



Arkansas School Counselor Association

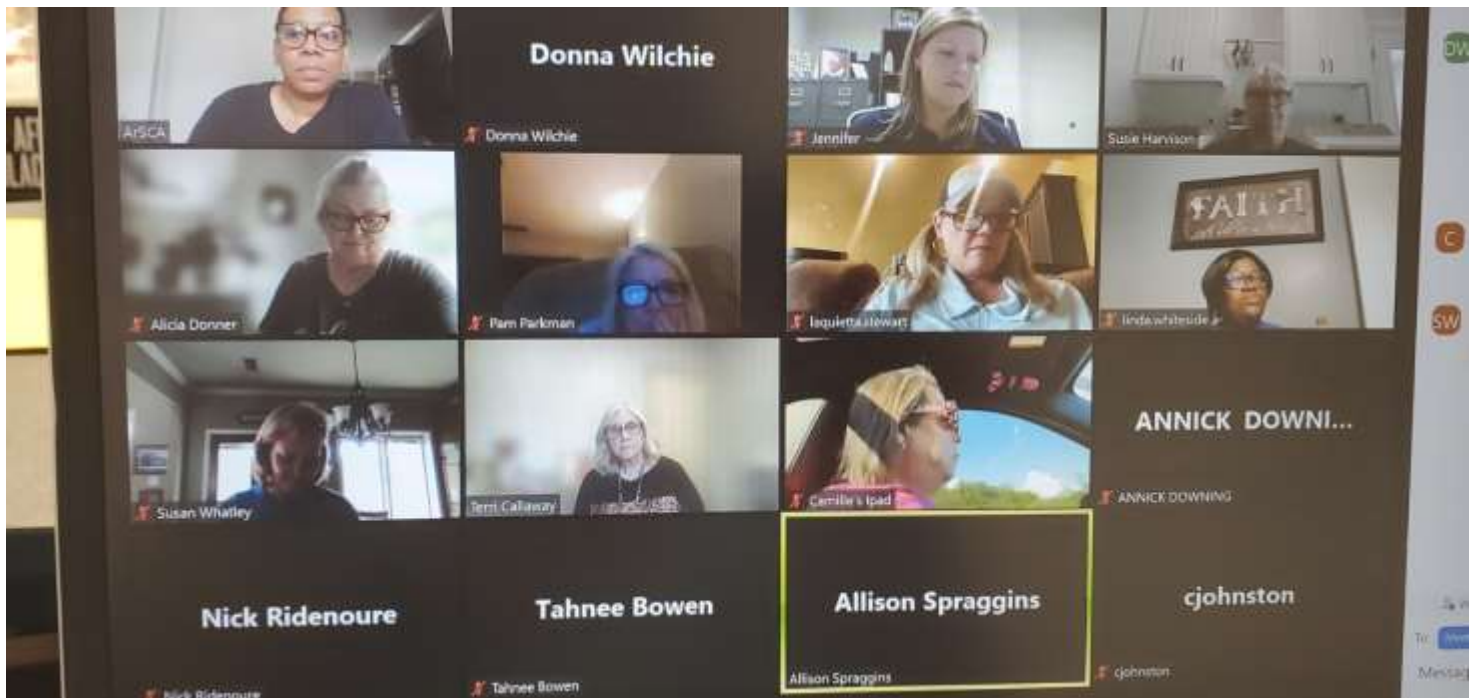
ArSCA Business Meeting

May 3, 2024

4:15pm

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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 Nick Williams subbing
<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
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)		Nathan Watkins , Southwest President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annick Downing , Post-Secondary Vice President (even year '24-'26)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	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
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
Robin Sparks, Grant Writer		Terri Callaway, Conference Committee Chair
Technology/Website: Heather Barron <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tahnee Bowen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robin Finley Rhonda Jones Becky Lowery Megan Reese Tawyna Shelton		Additional Attendees: Lobbyist, Jeffery Hall



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- I. Roll Call – Meeting called to order by President Kelli Dockery at 4:15pm.
17 attendees (9 voting, 9 nonvoting)
- II. “Good Things”
President Dockery gave welcome to everyone and asked for “good things”.
Good news shared from board members. President Dockery will send congratulation letters to graduates from board to the board family members.
- III. Review social contract
Created at LDI: Stay on schedule, respect, confidentiality
Reminder from president to remember these norms.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – April 2024
Call for an acceptance of the minutes from the April meeting shared prior to the meeting. **Motion #1** by Allison Spraggins to accept the minutes and Nick Williams seconded the motion. (all in favor)

V. Financial Report

Call for an acceptance of the financial report that was shared prior to the meeting. Susie Harvison shared the report, deposits made, officer expenditures, deposit for 2024 conference to convention center, tech expenses, AT&T bill, office expenses, post office box expenses, counselor appreciation, lobbyist, awards, and mileage/ASCA Washington costs, Pam's registration for conference (Pam's flight is on Dockery's card)

Motion #2 by Jennifer Lyle to accept the financial report and seconded by Allison Spraggins. (all in favor)

President Dockery shared about a grant that Kaneshia Barnes Adams shared. She is applying through Blue and You Foundation. Questions arose regarding the use of the grant funds. President Dockery will reach out to Ms. Barnes Adams on the guidelines of the grant and responsibilities of ArSCA. The board will discuss later. This could be an endorsement or collaboration on this grant.

VI. Reports of Officers and Committees

a. Regional President Reports

Central Region: Deanna Robbins (Nick Williams sub) – *no report to share*

North Central: Carrie Johnston - *no report to share*

Northeast: Emmie Foster (Laquietta Stewart reported) – *regional conference June 20th in Jonesboro with local mental health agencies and TRIS sponsoring and presenting (Location Central Baptist Church)*

Northwest: Nick Ridenoure – *spring mixer moved to May 23rd in Fayetteville; survey sent out for a possible second location due to the large region size to open up to as many members as possible*

Southeast: Terri Callaway – *Bylaws complete and going out for voting; electing a President-Elect*

Southwest: Nathan Watkins – *no report and nothing shared to President to report*

b. Summer Conference – Terri Callaway & Kelli Dockery

June 24 - 26, 2024 Hot Springs, AR (Theme: Our Stage, Our Story)

384 registrations (296 in person 54 virtual 34 membership only)

Wednesday has been the hard time to get presenters to sign up.

ArSCA booth update -Jennifer Lyle shared booth information – Allison shared shirt information with Jennifer, ordering 48 shirts to sell at conference; mugs sizes and pricing has been shared as well with wait from another vendor response

Volunteers needed from each region to cover the booth times during the days of conference. Jennifer will send a sign up. Conference Tracker will allow the session times to be on the app this year. Tahnee Bowen said she would like to insert the sessions soon so attendees can look at the sessions and begin planning.

Exhibitors – Allison Spraggins shared an update of 32 signed up and one still processing (3 platinum, 1 silver, 3 bronze); finalizing Army who communicated with Kelli Dockery; a couple other potential sponsors have reached out the Kelli Dockery
Susie Harvison has already ordered extra nametags so we do not run out this year.
Plaques for COY have been ordered in Jonesboro per Laquetta Stewart. If anyone on the board needs a nametag, Kelli Dockery will let Laquetta Stewart know whom to add to the order.
Discussion held about new member meeting and professional development. Some at DESE has agreed to present in place of Rodney Ford in his absence.
Reminder for board members who are available Sunday afternoon to help set up and help with registration Monday morning. In addition, if the coffee reception can be hosted Monday morning, all board members are encouraged to attend to meet and greet the 17 new members.

Five Lake Hamilton high school students will serve as Ambassadors for conference to help as needed: greeting, app assistance, packets, providing directions.

c. Technology Report – Robin Finley & Tahnee Bowen

Bowen said we need to add instructions into the packets to make sure they know to scan into sessions since they will not be able to see them the first time/presentation. Finley also said the information could be in the June newsletter. The May newsletter will display the conference at a glance.

d. DESE Updates – Rodney Ford

(Lupe Pena de Martin shared with Kelli Dockery) – Counselors reaching out due to Student Success Plans. Counselors are concerned and asking about a memo that requires counselor signatures. Lupe shared this was not a DESE decision but it came through the legislatures. She encouraged school counselors to reach out the legislatures regarding this decision. That was a legislature requirement, not DESE.

Reminder of Mental Health Awareness Week May 6-10th. Lupe Pena de Martin would like to present for summer conference.

Robin Finley shared any information to share from DESE with the newsletter can get it to her sooner. The first few days of the month prior is best.

VII. Old Business

a. Open board positions – next year

Middle/Jr High VP

Post Secondary VP

VIII. New Business

Susan Whatley shared the idea of past ArSCA COY winners to share their experience at ASCA and the packet completion.

Jennifer Lyle shared any NBCT professionals can look into a training that was listed in Part 2 of the LEARNS Act. Two days of training in Mentoring All Teacher to Excellence and Cognitive Coaching

Foundations with adding a licensure to your teacher license. A stipend will be available to those who meet the requirements.

- IX. LAUNCH – Wise words shared by Nick Ridenoure through a song “Happy Trails” by Roy Rogers. 😊
- X. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned by President Dockery at 5:46 pm.
Motion #3 by Nick Ridenoure and second by Annick Downing to adjourn. (All in favor)

Future Meetings

ArSCA Board Meetings:

TBD September 2024 President’s Retreat & LDI 9:00am (in person)

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