

May 8, 2018

Fellow ArSCA Members,

In August 2017, the Arkansas School Counselor Association (ArSCA) Board of Directors appointed a Bylaws Committee. This committee was assigned to review ArSCA Bylaws, approved 2014, and the newly updated American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Bylaws. The main goal was to align ArSCA Bylaws with the ASCA Bylaws. The ArSCA Bylaws Committee submitted proposed bylaws changes to the ArSCA Board of Directors for review. On Saturday, May 5, 2018, the ArSCA Board of Directors met and voted in favor of accepting the proposed updated ArSCA Bylaws and presenting them to our membership to vote for final ratification.

ArSCA Bylaws state *“The By-laws of the Association may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at annual business meetings provided proposed changes have been circulated to the membership one month in advance.”* A copy of the proposed ArSCA Bylaws is attached. Please consider this your notification of proposed changes to ArSCA Bylaws. ArSCA members will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed ArSCA Bylaws at our annual business meeting in July 2018. Voting will be conducted electronically and the results will be shared during the business meeting at conference.

Below is a summary of the proposed changes:

- The committee worked to align our document with ASCA Bylaws. Some current items were moved into different areas of the document with some wording changes to clarify. Additional proposals include:
 - Types of membership – Four instead of three. Definitions given for each category.
 - Officer terms – Proposing that we change from 1 year term of office to 2 years. Elimination of President elect-elect position. President-Elect would serve for two years, President would serve for two years, and Past President would serve for two years. We would only need to elect President-Elect every other year.

- Filling of vacant officer positions. Appointment by the board of former officer to fill position until next election takes place.
- To ensure experience in ASCA Delegate Assembly voting, a change has been made of the delegates to vote at ASCA Delegate Assembly.
- An emerging leader scholarship to attend ASCA Conference has been added to help build leadership within our membership.

If you have any questions or concerns, please share those with me at terri.callaway@warrensd.org.

Thank you,

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