APRIL 2015
21   Annual ASBA/AASBO Legislative and Budget Wrap-Up Webinar: Register

MAY 2015
25   Memorial Day – ASBA Office Closed

JUNE 2015
11-13 Summer Leadership Institute, Flagstaff – Info/register

ASBA Summer Leadership Institute registration and hotel now open
Don’t forget new dates of June 11-13. Enjoy the beautiful Little America Resort in Flagstaff while attending presentations on leadership and state issues. There will be a special session focusing on the teacher retention crisis with findings from the Arizona Department of Education’s Recruitment and Retention Task Force and information on successful strategies used by various school districts. District member registration is $245, non-member is $490, and includes all online materials for each session, complimentary wi-fi in all meeting rooms and meals (additional meals for guests will also be available for purchase). Printed conference materials will be an additional $15 charge and must be requested at time of registration. Again this year, On June 12, there will also be a separate track for board and/or superintendent secretaries with emphasis on board management, writing effective agendas, and learning about record requirements. Registration for this separate session is $110.
For complete information and to register: ASBA Summer Leadership Institute
ASBA has again reserved a block of hotel rooms at Little America Resort at a conference rate of $119 single/double. Hotel registration deadline is May 17. Call 800-352-4386 to reserve and be sure to mention you are attending the ASBA conference.

ASBA rolls out new online conference registration process with Summer Leadership Institute
You are going to love our new, more efficient and user-friendly process! For a head start, check it out: ASBA’s new conference registration

Don’t miss Annual Legislative and Budget Wrap-Up Webinar on April 21
The Arizona School Boards Association and Arizona Association of School Business Officials will present this year’s annual event from 10-12 noon on Tuesday, April 21. This is a must for board members and education advocates to get the most up-to-date information about bills and budget cuts which were passed during the last Legislative session and their impact on schools. To sign up: ASBA/AASBO Legislative Wrap-Up
Look for ASBA Salary Survey for Certified and Administrative Personnel in mailboxes next week
Over 155 districts responded to this year’s salary and benefits survey. Participating districts’ superintendents and board presidents will receive an advance electronic copy for their use. All other districts will receive a printed copy. This year’s survey was streamlined and re-focused to better capture pertinent information and has been designed to serve as a resource to provide the most recent information on teacher and administrator compensation and related benefits. For questions or more information contact Shirley Simpson, membership services coordinator.

High attendance, outstanding speakers and breakout sessions spell “SUCCESS” for ASBA’s first ever Equity Event Conference
As a board and an organization, we are fully committed to equity and opportunity for all Arizona students. We feel there should be a heightened sense of urgency to highlight and encourage dialogue around the topic since the majority of our student population fall into this category. ASBA in partnership with Helios Foundation and West-Ed decided to bring the crucial conversations to a platform with last week’s state-wide Equity Event with 250 people registered from all over the state and out of state (California, Text as, Utah, Washington, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Washington D.C.). Not only did we have many school leaders and board members from school districts attend, but non-members from over 18 various organizations such as Valley of the Sun United Way, First Things First, Expect More Arizona, Maricopa Community College District, Arizona PTA and more.
View comments from Albert Carvahlo, keynote speaker and superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools: https://youtu.be/k1NQnU9D9nI
View comments from Dr. Tim Ogle, executive director of ASBA: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= NxCdXwQw9ZU&feature=youtu.be
View Equity Conference Photos

AzMERIT Testing Webinar now available
If you missed (or would like to view again) this informative presentation on April 14, hosted by ASBA and AASBO on upcoming AzMERIT testing expectations and policy items, we have recorded the entire webinar for you: AzMERIT Testing Webinar.

National “Abrazo” Lifetime Award presented to former ASBA’s Hispanic Native-American Indian Caucus regional director
Elizabeth Sanchez, former Alhambra ESD board member and HNAIC regional director of Maricopa county, was honored with the first-ever Abrazo Octaviano “Tony” Gonzales Award at last month’s National School Boards Association’s Annual Conference in Nashville. This award recognizes Ms. Sanchez’ commitment to advocacy for Latino students in her capacity as a school board member and service on NSBA’s National Hispanic Caucus’ Board of Directors as well as her involvement in improving education opportunities for Latino children in community organizations. Read ASBA press release

Get CEU Credit for Attending NSBA’s Annual Conference
If you would like to receive CEU credit for attending NSBA this year, you can complete this Online Request Form. You’ll need to know the sessions you attended, then correlate the session name/topic to the curriculum area that most closely aligns to our 10 categories for professional development. To learn more about the categories for credit, click on the CORE CURRICULUM box on the ASBA website.

AZEdNews: Top stories from last week
Arizona groups discuss closing opportunity, achievement gaps
http://azednews.com/2015/04/17/arizona-groups-discuss-closing-opportunity-achievement-gaps/

Two hundred fifty public education, business, non-profit, civic and government leaders examined crucial leadership strategies and promising practices and gathered resources to close gaps in opportunity that are keeping thousands of Arizona students from achieving at high levels during The Equity Event April 9 through 10 in Phoenix.

Alberto Carvalho: Opportunity is key to achievement
http://azednews.com/2015/04/16/alberto-carvalho-on-how-opportunity-is-key-to-achievement/

The leader of America’s fourth largest school district – and one of its most diverse – last week urged Arizona public education and community leaders to invest in providing equitable education opportunities like pre-school, mentoring and high quality magnet programs. If gaps in opportunity and achievement, particularly among poor and minority students, are not addressed quickly, said Alberto Carvalho, superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, students may not graduate high school, which often leads to a life of poverty.

Arizona education leaders: Best and worst outcomes this legislative session

New AzMERIT statewide assessment rolls out to schools
http://azednews.com/2015/03/31/schools-parents-and-students-prepare-for-azmerit/

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ASBA Executive Searches now open for online application:
SUPERINTENDENT – Douglas USD. Closes April 17 at 5 p.m.
  To apply: Superintendent, Douglas USD

SUPERINTENDENT – Alhambra ESD - Closes April 22 at 12 noon.
  To apply: Superintendent, Alhambra ESD

SUPERINTENDENT – Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma (STEDY) - Closes April 20 at 12 noon.
  To apply: Superintendent, STEDY

SUPERINTENDENT – Peach Springs USD - Closes April 30 at 5 p.m.
  To apply: Superintendent, Peach Springs USD

SUPERINTENDENT – Camp Verde USD - Closes May 18 at 12 noon.
  To apply: Superintendent, Camp Verde USD

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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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