



Arkansas School Counselor Association

ArSCA Business Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2024

9am-1pm

ZOOM

Attendance (13 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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)		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
	Rodney Ford, DESE Public School Program Advisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alicia Donner, ArSCA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Angela Millard, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Laquetta Stewart, Historian
	Finance: Past President & Treasurer		Linda Whiteside, Ethics
	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 Dr. Debra Myton, ArSCA Public Relations & Advocacy and Social Media
	Robin Sparks, Grant Writer		Terri Callaway, Conference Committee Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Technology/Website: Heather Barron Tahnee Bowen Robin Finley Rhonda Jones Becky Lowery Megan Reese Tawyna Shelton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Additional Attendees: Maia Henderson, UCA Intern Kanechia Sergeant, Southeast President-Elect

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Find a participant

- ArSCA Secretary ... (Host, me)
- ArSCA (Co-host)
- Jennifer Lytle
- Terri Callaway
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- I. Roll Call – Meeting called to order by President Kelli Dockery at 9:02am with 19 attendees (10 voting, 9 none voting)
- II. Approval of Minutes – November 2023 (minutes shared via email) – **Motion #1** by Nathan Watkins and seconded by Jane Stewart to accept the minutes. (all in favor)
- III. Financial Report (previous financial statements shared via email) **Motion #2** by Jennifer Lyle and seconded by Terri Callaway to accept the financial report.
- IV. Reports of Officers and Committees
 - a. Vice President Reports

School Counselor of the Year – Annick Downing shared they are waiting on the president nominees.

Hugh Lovett Scholarship – The letter for the \$1000 scholarship is ready to send to the Arkansas colleges and universities who offer school counseling programs. The deadline is March 1.

Summer Conference - June 24 - 26, 2024 Hot Springs, AR (Theme: Our Stage, Our Story) – Terri Callaway shared updates. The registration form will be going out soon after visiting with the technology committee. Recorded sessions were discussed due to some presenters (ex: DESE) are not allowed to record sessions. It is the desire that all attend in person. The committee is considering suggestions to conference pricing to generate more revenue: basic price, add on prices.

Robin Finley explained the proposal: Additional Sponsorship Add-on opportunity
\$1000 Listed as a sponsor in our monthly ArSCA Newsletter that goes out to Arkansas Counselors - full year; \$500 Listed on our Website as a Platinum Sponsor on our Annual Conference and Sponsor pages for that year with a hyperlink to your company; \$100 each month to place a sponsorship graphic in our monthly ArSCA Newsletter

Motion #3 by Jane Stewart and seconded by Terri Callaway to accept the proposal to keep conference pricing the same for vendors and offer sponsorships. (all in favor)
 - b. Regional President Reports

Central Region: Deanna Robbins – no report at this time, reviewing the SCOY nominations
North Central: Carrie Johnston – no report at this time, no nominations for SCOY
Northeast: Emmie Foster – There were thirty-six nominated and sixteen submitted the required documents. A committee is working to determine the winner, which should be finalized by next week.

Northwest: Nick Ridenoure – There were thirty nominations who he is reaching out for recommendations to submit as well as notify the nominees.

Southeast: Terri Callaway – Positions filled and now have a treasurer in place. They are also working to update their Bylaws.

Southwest: Nathan Watkins – Thirteen nominations and voting will take place. Each nomination was asked to send a short bio and nomination information was added. This is Nathan's final year and presidency will be passed to Jana.

- c. ASCA SCA Governance Committee Update
- d. Counselor Spotlight Updates – Kelli Dockery shared the counselor spotlight and the person who nominated her. A gift card will be sent to the winner along with the conference vision. Susan Whatley suggested the nominees be spotlighted on social media to help with promoting our counselors. This will be more of a "shout out" to those who were nominated.
- e. DESE Updates – Rodney Ford (not in attendance)
- f. DEI Updates – Alicia Donner shared updates. The committee has been working as a committee under the president's direction. One accomplishment is to be updated nationally and locally. The resources have been divided amongst the committee. Michelle Lewis and Angela Millard are part of this committee with Donner. The next meeting is Jan. 22nd at 4pm with tasks to bring to the meeting. The main goal is to create an education piece to meet all areas of diversity, equity and inclusion. With the continuous update of the position statements, the committee will share them with the board to decide ArSCA's final decision to share with school counselors. The ethical standards are to be reviewed by the board to remind everyone that school counselors are present for students. Donner has spoken with Whatley to be the guest at a future ArSCA Connects to share with school counselors and present at summer conference. ASCA could possibly send a trainer for summer conference. With no budget, the committee is asking members to share knowledgeable speakers to share with the board and school counselors.
- g. Technology Updates – all have been shared in other areas above

V. Old Business

- a. Open board positions – next year
 - Middle/Jr High VP
 - Post-Secondary VPAllison Spraggins will send information to the regional presidents to send out to their region before conference. The voting takes place during conference.

VI. New Business

- a. National School Counseling Week Proclamation status – Rodney Ford has submitted the request but there has been a change in the process. Kelli Dockery will submit it from ArSCA. The request for the proclamation has been approved and awaiting the final step and signature. Photos have not been schedule for February yet but soon. When the date is set, Dockery will share with the board to attend.
- b. Additional Business –

Membership & Grant Writing – Robin Sparks and Michelle Lewis are working on the Blue and You Grant. ArSCA needs are going to be addressed in the grant. Suggestions can be shared with Kelli Dockery for ArSCA and conference.

ArSCA Connects – Susan Whatley shared an update and the next guest speaker. January 16th speaker is in a new role and wants to adjust topics. Whatley will contact everyone with the updated change of topic.

Feb 20th – President Dockery will present on advocating for yourself as school counselor

VII. Adjournment – Meeting ended with a “launch” by Nathan Watkins with a quote by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Motion #4 by Nathan Watkins and seconded by Terri Callaway to adjourn at 11:28am. (all in favor)

Future Meetings

ArSCA Board Meetings:

President Dockery is trying to use the second Saturdays of the month. The May date is Mother’s Day weekend, so it will be moved to the 1st Saturday.

March 9, 2024 - 9:00am

May 4, 2024 - 9:00am

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

Future Conferences

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