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- 4-6 ASBA Law Conference, JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale: [Register](#)
- 7 ASBA Delegate Assembly, JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale: [Register](#)
- 23 Maricopa County Meeting – Washington ESD, Phoenix: [Register](#)
- 24 Pinal County Meeting – Maricopa USD, Maricopa: [Register](#)
- 25 Yavapai County Meeting – Ash Fork Joint USD, Ash Fork: [Register](#)

October 2013

- 1 Cochise County Meeting – Douglas USD, Douglas: [Register](#)
- 2 Santa Cruz County Meeting – Nogales USD, Nogales: [Register](#)
- 3 Pima County Meeting – Vail USD, Vail: [Register](#)

ASBA County Meeting schedule set; early bird session to focus on upgraded policy services system

Each fall ASBA holds meetings for its members in all 15 Arizona counties. This year's County Meetings begin Sept. 23 in Maricopa County (hosted by Washington ESD) and round up on Oct. 24 in Yuma County (hosted by Yuma UHSD). 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 soon 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.) In addition, elections will be held for ASBA County Director seats (see below).

This year, the early-bird session will provide an overview of major upgrades to ASBA's Policy Services system. This session, which will run from 3-5 p.m., is appropriate for board members and superintendents and other district staff that assist in the management of board policy, as well as administrative professionals actively involved in assisting the board with policy adoption and updates. Chris Thomas, ASBA's director of legal and policy services, and members of ASBA's Policy Services team will lead the session.

To view dates, times and locations, a complete agenda and to register, visit [click here](#). The registration fee is \$20 per person and includes dinner.

Elections for 12 ASBA County Director seats to be held at upcoming County Meetings

Elections for ASBA County Directors, who serve on the ASBA Board of Directors, will be held this fall for the following 12 counties: Apache, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa (one of two seats), Mohave, Navajo, Pima (one of two seats), Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma. The elections will be held at these respective ASBA County Meetings. Those elected will serve two-year terms with the

exception of the Mohave, Santa Cruz and Yavapai county directors, who each will serve a one-year term as a result of the mid-term appointment of that county's currently serving director.

County Directors are elected by a majority vote of delegates representing the ASBA member boards present at the county meeting.

Those interested in running or nominating someone to run for an ASBA County Director position should [complete and submit the online registration 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.

Is your district represented? ASBA Delegate Assembly on Sat., Sept. 7

This year's meeting is at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn starting at 8 a.m. Delegates from member districts will vote to determine the association's political position in the coming year. If you have questions as to whether your district has a delegate registered, contact Liz Sanchez at 602.254.1100 or via email at esanchez@azsba.org.

- [Register for the Delegate Assembly](#)
- [Official Delegate Form](#)

Law School for School Leaders pre-conference event covers all the basics

This one-day information rich pre-conference will give attendees a solid foundation in all of the basic, first-year law school courses adapted to Arizona public education. Contracts, the legislative/legal process, Constitutional law, liability/torts, criminal law/student discipline and property all will be addressed. It has been designed for school board members and school administrators – and anyone who always wanted to know more about school law. This pre-conference, along with four other half-day pre-conferences, begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday Sept. 4. View the agendas to see the wide range of topics that will be presented:

- [Main Law Conference Agenda](#)
- [Full-Day Pre-Conference: Law School for School Leaders Agenda](#)
- [Half-Day Pre-Conference: The New Era of Teacher and Principal Evaluations Agenda](#)
- [Half-Day Pre-Conference: School Finance for the Non-Financial Expert Agenda](#)
- [Half-Day Pre-Conference: Open Meeting and Public Records Laws](#)
- [Half-Day Pre-Conference: Special Education](#)

Please note that there are separate registrations for the pre-conferences and the main Law Conference which begins at 8:30 a.m. on Thurs., Sept. 5, and runs through 4 p.m. on Fri, Sept. 6. All events will be held at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn in Scottsdale. District member registration is \$150/person for the pre-conferences and \$350/person for the Law Conference. Registration for the Law School for School Leaders or the half-day pre-conference sessions secures links to materials for all pre-conference sessions, PLUS breakfast, snacks and lunch. You do not need to be registered for the full Law Conference to attend the Sept. 4 pre-conference events.

Additional Law Conference rooms available at Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort & Suites

The conference hotel (JW Marriott Camelback Inn) is sold out. We encourage you to make a reservation at Scottsdale Cottonwoods Resort & Suites, 6160 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253, by calling 480.389.3447. To receive the conference rate of \$92, let them know you are with the ASBA event. To be placed on the waiting list for the Camelback Inn, please email Ellen White at ewhite@azsba.org with the individual's name and the arrival and departure dates.

If you already have a reservation at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn and need to cancel your hotel reservation, please do not call the hotel directly. Instead, email your cancellation information to Ellen White at ewhite@azsba.org. This will allow us to utilize canceled rooms for those individuals on the waiting list.

Four outstanding education contributors named by the Arizona Association of County School Superintendents (AACSS)

Gov. Jan Brewer, Sen. Kimberly Yee, Rep. Doris Goodale, and Dr. Chuck Essigs, AASBO's director of governmental relations, were honored at the annual Arizona Association of County School Superintendent's Retreat in August for their dedication and support of public education in Arizona. Gov. Brewer was named Arizona Statewide Friend of Education for the second time, Sen. Yee and Rep. Goodale each were named Legislator of the Year in their respective chambers, and the Association's Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Dr. Essigs.

ASBA's Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus funds new scholarships

The Caucus will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships for the first time this year. Named the Panfilo H. Contreras Honorary Scholarship after one of the founding members of the caucus who was then serving on the Flowing Wells USD board, one scholarship each will be awarded to a Hispanic and to a Native American Indian junior or senior of an accredited public high school in Arizona which is also an ASBA member district. Each student must agree to enroll in an Arizona state-accredited institution to further their education. The selected recipients will receive their award at the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference in December. More information and how to apply will be on the ASBA website later this month. For questions or more information contact membership services coordinator Shirley Simpson at 602.254.1100 or ssimpson@azsba.org.

'Make Your Best Pitch' to win \$5000 D-backs & University of Phoenix School Challenge grant

Schools throughout the state of Arizona will have the opportunity to receive a portion of the D-backs Give Back \$150,000 School Challenge program by submitting applications in any of four categories:

- Education Programs
- Innovation & Technology
- Nutrition & Fitness
- School & Campus Improvements

Only teachers, coaches, and administrators may submit an application, and the program is open to all Arizona public, private, and nonprofit charter schools serving students in grades K-12. Submission deadline is 4:59 p.m. MST on September 30, 2013. Eligible submissions will be evaluated by the University of Phoenix and Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation, Inc. To apply or for additional information, please [click here](#).

Promoting STEM: AZ Region's 17th Annual Future City Competition open to middle school students

This national program focuses on science, technology, engineering and math through hands-on, real world applications and is open to all public and private schools. The National Finals are a featured event during National Engineers Week where students from across the country compete in Washington, D.C., for awards and prizes. Last year, the Arizona Region took home second place. Schools and student teams interested in participating this year should [register online](#) no later than Oct. 21, 2013. Early registration is advised. For more information, contact Vi Brown at 480.205.2616 or v.brown@futurecityarizona.org or go to www.futurecityarizona.org.

D-backs invite students to the ballpark for 'Education Days'

Don't miss the opportunity to not only give students a great day at the ballpark, but a very special day planned just for them to learn about the science and math behind baseball. There are two dates scheduled:

Wed., Sept. 4: Dbacks vs. Toronto Blue Jays

Thurs., Sept. 19: Dbacks vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Students arrive at Chase Field at 11 a.m. Activities include a walk around the warning track and educational workbook instruction prior to the game start at 12:40 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per student or chaperone. Sack lunches may be brought into the ballpark. Free bus parking is available upon request. [Information and tickets.](#)

ASBA Executive Searches

None open at this time.

Opening soon:

- Superintendent, Bowie USD

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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