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## September 2013

- 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](#)
- 9 Graham County Meeting, Pima USD, Pima: [Register](#)
- 9 Greenlee County Meeting, Pima USD, Pima: [Register](#)
- 10 Gila County Meeting: [Register](#)
- 14 Columbus Day – ASBA Office Closed
- 15 Apache County Meeting: [Register](#)
- 16 Navajo County Meeting: [Register](#)
- 17 Coconino County Meeting: [Register](#)
- 22 Mohave County Meeting: [Register](#)
- 23 La Paz County Meeting: [Register](#)
- 24 Yuma County Meeting: [Register](#)

### **New issue of ASBA Journal focuses on early childhood education, includes annual voting records**

The next issue of the *ASBA Journal* will be hitting mailboxes next week. Look for a series of articles on closing the readiness gap, including features on early childhood education, a successful public school preschool program in Mohave County and Move On When Reading. ASBA Executive Director Dr. Tim Ogle shares his thoughts on "[Building a Solid Foundation for All Our Children.](#)") This issue also includes our annual look at how Arizona legislators voted on key K-12 issues that came before them. [Preview the upcoming issues of ASBA Journal online now](#)

### **County meeting registration now open online; board member service to be recognized**

The first meeting this year will be Maricopa county on Sept. 23. Registration for all meetings is \$20 and includes dinner, two presentations by ASBA staff: 'The Role of Board Policy in School Governance' and 'School Board Leadership in Supporting Innovation,' and Academy of Board Development awards for board members who have completed the first level of ASBA boardsmanship training. Elections for ASBA County Director positions will be held at many of the meetings (see below). [View a complete agenda and register](#)

### **ASBA Annual awards program gets underway**

It is time once again to recognize excellence in the people and programs in Arizona's public schools through ASBA's annual awards program. Honors are bestowed upon board members, students, and at

the district level, and are presented at the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference. This year's annual conference is scheduled for Dec. 11-13 and will be held at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix. Full details about this year's annual awards program will be arriving in members' mailboxes soon. Submissions must be received no later than Friday, Oct. 25, 2013.

### **Information on ASBA bylaw changes being sent to district member boards next week**

Every year, ASBA Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or new ones adopted at the Annual Business Meeting held at the ASBA-ASA Conference in December. This year's meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix. [Review current ASBA Bylaws](#). Amendments may be submitted by member boards and transmitted to the ASBA executive director not later than 60 days before the annual meeting. 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. Amendments may be mailed or faxed to Dr. Tim Ogle, executive director, ASBA, 2100 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, fax 602.254.1100.

### **New video sheds light on Arizona's more rigorous English and math standards**

A new video about Arizona's Common Core Standards has been produced by a statewide task force comprised of education, business and civic organizations working to help build awareness and understanding of Arizona's Common Core Standards, more rigorous academic standards in English language arts and mathematics for grades K-12. ASBA is part of the Arizona Common Core Public Engagement Task Force. [View the video](#), which features interviews with Arizonans from all walks of life, including parent and Chandler USD school board member David Evans. The video, along with a wide variety of other information and resources about the standards can be found on ASBA's website by clicking on the Common Core tab in our [Advocacy Resource Center](#).

### **Elections for twelve ASBA County Director seats at county meetings this fall**

County Directors also serve on the ASBA Board of Directors. Two-year term elections will be held for the following counties: Apache, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa (one of two seats), Navajo, Pima (one of two seats), Pinal, and Yuma. One-year term elections will be held for Mohave, Santa Cruz and Yavapai. Elections take place at respective ASBA County Meetings. ([Click here for dates, times and locations.](#))

Those interested in running or nominating someone to run for a 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. Nominations may also be made from the floor, but nominees must be present at the meeting. Questions contact Shirley Simpson, membership services coordinator at 602.254.1100 or via email: [simpson@azsba.org](mailto:simpson@azsba.org).

### **NSBA and Kennedy Center seeking school boards for arts education award**

This award comes with a \$10,000 check to recognize a school board which provides high-quality arts education in its district. All four major artistic disciplines—visual arts, music, theater, and dance programs—are accepted but only one nomination per state is accepted and must be coordinated with the state school boards association, state alliance for arts education, or both organizations jointly. Final selection is made by a national panel of arts educators and arts administrators including representatives of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network (KCAAN) and NSBA. The national award will be presented at NSBA's Annual Conference, April 5-7, 2014, in New Orleans. For more information: [NSBA Arts Education Award](#). For a list of past winners: [Past Arts Education Award Winners](#)

### **Ever wonder about the role of the ASBA Board of Directors?**

It's the topic of ASBA President Randy Schiller's message in the upcoming issue of the ASBA Journal, which publishes next week. Read it now: [ASBA Journal](#).

## EduCash Program helps students with Federal Student Aid applications

EduGuide has received a grant to assist schools in increasing the number of students who file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Studies have shown that students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to attend college and EduGuide is looking for schools to participate. The program, created three years ago, was designed to help the staff at achieving low-income schools boost their FAFSA completion rate. The program offers several resources including webinars, individualized coaching, online mentoring and current best practices. [For information.](#)

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## 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](mailto:shighlen@azsba.org).

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