ASBA announces 2015 slate of officers
District delegates will have the opportunity to vote for 2015 ASBA officers at the annual membership business meeting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Mesa Room at the Biltmore Conference Center. The ASBA Nominating Committee will present its slate of officer candidates. They are Debra Scott, Sierra Vista USD, as President-Elect; Julie Bacon, Paradise Valley USD, as Treasurer; Torri Anderson, Maricopa USD, as Secretary. Learn more about these candidates. Nominations for these positions will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Jesus Rubalcava, current president-elect, moves to the position of ASBA president for 2015 and Elaine Hall, current president, moves to immediate past president. For more information: Delegate Form (Due by Dec. 1, 2014)

Kim Covington to emcee awards banquet at ASBA-ASA Annual Conference
Channel 12 News weekend evening news anchor and School Solutions reporter, Kim Covington, will be serving as emcee for ASBA’s gala awards banquet on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix. The evening’s highlight is the presentation of the many awards recognizing individual school districts and school board members for their outstanding accomplishments in public education this past year, including:

- Second, third, fourth and fifth Cluster Pins, which are awarded to individual school board members who have achieved continuing education credit levels above ASBA’s Master of Boardsmanship.
- The All-Arizona School Board Award, ASBA’s highest individual board member honor, conferred by committee to those few board members who exemplify best practices in boardsmanship.
- The Total Board Award, given to governing boards where all members have received a Certificate of Orientation, and a quorum of members has attained the level of Certificate of Boardsmanship.
- The Lou Ella Kleinz Award of Excellence, ASBA’s highest honor determined by committee and awarded to a single district’s full board.
- The Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award, given to an outstanding public education leader.
ASBA membership survey sent to governing board members
An online survey, designed to help the association plan for the future, and assist in the improvement and enhancement of the services and support that we provide to our members, was emailed to all governing board members in early November. The results will be discussed by ASBA’s board of directors in January when they review and update ASBA’s strategic plan for the upcoming year. To demonstrate our appreciation for taking time to provide feedback, all those who complete the survey will be given the opportunity to enter a drawing for a $100 Visa gift card (contact information will need to be provided to enter the drawing, but all survey responses will be kept anonymous and confidential and only aggregated results will be reported). Deadline to complete the survey is Monday, Dec. 1. Check your email for the link or contact Tracey Benson, associate executive director, to request it.

Make those CEUs count by attending New Board Member Orientation
Are you a new governing board member? Start with a solid foundation and work towards achieving Master of Boardsmanship status by completing the New Board Orientation at this year's annual conference. This one-day training will be held Wednesday, Dec. 10 and is the first step towards earning all ASBA board member training awards. New Board Orientation

Honor Roll deadline Friday, Nov. 21, to recognize long-serving retiring board members
Governing school boards may nominate those members who are leaving their boards after at least two consecutive terms of service to receive an ASBA Honor Roll Award. This award was designed to recognize those school board members for their dedication and service to public education in Arizona. Honor Roll Award

New this year: Learning Lab Sessions in the Exhibit Hall
Every year, vendors from all over the country set up booths featuring their education-related services and products for attendees at our annual conference. This year, not only will they have their displays where you will have the opportunity to ask questions, see demonstrations, and enter drawings for exciting prizes, there will be several fast-paced 15-minute Learning Lab Sessions on the new Exhibit Hall Main Stage. Begin your complete annual conference experience with the Kick-Off Reception in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Biltmore Conference Center.

ASBA honors current seated board members who have passed in 2014
Every year, the association takes the opportunity to recognize and pay tribute to those board members who have passed during the year while serving on their governing boards. If you board has lost an active member in 2014, please send the name, and dates of service, no later than Monday, Dec. 1, to Shirley Simpson, ssimpson@azsba.org, so they may be acknowledged at this presentation.

Deadline for ASBA Hispanic Native American-Indian Caucus officer nominations this week
Friday, Nov. 21, is the deadline to send in your nomination. The ASBA Hispanic Native American-Indian Caucus is dedicated to promoting quality education for all students focusing on the unique needs of Hispanic and Native American Indian students. Self-nominations are now being accepted online for all officer positions. Elections will be held at the Caucus meeting at the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 3:30 p.m. Only paid members in
good standing may vote for officers (who also must be up-to-date). If you have not yet sent in your Caucus dues, please fill out an online HNAIC Membership Form.

Upcoming golf tournament to support work of H.N.A.I.C.
Wednesday, Dec. 10, is the date for ASBA’s Hispanic Native American-Indian Caucus fund-raising golf tournament at the Biltmore Conference Center. Come enjoy a great game at a beautiful course to help support a worthy cause. Your partially-deductible entry fee of $175 includes green fees, cart, practice range, two meals and chance to win great prizes. HNAIC Golf Tournament

Your choice of 45 breakout sessions to attend at the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference
There are an incredible number of Arizona school districts presenting breakout sessions at next month’s conference: Benson USD, White River USD, Casa Grande UHSD, Concho ESD, Dysart USD, Higley USD, to name just a few. These showcase experienced, proven programs and valuable information you can take back to your district. The H.N.A.I.C. and Black Caucus will hold their annual business meetings. Dynamic keynote speaker Diane Ravitch, writer, researcher, leading public education advocate, will start the conference off at the first general session with her presentation, “Reign of Error: The Hoax of the Privatization Movement and the Danger to America’s Public Schools.” You do not want to miss this. Agenda and registration are online.

The Biltmore block of rooms is sold out, but rooms have been secured at the Camelback Courtyard by Marriott (2101 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix). You may call for reservations toll-free at 800.321.2211 and let them know you are with the Arizona School Boards Association.

ASBA mourns passing of long time board member and education advocate Clifford Altfeld
Clifford Altfeld, a long-time member of the ASBA family, passed away earlier this month. He served as Pima County Director from 2001-2006, ASBA’s Legislative Committee Chair from 2002-2006, and as a member of the Friends of ASBA Board of Directors since its inception in 2011. Cliff was also a longtime Catalina Foothills USD governing board member, serving that district from 1992-2006. He was an asset to ASBA, an advocate for education, and a great friend. He will be missed.

Register for the 2014 Data Governance Winter Conference
Superintendents, business managers, assessment, IT directors, SIS administrators, research and evaluation personnel will not want to miss the ADE Office of Data Governance’s free one-day Winter Conference on Dec. 5. The focus is on best practices resources and there will be a series of training sessions to assist education stakeholders in learning more about data management, privacy and confidentiality. Information/register

Save the date for ADE and Maricopa Community College’s 2nd Annual Civic Learning Conference
Join 12 News anchor and reporter Brahm Resnick, naturalized citizens, representatives from Arizona Civic Engagement Schools and Community College faculty as they discuss the importance of U.S. citizenship and civic learning on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at Gateway Community College in Phoenix. Information
ASBA Executive Searches

Opening soon:
- Superintendent, Quartzsite ESD
- Superintendent, Continental 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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