



**Arkansas School Counselor Association  
Board Meeting Minutes 3/30/19**

10:00 a.m.  
Ida Burns Elementary  
Conway, AR

<b>ArSCA Board &amp; Leadership:</b> denotes voting members (13) * meeting attendee	<b>*Terri Callaway</b> ArSCA President	
	<b>*Laquetta Stewart,</b> ArSCA President Elect	<b>Angie Gill</b> ArSCA Past President
<b>*Allison Spraggins</b> Elementary Vice President	<b>Christy English</b> Central Region President <b>*AMichelle Williams attending</b>	<b>*Donna Wilchie</b> ArSCA Secretary & Hospitality
<b>Carrie Johnston</b> Middle/Jr. High Vice President	<b>*Regina Forehand</b> North Central Region President	<b>*Susie Harvison</b> ArSCA Treasurer & Professional Development
<b>*Scott Sasser</b> Secondary Vice President	<b>*Kami Barkley</b> Northeast Region President	<b>Suzanne Knowles</b> ADE Guidance Representative <b>*Rodney Ford</b> ADE Guidance Representative
<b>Dr. David Christian</b> Post-Secondary Vice President	<b>*Kim Smith</b> Northwest Region President	<b>Alicia Donner</b> ArSCA Human Rights & Historian
	<b>*Megan Boyce</b> Southeast President	
	<b>Pasly Butler</b> Southwest President <b>*Robin Sparks attending</b>	
<b>Chris Riggins</b> Membership	<b>*Michelle Gerhardt</b> Public Policy & Legislation	<b>Susan Whatley &amp; Chris Riggins</b> ArSCA Public Relations & Advocacy and Social Media
Summer Conference:	Technology/Website:	<b>Heather Leavell</b> , Ethics
<b>Terri Callaway</b>	<b>Robin Finley</b>	<b>Past President&amp;Treasurer</b> , Finance
<b>Allison Spraggins</b>	<b>Tahnee Bowen</b>	<b>Valerie Couture</b> , Research
	<b>Heather Barron</b> <b>Tawyna Shelton</b>	<b>Debbie Drake-Gordon</b> Critical Incident/Crisis Response
	<b>Toni Thorn</b>	<b>OPEN</b> Grant Writer

## ArSCA Board Meeting Agenda 3/30/19

- I.** Roll Call/Introduction of any attending for Regional Presidents and/or guests - The March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order by President Terri Callaway with 14 present - 10 ArSCA voting members, 4 nonvoting.

*PLEASE NOTE SOME ITEMS WERE SHIFTED DURING THE MEETING.*

**II.** Approval of Minutes

- a. January 20, 2019 meeting Shared by Secretary Donna Wilchie via email on March 28<sup>th</sup> for everyone to review for discussion and vote - **Motion#1** by Laquietta Stewart to accept the minutes, seconded by Scott Sasser (all in favor)

**III.** Reports of Officers and Committee

- a. PP & L - PP & L - Michele Gerhardt was thanked by ArSCA for all her hard work for leading our group when meeting with the legislatures. Not only did she and the board making contact with them but school counselors contact them as well. SB199 has been approved. The legislative dinner was in early March to continue building the relationships with the legislatures and educating them on what school counselors do in our field.

Michele Gerhardt mentioned holding a session this summer at conference to share the importance of the bill to help everyone understand.

Ford shared that HB1003 regarding GPA and requests from schools and student drivers

- b. Regional President Reports

**Central Region** Christy English (Michelle Williams attending in her place) - COY for elementary and high school

**North Central Region** Regina Forehand - Lisa Rich will be the upcoming president

**Northeast Region** Kami Barkley -meeting will be in June; COY was decided

**Northwest Region** Kim Smith - provided the COY recipients. The region has many applicants. SafeTalk will be presented free for children 15 and up to be suicide alert helpers.

**Southeast Region** Megan Boyce - Meeting held at the COOP in Pine Bluff. Not well attended but great share sessions with ADE and ACT Aspire. Megan Tipton was the regional secretary; Amanda Johnston secretary through the end of the year until election can be held.

**Southwest Region** Pasley Butler (Robin Sparks in her place) Feb 22nd spring meeting where they elected their Regional Counselor of the Year Awards and had a

guest speaker from the Child Advocacy Center. Another guest was on suicide prevention. Robin suggested both of them for conference presentations. See info submitted from SWRegion:

- SW COY
  - Elem - Angela Lindly
  - Mid - Vicki Doss
  - High - Jennifer Coats
- SW Reg Meeting Highlights:
  - \*Jil LaComfora and Tracey Childress from Child Advocacy Center spoke about how to advocate for a child you know is in a bad situation and it seems like nothing is being done. We highly recommend having them speak at state conference or regional meetings.

\*Tyler West spoke for (ASIST) Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training - The emphasis was on teaching suicide first-aid to help a person at risk stay safe and seek further help as needed. He will do workshop for your district. Excellent information

- c. Conference Committee – 246 currently registered with weekly registrations being completed, 35 presentation proposals, 21 exhibitors/sponsors

Need one person per region to help with contacts for Robin Sparks

[rspark@bentonschools.org](mailto:rspark@bentonschools.org) with conference sponsors (larger banks and corporate levels are good to fund speaker, lunch, break, etc)

Future two day conference – potential Wednesday morning speaker Rachel Hubbard Second Chance Ranch for next summer has a half day (children of trauma)

ArSCA will need to review the contract and not have too many rooms. This change may improve attendance on the last day.

- d. Technology Committee – Andrew Litchford and Starling Digital has made the updated website active/live. Those on the board who are able to stay after today’s meeting can review the site and make notes for Andrew to update. Some links were not active. Many have responded

- e. Vice President Reports/Counselor of the Year VPs committee

- f. ADE – The new law will be in place by 2020-2021. The Student Services Plan will change. There was no report this year per the Assistant Commissioner. This summer and the following year, ADE will present at the coops to share what is needed within the new plan and posted online via their district websites. The “old bullying bill” 1003 is in deferred. Bill 1933 will get opposition if revived.

- g. Crisis Response/Critical Incident

- h. Any additional committee reports – none at this time

- IV. Financial Report – Documents were shared by Treasurer Susie Harvison; noted that some districts are paying double for some items and Harvison has to make calls and

correct it. **Motion #3** by Scott Sasser seconded by Laquietta Stewart to accept the financial report as presented (all in favor)

## V. Old Business

- a. Website update – see Technology Committee above
- b. Handbook/Policies update – President Terri Callaway will email those who expressed interest to set a time. By May

## VI. New Business

- a. Overall Counselor of the Year Selection – State level COY selected via tie breaker. The information will be compiled and sent via email from Elementary VP Allison Spraggins. The winner will be contacted in order to begin work on their packet for the national level. All applicants will receive a response from President Callaway if they did not win and congratulate them on winning COY for their region.  
Elementary COY - Angela Linley  
Middle/Jr High COY - Tina Wrobel  
High School COY - Anita Downing  
The online portal was more organized and diplomatic to see the various components. It also kept the discussion from causing others to persuade others or voting for the people you know. The overall process was less overwhelming for those voting. The winners per region needs to be informed they won so they won't be misled when submission is sent for state information to be submitted. Within the portal, it comes from Allison Spraggins. This will be shared with the Handbook Committee to be added to the handbook.
- b. Hugh Lovett Scholarship – Scott Sasser provided copies of the three scholarship applicants. Ms. Tabitha Graham (Eureka Springs) was voted by unanimous vote to receive the scholarship. She will be informed about the free conference registration and presented Monday at conference.
- c. Officers to be elected this July – President Elect, Elementary VP, Secondary VP  
Past President Angie Gill will send out a call for officer nominations.
- d. Booth at Summer Conferences – ArSCA has received information from ASCD to set up a booth. The booth fee is \$1,000. ArSCA does have two presentations that week: comprehensive school counseling program and data driven counseling programs (Star City, Lake Hamilton and Warren June 18<sup>th</sup>; Conway June 21<sup>st</sup>). Each ADE Unit has been asked to present at this Summit. Guidance and Counselors Unit offered ArSCA (school counselors) to present. The board can cover the booth.  
**Motion #2** by Regina Forehand and seconded by Laquietta Stewart to try to get a booth for \$500 (\$1000 if that is not approved) at the ASCD Conference June 18-21<sup>st</sup>. We can order the ASCA brochures to share as well as the ArSCA brochure created. (all in favor)
- e. Fall one day conference – President Terri Callaway asked for ideas as one more way to offer member resources. Ideas/Topics: small groups, needs assessments,

documenting the counseling program, comprehensive school counseling plan, ASCA National Model, counseling resources, confidentiality/ethics, training new school counselors, ASCA presenters

These topics can be offered a summer conference as well. Fall locations will be considered: El Dorado, Benton, Little Rock

Talk to college professors about sharing/presenting this information and presenting with and for us. Regional presidents can poll their regions of possible locations, times, weekday vs weekend, etc (Kim Smith agreed to create a Google Form to be sent on the listserv to get feedback).

- f. Additional business – none at this time (President Callaway shared her appreciation for everyone and their time.

VII. **Meeting adjourned** by President Terri Callaway at 12:55pm. **Motion #4** by Laquietta Stewart and seconded by Kami Barkley.

Future Meetings

May 11<sup>th</sup> ZOOM Web Meeting (begins at 9am-1:30pm)

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Wilchie

ArSCA Secretary

Date: March 30, 2019