



Arkansas School Counselor Association

ArSCA Business Meeting

December 13, 2024

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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 Nick Williams , Central Region President Elect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Lyle , ArSCA President Elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shayne Thompson , North Central Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Spraggins , ArSCA Past President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmie Foster , Northeast Region President Laquetta Stewart, Past President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Stewart , Elementary Vice President (odd year '23-'25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Ridenoure , Northwest Region President Debbie Drake, Past President
Samantha Tilley , Middle/Jr. High Vice President (even year '24-'26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernie Roberts , Southeast President Elect
Pamela Parkman , Secondary Vice President (odd year '23-'25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jana McWhorter , Southwest President
Pam Dixon , Post-Secondary Vice President (even year '24-'26)	
Susie Harvison, Office Manager & Professional Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Wilchie, Secretary & Hospitality
<i>Vacant Position</i> - DESE Program Director <i>Vacant Position</i> - DESE Public School Program Advisor	Alicia Donner, Diversity Equity Inclusion Angela Millard, Diversity Equity Inclusion
<i>Vacant Position</i> , Membership	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
<i>Vacant Position</i> , Research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Whatley, Public Relations & Advocacy/Social Media Dr. Debra Myton, Public Relations & Advocacy/Social Media
Michele Lewis, Grant Writer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Callaway, Conference Committee Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:



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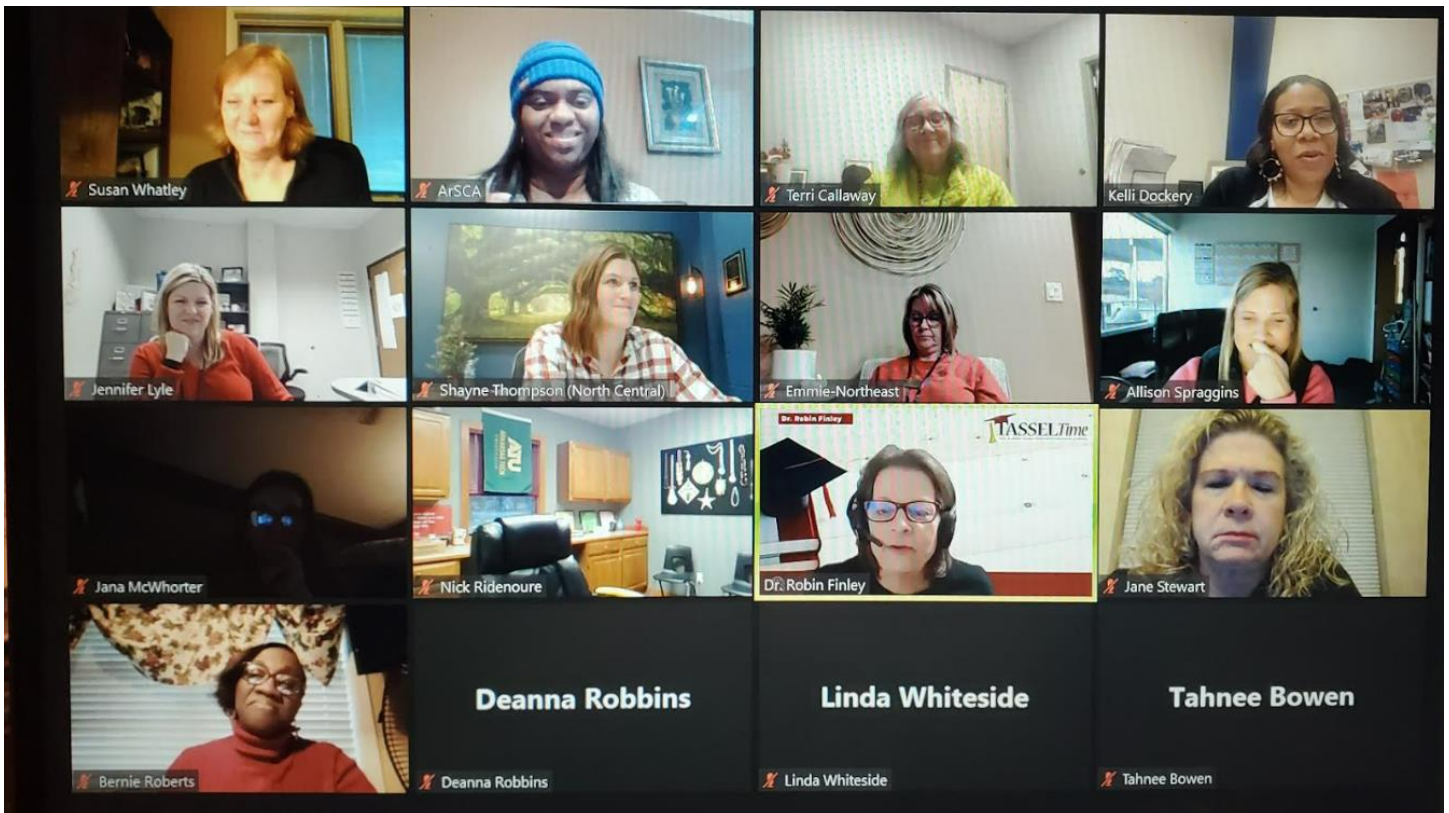
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4:00-5:30pm

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. “Good Things”
- III. Approval of Minutes – September (emailed)
- IV. Financial Report – (emailed)
- V. Region News & Reports – none submitted
- VI. Additional Committee Reports
 - a. Technology Committee (Dr. Robin Finley)
 - b. Conference Committee (Terri Callaway & Kelli Dockery)
 - c. Hugh Lovett Scholarship (Kelli Dockery)
 - d. Counselor of the Year (COY) Vice Presidents
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Secretary Update (Donna Wilchie) – A Google form has been created and shared for handbook reviews; no submissions received at this time.
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Counselor Spotlight (Kelli Dockery)
- X. “Launch” & Adjournment (Donna Wilchie)



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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call – Meeting called to order by President Dockery at 4:05 pm with 16 members in attendance (10 voting, 6 non-voting)
- II. “Good Things”
- III. Approval of Minutes (September) – **Motion #1** by Jana McWhorter and seconded by Allison Spraggins to approve the minutes as previously read (all in favor).
- IV. Financial Report – **Motion #2** by Allison Spraggins and seconded by Jane Stewart to accept the financial report (all in favor).
- V. Region News & Reports – none submitted
 - a. Regional President Reports
 - Central Region (Deanna Robbins)

North Central (Shayne Thompson) – Registration for the winter workshop has been shared with the region and working on COY Nominees. Several nominations are not members. NC President has questions for clarity.

Northeast (Emmie Foster)

Northwest (Nick Ridenoure)

Southeast (Bernie Roberts) – Nominations for COY have been shared with the board and will begin the next phase of choosing winners. SE is going to create a retirement gift for Rodney Ford.

Southwest (Jana McWhorter)

VI. Additional Committee Reports

- a. Technology Committee (Dr. Robin Finley)—The state of AR is decommissioning the old listserv. The technology team is working on the new listserv. This is an extensive process. Some districts do not allow district email to join a listserv. Dr. Finley has to contact district technology to allow the email and listserv to link. Jan. 31st will be the date of decommissioning.
- b. Hugh Lovett (Kelli Dockery) – Post Secondary Pam Dixon will be in charge and Kelli Dockery will begin posting the information as well. Applications are due March 1st. The awardees will be notified by June 1st. The professors at each university will also be sent the information.
- c. Conference Committee (Terri Callaway) – ArSCA Conference June 23 - 25, 2025 in Hot Springs, AR. The link for the conference is ready to begin sharing both hotels. The Sunday before the conference is a workday. It is not mandatory but the committee asks for those who can help from 1-5 pm to get set up complete before the first conference day. Each regional president will receive an email from Callaway to get volunteers to work the booth. Soda tabs are collected for the Ronald McDonald House and silent auction items (multiple welcome) are donated by each region. The June 29-July 1st conference contract has been signed for 2026. For 2027, the majority of the members want to keep the conference in Hot Springs Date options are June 20-23 or June 28-30. Callaway will check on June 28-30 since the 20th is Father's Day for 2027.
Kelli Dockery is looking at bringing Conference Ambassadors again.
The sneaker ball will occur this year on Monday night. Kelli Dockery will share the ball in the newsletter about the importance of singing up. Tahnee Bowen suggested tickets in the packets to ensure the correct amount of refreshments to be ordered. Donations come in from various organizations for the ball. AR Children's Hospital is waiting on an invoice to begin its sponsorship. Steve at UTI is going to sponsor as well. Dockery will contact some banks and businesses for sponsorships. The ball will focus on self-care with the opportunity to earn 2 hours of professional development at the beginning of the ball.
- d. Counselor of the Year (COY) Vice Presidents – discussion held during president reports on guidelines
- e. ArSCA Connects (Susan Whatley) – If any presenters are known, please share them with Whatley.

VII. Old Business

- a. Secretary Update (Donna Wilchie) – A Google form has been created and shared for handbook reviews; no submissions have been received at this time.
- b. Laquetta Stewart is no longer on our board as of January 2025. ArSCA will look into the “Did You Know” Section of the newsletter and replace the position.

VIII. New Business

- a. Kelli Dockery mentioned the monthly meetings if needed. The second Friday of each month will be set aside to meet up: January, March, April, and May. April is the only added month.

IX. Counselor Spotlight (Kelli Dockery) – November spotlights were Cynthia Williams and Christopher Goldstein. December spotlights are Dr. Robin Finley and Gabriella Elizondo. Two or three each month to the spotlight.

X. “Launch” & Adjournment -The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Future Meetings

ArSCA Board Meetings (second Fridays):

TBD January 2025 – 4pm

TBD March 2025 - 4pm

TBD May 2025 - 4pm

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.

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

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

Theme: In the Rhythm of the Night

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