



Arkansas School Counselor Association

LDI – Leadership Development Institute

September 30, 2023

Conway Behavioral Health – Conway, AR

9am-4pm

Attendance (voting members in BOLD) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelli Dockery , ArSCA President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deanna Robbins , Central Region President
Jennifer Lyle , President Elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Johnston , North Central Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Spraggins , ArSCA Past President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmie Foster , Northeast Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Stewart , Elementary Vice President (odd year '23-'25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Ridenoure , Northwest Region President
Jennifer Coats , Middle/Jr. High Vice President (even year '24-'26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Callaway , Southeast President
Pamela Parkman , Secondary Vice President (odd year '23-'25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan Watkins , Southwest President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annick Downing , Post-Secondary Vice President (even year '24-'26)	
	Susie Harvison, ArSCA Office Manager & Professional Development
<i>Vacant Position</i> - DESE Program Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Wilchie, ArSCA Secretary & Hospitality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rodney Ford, DESE Public School Program Advisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Donner, ArSCA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Millard, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laquetta Stewart, Historian
Finance: Past President & Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Whiteside, Ethics
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Drake, Critical Incident & Crisis Response	Michelle Gerhardt, Public Policy & Legislation
Dr. Valerie Couture and Dr. David Christian, Research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Whatley, ArSCA Public Relations & Advocacy and Social Media <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Debra Myton, ArSCA Public Relations & Advocacy and Social Media
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robin Sparks, Grant Writer	Terri Callaway, Conference Committee Chair
Technology/Website: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Barron <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tahnee Bowen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robin Finley Rhonda Jones Becky Lowery Megan Reese Tawyna Shelton	Additional Attendees: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kassie Haynes, Northeast Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angie Huff, Past President <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Williams, Central Region President Elect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samantha Herbner, Southwest Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kanechia Sergeant, President Elect Southeast



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ArSCA Business Meeting

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- I. Roll Call – see LDI agenda (26 attendees) – Meeting called to order at 2:16pm by President Kelli Dockery
 - II. Approval of Minutes – May 25, 2023 **Motion #1** by Allison Spraggins to approve the minutes and seconded by Nathan Watkins. All in favor
 - III. Financial Report - **Motion #2** by Emmie Foster to accept the financial report as presented by Tahnee Bowen in place of Susie Harvison (absent). It was seconded by Nathan Watkins. All in favor
 - IV. Reports of Officers and Committees
 - a. Regional President Reports
 - Central Region:** Deanna Robbins - Nov 1st regional meeting, some open positions needing to be filled
 - North Central:** Carrie Johnston - no report
 - Northeast:** Emmie Foster - fall meeting Oct 18th, all board positions filled, great response/attendance
 - Northwest:** Nick Ridenoure – fall conference planning, working on a venue for 178 members, 150 attended last year’s conference, anticipating growth this year and hope determine a date soon, elections in progress at this time as well
 - Southeast:** Terri Callaway – planning fall meeting for
 - Southwest:** Nathan Watkins – meeting this week hosted at Dawson CoOp, about 85 attendees registered; presenters DESE, AR Aware, and McKinney Vento
 - All positions filled at this time.
 - b. Conference Committee – Terri Callaway shared the breakdown of conference. The ArSCA Booth was in a location that did not receive much traffic. Next year, the location will be changed to get attendees to our booth.
 - Theme: Our Stage, Our Story**
 - Keynote Speaker: D1 has confirmed, looking for another speaker for conference
 - Hot Springs Convention Center asked about the contract for 2026. Discussion held to continue location and conference there. Discussion tabled so Jennifer Lyle can share her ideas and suggestions since this will be her conference year.
 - c. Technology Committee – Nick Williams will coordinate with Robin F to get all state school counselors email addresses. ArSCA is working on a newsletter to go out to counselors in the state.
- Conference and Technology – The sound quality is a concern based on in-person and virtual presentation audio needed concurrently.

Next year conference we are tentatively planning to have virtual sessions available that will be prerecorded. The cost of bringing in sound will not be cost effective to ArSCA.

- d. Vice President Reports –
School Counselor of the Year (Annick Downing) – A written timeline with dates will go out to presidents soon so information can be shared November and December for nominations. This information will go out to districts.
- e. Any additional committee reports
Debbie Drake Gordon is still working on NOVA Training for school counselors in the state. Email via the listserv sent to determine who has already been trained. TRIS Committee will be asked to sponsor training, sponsor training, and train the trainer models.

V. Old Business

- a. Timeline for COY selection (portal submission) – Allison Spraggins and Annick Downing shared the timeline and getting nominations out and back within the timeframe set.
- b. ASCA offerings
July 13-16 Kansas City, MO – national conference
Resources online – some membership required and some no membership required
Webinars and Seminars

VI. New Business

- a. Lobbyist Update –
Jeffrey Hall, Lobbyist – monitors bills related to school counselors, watch progress and discussion, keeps president and board up to date, LEARNS Act was the latest
Considerations shared of third parties maneuvering to go against the administration; next Legislative session in 2025
Legislative Meet and Greet with the ArSCA being planned by the committee – looking at venues
- b. Proposed Budget – Tahnee Bowen and Kelli Dockery presented the budget developed during the President’s Retreat. The goal is to have 500 members or more. Changes in cost were explained.
Ideas shared to increase income – increase vendor cost, separate level sponsors, increase conference cost
Motion #3 by Terri Callaway and seconded by Allison Spraggins to accept the budget as presented. All in favor
- c. Critical Incident and Crisis Response - see additional committee reports above
- d. Open board positions – next year Middle/Jr High VP and Post Secondary VP
- e. Any additional business - none

- VII. Adjournment – **Motion #4** to adjourn by Nathan Watkins and seconded by Terri Callaway at 3:55 pm. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Wilchie, ArSCA Secretary

Future Meetings

ArSCA Board Meetings:

November 11, 2023 9:00am - ZOOM

TBD January 2024 - 9:00am

TBD March 2024 - 9:00am

TBD May 2024 - 9:00am

TBD September 2024 President's Retreat & LDI 9:00am

Lunch and mileage will be provided when meeting in person.

If meetings are face to face, there will be a hybrid option for those who cannot attend in person.

ArSCA Conference June 24 - 26, 2024 Hot Springs, AR

Theme: Our Stage, Our Story

ASCA National Conference July 13-16, 2024 Kansas City, MO

ArSCA Conference June 23 - 25, 2025 Hot Springs, AR

ASCA National Conference July 13-15, 2025 Long Beach, CA

ASCA National Conference July 11-14, 2026 New Orleans, LA

ASCA National Conference July 17-20, 2027 Columbus, OH

ASCA National Conference July 15-18, 2028 Seattle, WA

ASCA National Conference July 14-17, 2029 Charlotte, NC