



Arkansas School Counselor Association

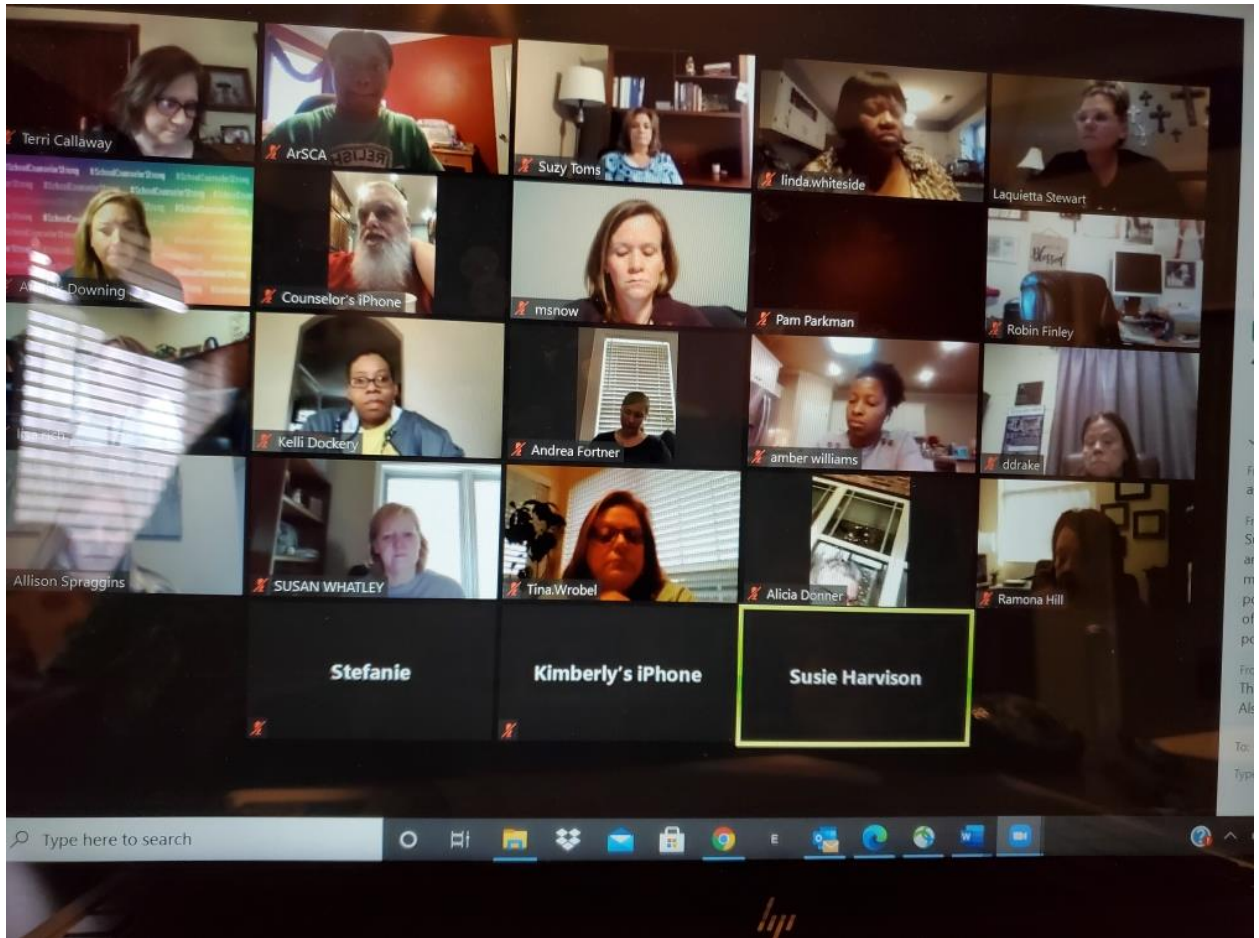
ArSCA Board Meeting

Minutes 11/21/20

9:00am-1:00pm

ZOOM Online

Attendance (voting members in BOLD) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laquetta Stewart ArSCA President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMichelle Williams Central Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Spraggins , ArSCA President Elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Rich , North Central Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Callaway , ArSCA Past President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samantha Tilley , Northeast Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelli Dockery , Elementary Vice President (even year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Wrobel , Northwest Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maris Snow , Middle/Jr. High Vice President (odd year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Riley , Southeast President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annick Downing , Secondary Vice President (even year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramona Hill , Southwest President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suzy Toms , Post-Secondary Vice President (odd year)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Fortner, ADE Guidance Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susie Harvison, ArSCA Treasurer & Professional Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rodney Ford, ADE Guidance Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Wilchie, ArSCA Secretary & Hospitality
Samantha Tilley, Summer Conference Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Donner, ArSCA Human Rights & Historian
Finance: Past President & Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Whatley, ArSCA Public Relations & Advocacy and Social Media
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Drake, Critical Incident & Crisis Response	Chris Hicks, Board Member
Dr. Valerie Couture and Dr. David Christian, Research	Michelle Gerhardt, Public Policy & Legislation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamela Parkman, Grant Writer Robin Sparks, Grant Writer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Whiteside, Ethics
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology/Website: Robin Finley Tahnee Bowen Heather Barron Rhonda Jones Becky Lowery Manesseh Moore Megan Reese Tawyna Shelton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Attendees: Kim Hebel, Central Region VP





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Meeting Call to Order – by President Laquetta Stewart

- I. Roll Call/Verify that all regions are represented - 24 attendees: 13 voting members, 10 non voting members, 1 additional attendee
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 16 Zoom Meeting – minutes shared by Secretary Donna Wilchie, no questions – **Motion #1** by A.Michelle Williams and seconded by Allison Spraggins to approve the minutes. (all in favor)
- III. Financial Report
 - a. Virtual Conference Report – shared by Treasurer Susie Harvison.
 - b. Membership – 671 members; 7 retired, 1 affiliate, 31 students (7 cancelled membership or virtual conference
Suggestion to send a Christmas card from ArSCA to the governor and legislatures since face to face meetings are not possible at this time.
Motion #2 by Tina Wrobel and seconded by Ramona Hill to approve the financial report. (all in favor)
- IV. Reports of Officers and Committees—
 - a. Regional President Reports
 - Central Region** (AMichelle Williams)– virtual fall conference (3 hours) with 35 participants; President Elect Demetria Crow stepped down and Kim Hiebel will take that position. Ms. Page will be secretary in place of retired secretary Jolene Sanders.
 - North Central** (Lisa Rich) – may host a spring conference
 - Northeast** (Samantha Tilley) – held off on conference due to circumstances, planning a virtual board meeting and spring virtual conference but all depends on the state board
 - Northwest** (Tina Wrobel) – no fall conference held, few positions to fill, Lindsey will become the region president
 - Southeast** (Stephanie Riley) – President Elect Amanda Johnson, new treasurer Lakesha Higgins, no fall conference and working on possible spring conference with new board
 - Southwest** (Ramona Hill) – working on the spring conference, not sure if it will be virtual or in person
 1. COY nominations – Dockery and Downing in charge; work on timeline
Packets will need to be to the regional presidents to share with membership. Guidance to VPs will come from Callaway and Spraggins. President Stewart is planning to advertise/share the current winners to share via the listserv and presidents.
 2. Open positions on ArSCA Board

- A. President Elect, Elementary VP, Secondary VP
 - B. Terri Callaway will put nomination info on listserv – members will report to regional president with reminders regarding advertisements and campaigning.
It would be great to have a candidate from each region. Feb and March call for candidates; April 1st info submitted
Ballot to membership to vote; May results announced so winners can attend LDI in summer
 - b. Conference Committee
 - 1. Should we start planning in-person conference? As a board we must consider the finances of hotels and convention center guidelines.
Conference suggestions: live, virtual, both, preregister for sessions to accommodate the seating arrangements, monitoring rooms will be a must to keep down frustrations of those reserved, need to be consider any health guidelines that may be in place if live conference
 - 2. Do we continue the virtual platform option? Considerations are livestreaming, zoom, etc.
The current platform used with AR Ideas was well enjoyed (under the circumstances) based on feedback.
A separate planning meeting will be set later to discuss and brainstorm the next conference.
Any information and suggestions/considerations can be sent to President Stewart. Another consideration will be districts allowing attendance.
 - 3. Pro and Cons of 2020 conference
 - c. Technology committee news (Robin Finley) – With any counselor being allowed on the listserv, encourage them to become members to keep the communication especially with testing coming up. Presidents please help counselors know they must subscribe in order to remain a member of the listserv. Verification will be completed. The year ends at June 30th.
Consider – retirees and college professors (student members)
Motion #3 by Ramona Hill and seconded by Stephanie Riley to allow the listserv to stay open to nonmembers until June 30th. (all in favor)
 - d. Vice Presidents Reports – Dockery, Downing, and Spraggins planning to zoom a planning meeting (ASCA’s portal)
 - e. ADE updates (Rodney Ford) – If presidents would like a counselor list by county, please email Rodney Ford. With this being a legislation year, ADE watches all the information. School Counselor’s Proclamation Week coming up and ADE will work on that with the governor’s office on ArSCA’s behalf. Ford introduced Andrea Fortner to begin Nov. 30th, replacing retiree Suzanne Knowles.
 - f. Research Report (Dr. Christian) – no report
 - g. Sponsorship Report (Pam Parkman, Robin Sparks) – no report, Susan Whatley has a sponsorship to share, emailing Parkman and Sparks
 - h. Handbook Committee (Terri Callaway) – There are a few areas to clarify before presenting to the board. The document will be shared electronically to gather thoughts in order to vote for approval of this “living” document.
 - i. Any additional committee reports – none shared
- V. Old Business
- a. NOVA Training (Debbie Drake) – National Organization for Victim Assistance NOVA - Our last discussion was in regards to superintendents and principals to allow counselors to attend the

training. Drake researched grants to support. Drake shared thoughts of 25 sites in communities. At our trainings, we could invite administration and school health centers.

Looking at a training for the ArSCA Board (assistance/support in trauma, mental health, crisis, assists for the duration of the event)

Anyone interested in joining these efforts can contact President Stewart or D. Drake.

- b. Emerging Leaders – please share ideas and members to increase involvement (school, region, state)

VI. New Business

- a. LDI Leadership Development Institute – board and new board members meet to learn about the process of ArSCA and ideas for regions/officers. Meeting in person is preferred but not certain at this time.
- b. How can we be more supportive to our members? Suggestions – monthly zoom meetings to encourage and share, guest speaker (ASCA), topic talks, breakouts, sharing information for new officers to “change” officers on accounts and paperwork/tech, leadership timeline
- c. Any additional new business – none shared

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Motion # 4 by Tina Wrobel and seconded by Allison Spraggins to adjourn. (all in favor)

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Wilchie, ArSCA Secretary

Future Meetings:

January 16, 2021 @ 9am ZOOM

March 13 - HOPEFULLY meet in Conway 9:30am, but if not Zoom 9:00am