SEPTEMBER 2014
23  Cochise County Meeting – Willcox USD: Register
24  Santa Cruz County Meeting – Rio Rico High School, Rio Rico: Register
30  Pima County Meeting – Emily Gray Jr. High School, Tanque Verde: Register

OCTOBER 2014
1   Greenlee & Graham Joint County Meeting – Metcalf Elementary, Morenci: Register
2   Gila County Meeting – Tonto Basin ESD: Register
7   Apache County Meeting – Red Mesa USD: Register
8   Navajo County Meeting – Holbrook USD: Register
9   Coconino County Meeting – Page USD: Register
4   DEADLINE: ASBA bylaw amendments
14  Mohave County Meeting – Lee Williams High School, Kingman: Register
15  La Paz County Meeting – Quartzsite ESD: Register
16  Yuma County Meeting – Pueblo Elementary, Yuma: Register
20  Maricopa County Meeting – Isaac ESD, Phoenix: Register
21  Pinal County Meeting – Poston Butte High School, San Tan Valley: Register
22  Yavapai County Meeting – Seligman USD: Register
31  DEADLINE: ASBA Annual Awards

Know where Arizona’s gubernatorial candidates stand on education?
Here’s your chance to find out! ASBA, along with five other education organizations, will host a live, education-specific Gubernatorial Debate on Sunday, Sept. 28. The debate will be broadcast live on Fox 10. John Hook will moderate. There is also the opportunity for individuals to attend in person. If interested in attending in person, fill out the short registration. WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 28, 6-7 p.m. WHERE: Camelback High School Auditorium, 4612 N. 28th St., Phoenix. For information on how to access the debate online, check ASBA’s website: www.azsba.org the day of the event.

Nomination deadline for ASBA officers is Oct. 31
School board members from active districts may submit nominations online for positions of president-elect, secretary and treasurer of the ASBA Board of Directors. You may also self-nominate, and nominations may be made from the floor the day of the election at the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix. The Nominating Committee, chaired by immediate past president Randy Schiller, will meet at
Deadline for amendments to ASBA bylaws requested from member districts by Oct. 13
Every year, ASBA bylaws may be amended, repealed or new ones submitted for adoption at the Annual Membership Business Meeting held at the ASBA-ASA Conference in December. This year’s meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix. Amendments may be mailed or faxed to Dr. Tim Ogle, ASBA executive director, 2100 N. Central Ave., Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85004, fax 602.254.1177, no later than Oct. 13. All changes will be sent to membership no later than 30 days prior to the meeting so that district member boards can meet to decide how they would like their delegate to vote at the business meeting. Review current ASBA Bylaws.

Elections for ASBA board of directors’ seats held at county workshops
Are you registered? The following counties will be holding elections for vacancies on the ASBA Board of Directors. These positions are filled by the county directors who are elected at our county meetings. Counties with elections this year include Santa Cruz, Pima, Gila, Coconino, Mohave, La Paz, Maricopa and Yavapai. Each member district in those counties gets one vote. (ASBA executive officers are voted on at the annual membership business meeting in December.) There is a $20 fee to attend the county meeting and registration is now open online. Those interested in running or nominating someone to run for an ASBA County Director position should complete and submit the online nomination form by noon on the Friday before the election/meeting date so that names can be printed on an official ballot. Self-nomination is permissible. Nominees must be present at the meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

For more information about running for ASBA County Director and serving on the ASBA Board of Directors, contact ASBA Executive Director Dr. Tim Ogle at togle@azsba.org or 602.254.1100.

School board candidates and board members invited to special early bird presentation on The A,B,C’s of Board Service
This is a free session preceding each county meeting and starting at 4 p.m. There is no registration, but RSVPs are requested. Candidates, new board members and experienced board members who may be interested in a “refresher” are encouraged to attend.

ASBA award-winning board members honored on field at appreciation night
Arizona public school districts were shining bright at Chase Field Saturday night between the nearly 2,000 people who joined in the first-ever Walk4Education event, ASBA’s School Board Appreciation Night and the amazing public school bands and choirs that performed on-field pre-game. They made the more than 1 million children who attend Arizona’s public schools proud! School board members honored on-field for their service were Lou Ella Kleinz Award of Excellence winners Ella Mae Greasewood, Marlene Gonzales, Sara Mae Williams, Sylvia Hendricks and Verlon Jose of Baboquivari USD, and All-Arizona School Board Award winners Robert Ethridge, Altar Valley ESD; Mari Alvarado, Alhambra ESD; and Barry Sharp, Ash Fork Joint USD. View the online photo album.

Samsung launches nationwide $2 million STEM Solve for Tomorrow contest
Now in its fifth year, Samsung’s Solve for Tomorrow is looking for entries from schools with students interested in using their classroom skills in science, technology, engineering and math to solve real-world issues in their communities. Participants are encouraged to take topics out of their traditional classroom settings and discover hands-on how to address core problems that impact their lives and their communities. Throughout the competition, approximately $2 million of prizes will be presented. To enter or learn more about the competition: Samsung’s Solve for Tomorrow Contest.

Seminar on school shootings presented in Phoenix
A discussion of this serious issue and shared ideas on how to prevent, mitigate and recover is being presented by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Prescott Campus’s College of Security and Intelligences on Oct. 23 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Phoenix. It is part of the 10th Annual National Security and Intelligence Symposium. Registration fee is $125 which includes snacks, beverages and lunch. For more info and to register.

Outstanding speakers, 40 breakout sessions highlight Excellence in Education Conference for K-12 educators
This conference, hosted by the ASU Teacher's College will be held Sept. 22-23 at the Phoenix Convention Center. Featured keynote speakers include Pasi Sahlberg, Dr. Milton Chen, and Myron Dueck. Registration is $150 for both days and includes breakfast, lunch and a Monday afternoon reception: Information/register.

Does your district have an innovative program? Nominate it for a 2015 Magna Award
The Magna Awards, sponsored by the NSBA and Sodexo School Services, is an annual program that honors school district best practices. They are looking for programs that show district leadership, creativity, innovation and commitment to student achievement. Nominations are judged in three enrollment categories:

- Less than 5,000 student enrollment
- 5000 to 20,000 students
- Over 20,000 students

One grand prize winner in each category receives a $5,000 contribution from Sodexo School Services. There is no cost to enter and you may submit as many programs as you like. For more information: www.asbj.com or Margaret Suslick, Magna coordinator, 703.838.6739 or msuslick@nsba.org.

Our Students, Our Future: ASBA 2014 Annual Awards Program now accepting entries
This is your opportunity to recognize and celebrate your school district’s people and programs that contribute to excellence in public education on a daily basis. All award winners will be honored at the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference, which will be held Dec. 10-12 at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix. Complete nomination and entry forms can be found online.

BOARD AWARDS
- The Lou Ella Kleinz Award of Excellence, the highest honor for a full board.
- The All-Arizona School Board Award, the highest individual board member honor.
- The Honor Roll Award, which recognizes retiring board members with eight or more consecutive years of service.

DISTRICT AWARDS
- The ASBA Golden Bell, recognizes school programs from throughout Arizona that have shown outstanding successes in student achievement.
STUDENT AWARDS
- Jack Peterson Scholarship, for exceptional students pursuing careers in teaching.
- Panfilo H. Contreras Honorary Scholarship, for deserving Hispanic and Native American Indian students.
- The Jack Peterson Student Photo Contest, celebrating excellence in photography by students in grades K-12.

All ASBA active district members are eligible to participate. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.

ASBA 2014-2015 Superintendent Salary Survey now online
Last week a link was sent to all superintendents and superintendent secretaries to provide data for ASBA’s 2014-2015 Superintendent Salary Survey. The data collected from this survey is designed to be a tool to assist school boards in determining comparable compensation for superintendents across the state. There is no better resource for you and your school board than this timely analysis which will provide the most comprehensive and relevant data. To provide its utmost value, the study needs the support and participation of all schools districts. Deadline for responding is Friday, Oct. 31. Superintendent Salary Survey.

ASBA Executive Searches

OPENING SOON: Superintendent, Washington ESD
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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