



Arkansas School Counselor Association

ArSCA Business Meeting

March 14, 2025

ZOOM

4:00-5:00pm

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Whatley , Central Region Past President
<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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie French , President Elect
Jane Stewart , Elementary Vice President (odd year '23-'25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Ridenoure , Northwest Region President Debbie Drake, Past President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samantha Tilley , Middle/Jr. High Vice President (even year '24-'26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernie Roberts , Southeast President Elect
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susie Harvison, Office Manager & Professional Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Wilchie, Secretary & Hospitality
Lindsay Ledgerwood- DESE Program Coordinator <i>Vacant Position</i> - DESE Public School Program Advisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Donner, Diversity Equity Inclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Millard, Diversity Equity Inclusion
<i>Vacant Position</i> , Membership	<i>Vacant Position</i> , Historian
Finance: Past President & Treasurer	Linda Whiteside, Ethics
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Drake, Critical Incident & Crisis Response	Michelle Gerhardt, Public Policy & Legislation
<i>Vacant Position</i> , Research	Susan Whatley, Public Relations & Advocacy/Social Media Dr. Debra Myton, Public Relations & Advocacy/Social Media

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michele Lewis, Grant Writer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terri Callaway, Conference Committee Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Technology/Website: Heather Barron Tahnee Bowen Dr. Robin Finley Rhonda Jones Becky Lowery Megan Reese Tawyna Shelton		Additional Attendees:

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. “Good Things”
- III. Approval of Minutes (Susie Harvison) – January, emailed
- IV. Approval of Minutes (Donna Wilchie) – January, emailed
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Technology Committee Report (Robin Finley)
 - b. Conference Committee (Terri Callaway & Kelli Dockery)
- VI. New Business
 - a. North Carolina SAR LDI Report (K. Dockery, A. Millard, & D. Wilchie)
 - b. Legislative updates (Jeffrey Hall)
 - c. Membership fees concerning President, President-Elect, Past President
- VII. Counselor Spotlight (Kelli Dockery)
- VIII. “Launch” & Adjournment



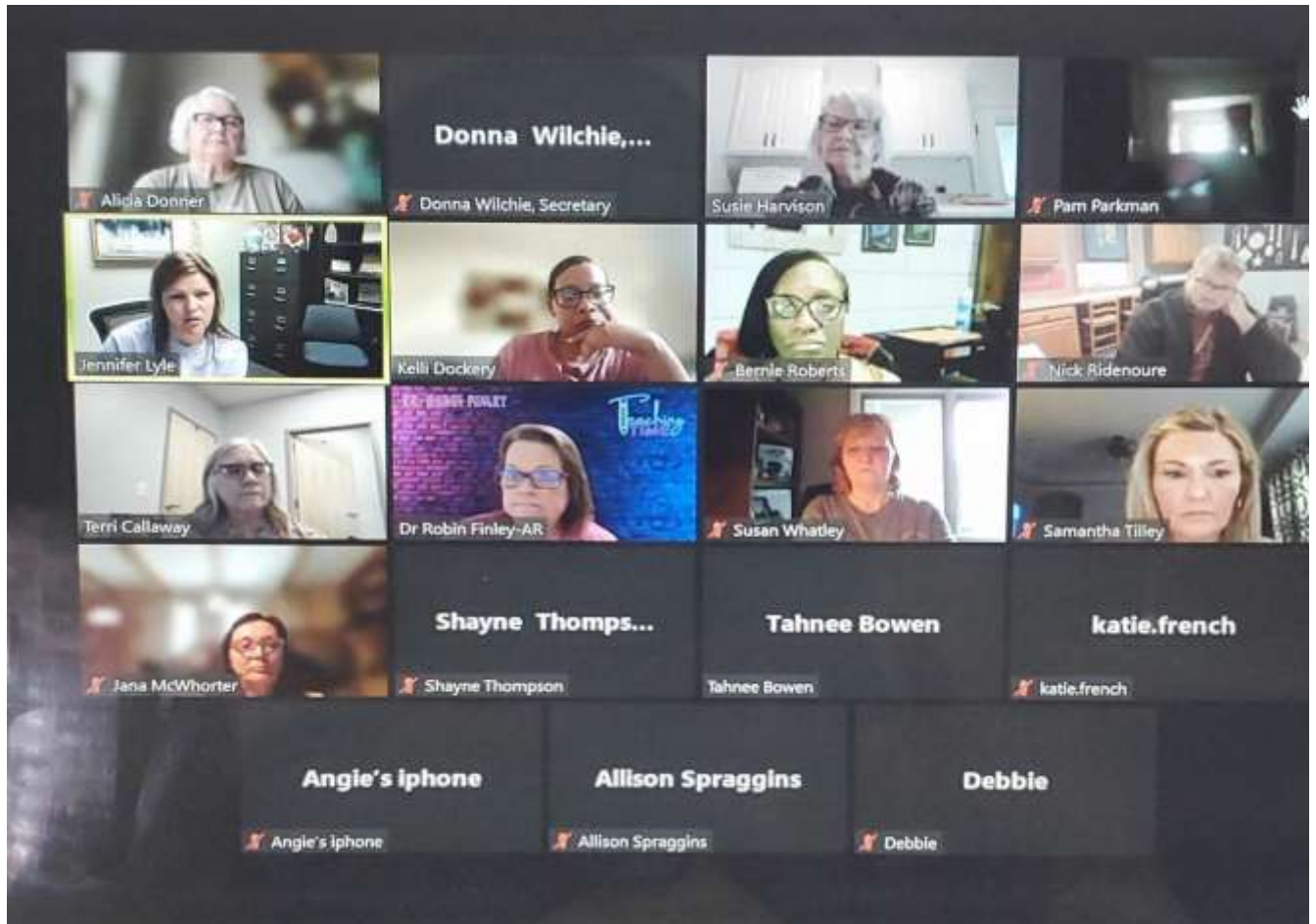
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- IX. Call to Order/Roll Call – Meeting called to order by President Dockery at 4:03pm with 19 present (11 voting, 8 nonvoting). Lobbyist Jeffery Hall joined.
- X. “Good Things”
- XI. Approval of Minutes (Susie Harvison) – January, emailed and shared today

Motion #1 by Jennifer Lyle and seconded by Pam Parkman to accept the financial report. (all in favor)

Discussion to table possibly updating the student membership definition. The board can review the bylaws in the membership 2C section.

- XII. Approval of Minutes (Donna Wilchie) – January, emailed again in March
Motion #2 by Allison Spraggins and seconded by Katie French Pam to accept the minutes as shared via email. (all in favor)

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Technology Committee Report (Dr. Robin Finley) – Dr. Finley shared updates to the ArSCA Conference landing page posted inside Conference Tracker. Items are linked together and individually. The Bill Tracker from Jeffery Hall is posted inside the newsletter to view specific bills. Whatley shared the website has specific membership explanations in the Bylaws. The board decided to table the membership discussion for later. Dr. Finley shared how well Bowen has done on the app.
- b. Conference Committee (Terri Callaway & Kelli Dockery) – Callaway reminded VPs they are responsible for a share session at the conference. A counselor called about the sneaker ball concern and not being able to attend the evening and how to get the additional hours. Face-to-face registration gets the virtual option as well although some districts do not allow virtual to count for professional development. Callaway shared possibly adding the share sessions in the last hour so attendees can get their final time in the final hour. VPs are not presenting, only sharing. They will need to have a facilitator cover their session if they will be traveling. The committee is changing the awards luncheons from Monday to Tuesday and the interactive keynote speaker will be on Monday (box lunch). The regions need to let the award winners know and be aware of the change. Due to the cap of people, the Sneaker Ball for now is for school counselors only. Discussion will be held later when President Dockery gets a better idea of numbers closer to conference time.

Bowen is working with Conference Tracker to get all the parts updated and ready. Vendors can choose their booth location and it will automatically charge them for that slot. When they go above their allotted number of people attending, the app will automatically charge the \$50 per person over the allotment. Next year, scheduling, presenters, and exhibitors will be inside the Conference Tracker as well. Board members shared their appreciation for Dr. Finley and Tahnee Bowen on their great work with ArSCAs technology outlets.

Monday at 12:30, regional presidents will lead their meetings, recognize the regional COY winners, and present them with plaques (not provided by ArSCA). Regions need to find members to work the ArSCA booth and bring silent auction items. All of the board is invited to help with set up on Sunday to set up, prepare t-shirts, and pack packets. Ronald McDonald House will provide a cardboard RMH to collect soda tabs if you make contact with them.

XIV. New Business

- a. North Carolina SAR LDI Report (K. Dockery, A. Millard, & D. Wilchie) – In previous years, LDI was sponsored by ASCA and Universal Technical Institute. This year, UTI sponsored it alone in Mooresville, NC. (AR MS AL FL NC SC VA) – Each of the three attendees shared the experience and what information was learned from participating. The LDI was led by school counselors and counselor educators guided by Dr. LaWonka Marks, SC Executive Director. Next year's LDI will be at one of the UTI campuses in Florida.
- b. Legislative updates (Jeffery Hall) – Updates shared about the session that has been going on for 10 weeks with a few weeks to go (adjourning April 16th). Changes shared about a Senate House Bill 1512 AR Access Act is one left to go before the group, wanted in a House and Senate Bill to move through the process faster than normal and possibly limit debate. This bill changes advanced placement and redefines it as accelerated learning (an umbrella for all the courses). This does not affect school counselors directly, only indirectly. Most of the educator bills (ex: teacher retirement) regarding us as educators and school counselors have already been passed. Mr. Hall will continue to watch anything that directly impacts our group and will immediately pass to President Dockery.

Dockery shared the HB1179 Mental Health Assessment and asked for clarification of who will be responsible for that assessment due to questions being addressed to ArSCA. Hall stated it had been withdrawn and was individuals outside of the school.

Board Member Thompson asked about the bill for cell phone pouches. Dr. Finley shared that some schools used grant funding while others used alternate options for the phones not to be available to students during the school day.

Dockery asked about HB1709 amending human service workers including mental health service workers in the schools. Who are these individuals and will they be licensed professionals entering schools or does the bill mean school counselors? Mr. Hall will send the bills to Dockery for ArSCA's review.

- c. Membership fees concerning President, President-Elect, Past President – To attend the ASCA's LDI there is a membership fee of \$129. Lyle asked if ArSCA would pay for the ASCA membership. Whatley presented and reminded the board about the Bylaws and how members are to be active with ASCA as a voting member on the ArSCA Board. Thompson shared the benefits of being an ASCA member. Table and discussion will occur later – elected officials who attend ASCA LDI vs all elected officials. President Dockery suggested adding this great discussion at ArSCA LDI.

- d. Additional Business - Parkman shared the voting process for School Counselor of the Year and the due dates. Each region is to get their voting completed so the winner can get their application completed for ASCA.
- XV. Counselor Spotlight (Kelli Dockery) - Julie Tubbs in Westside Consolidated School District is the spotlight this month. Check out the ArSCA Newsletter for the next spotlight from President Dockery.
- XVI. “Launch” & Adjournment – Wilchie shared two reminders with her this week through social media and a weekly school newsletter.

“Don’t let the entire staircase overwhelm you. Just focus on that first step.”

“Don’t forget, while you’re busy doubting yourself, someone else is admiring your strength!!!”

Motion #3 to adjourn by Susan Whatley and seconded by Samantha Tilley at 6:07pm. **(all in favor)**

Future Meetings & Dates to Remember

ArSCA Board Meetings (second Fridays):

TBD May 9, 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.

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

Theme: In the Rhythm of the Night

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