislators’ voting records which provides at-a-glance insights into the level of support – or lack of support – each and every Arizona legislator provided for public schools and the local school boards who govern them. This year, votes on 12 significant bills introduced last session are highlighted. Individual voters can use this information to arrive at their own decision at the ballot box.

**View/download the complete voting records publication**
**View/download the voting records for your legislative district**

Not sure which district you are in? **Click here to find out**
Find out more about the Friends of ASBA

**WestEd Rural Community Engagement Webinar today at 11-12:15 p.m.**
This free webinar will feature presenters discussing “issues confronted by rural schools and districts when engaging families and communities in school improvement efforts, and review strategies for meaningfully engaging key stakeholders in school turnaround.” [More information]

**ASBA County Meeting schedule set; early bird session to focus A,B,C’s of Board Service**
Each fall ASBA holds meetings for its members in all 15 Arizona counties (with a joint meeting for Graham and Greenlee). The meetings provide an opportunity for ASBA and its elected County Directors to share issues and solutions to local challenges with members of other boards in their areas. Board member training accomplishments are celebrated with awards. (Board presidents and superintendents will be emailed a list of those who will be receiving awards. Please do all you can to ensure that they attend to receive this recognition.) There is a registration fee of $20 to attend the regular county meeting, which includes dinner.

Elections for ASBA County Directors, who also serve on the ASBA Board of Directors, will be held this year in the following counties: Santa Cruz (Sept. 23), Pima (Sept. 30), Gila (Oct. 2), Coconino (Oct. 9), Mohave (Oct. 14), La Paz (Oct. 15), Maricopa (Oct. 20) and Yavapai (Oct. 22). Information for those interested in running or nominating someone to run for an ASBA County Director position will be in the next edition of the Report Card.

As this is a school board election year, ASBA’s early-bird session, *The A, B, C’s of Board Service*, will provide an overview on the basics of serving as a governing school board member. There is no registration for this session and school board candidates running for election will also be invited to attend.

For a complete list of all county meeting dates, times, locations and to register:

[ASBA 2014 County Meetings](#)

**Nominations for 2014 Arizona ELL Teacher of the Year close Aug. 18**
The Office of English Language Acquisition Services of the Arizona Department of Education is now accepting nominations for this prestigious awards. Nominations should be based on the following criteria:

- Arizona Certified / Highly qualified teacher
- Presently employed in an Arizona school (public or charter)
- Currently teaching English Language Learners (ELLs)
- Three or more years of successful teaching experience with English Language Learners

Questions? Contact Gerry Haskins, Gerry.Haskins@azed.gov or Candis Middlebrook, candis.middlebrook@azed.gov.

For more information or to nominate a candidate: [2014 Arizona ELL Teacher of the Year](#)

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**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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