



Arkansas School Counselor Association

ArSCA Board Meeting

January 14, 2026

Zoom

4:00am-5:30pm

Theme: Be the Spark

Attendance (voting members in BOLD) <input type="checkbox"/> present		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Jennifer Lyle , ArSCA President	<input type="checkbox"/> Nick Williams , Central Region President <input type="checkbox"/> Hannah Gorman, Central President Elect
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jane Stewart , ArSCA President Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> Shayne Thompson , North Central Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelli Dockery , ArSCA Past President	<input type="checkbox"/> Katie French , Northeast Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marisa Snow , Elementary Vice President (odd year '25-'27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Karon Parrish , Northwest Region President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Samantha Tilley , Middle/Jr. High Vice President (even year '24-'26)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bernie Roberts , Southeast President Elect
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Michelle Williams , Secondary Vice President (odd year '25-'27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jana McWhorter , Southwest President Allie Sage, Southwest President Elect
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pam Dixon , Post-Secondary Vice President (even year '24-'26)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Susie Harvison, Office Manager & Professional Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Donna Wilchie, Secretary & Hospitality Leslie Walden, Historian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lindsay Ledgerwood Reed, DESE Program Director Morgan Weigand, DESE Public School Program Advisor	<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Millard, Diversity Equity Inclusion Angela Jones, Ethics Cynthia Cochran, Membership
	Finance: Past President & Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Whatley, Public Relations & Advocacy/Social Media Lauren Harris, Public Relations & Advocacy
	Michele Lewis, Grant Writer Debbie Drake, Critical Incident & Crisis Response Karon Parish, Public Policy & Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> Terri Callaway, Conference Cochair <input type="checkbox"/> Allison Spraggins, Conference Cochair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology/Website: Heather Barron Tahnee Bowen Dr. Robin Finley Rhonda Jones Becky Lowery Megan Reese Tawyna Shelton	Vacant Positions: Research
	Additional Attendees:	



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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call - President Lyle called the meeting to order at 4pm. There were twenty three (23) members present; 13 voting members and 10 nonvoting.
- II. Announcements - complete the LDI form to share your preferences (August)
- III. Approval of Minutes – Donna Wilchie - November 12, 2025 minutes (emailed)
Motion #1 by Jane Stewart and seconded by Bernie Roberts to accept November’s meeting minutes and accept as presented.
All in favor
- IV. Financial Report – Susie Harvison (emailed)
Motion #2 by Jana McWhorter and seconded by Jane Stewart to accept the financial report as presented.
All in favor

- V. Region News & Reports - please submit to the president or secretary for the agenda
None submitted
- VI. Additional Committee Reports
- a. Conference updates on any food price increases etc – Terri Callaway – update shared about conference dates. Conference Tracker is updated. A call for presenters and registration is coming soon this month. Both keynote speakers are set.
Callaway shared that all board members are invited to attend the conference meetings. Meetings will be sent out when that resumes.
ArSCA Conference June 29 – July 1, 2026 Hot Springs, AR
ArSCA LDI **TBD** UofA 8am-4pm
ArSCA Conference June 28 – 30, 2027 Hot Springs, AR
- b. Other
Board of Examiner in Counseling members attending conference and what that fee would look like - Tahnee Bowen
ArSCA offers an affiliate membership that these counselors can join. Other organizations have conferences and memberships they can attend to get their hours needed. Lowering our fees is not helping our membership.
- VII. New Business
- a. Vote to update line item and phone bill expense - Jennifer Lyle
Motion #3 by Karron Parrish to approve phone line item increase to \$141.85 and seconded by Katie French. Karron Parrish amended the motion of \$141.85 and submitted it at \$150 and seconded by Katie French.
All in favor
Motion #4 by Jane Stewart and seconded by Karon Parrish to change the line item from to Past Past President for odd years and President Elect for even years.
All in favor
- b. Form budget committee - Tahnee Bowen, Kelli Dockery
President Lyle appointed Past President Dockery to lead the committee and make contact with board members to join the budget committee.
- VIII. Old Business
- a. Hugh Lovett Scholarship - Secondary VPs Dr. Pam Dixon and A. Michelle Williams
VPs are working on finalizing the information to send out.
- b. Estimated date for registration link for vendors and school counselors. Website link post date - Tahnee Bowen
- c. Discussion on SAR LDI - attendees, March 4th and 5th, should ArSCA continue to sponsor travel in the future. Universal Technical Institute (UTI) sponsors the event.
President Lyle’s goal is to save money and not spend on extra events. UTI/SARs is not ASCA sponsored. Therefore, members wanting to attend will need to pay for their own attendance so ArSCA is not liable.
Motion #5 by Karron Parrish and seconded by Jane Stewart that after this year we do not continue to fund UTI’s LDI.
- d. Reminder - newsletter assignments [ArSCA Newsletter Assignments/Content Guidelines - Google Sheets](#)
- IX. Adjournment
Motion #6 by Nick Williams and seconded by A.Michelle Williams to adjourn the meeting at 5:28pm.

Future Meetings

ArSCA Board Meetings:

March 11, 2026

April 8, 2026

May 13, 2026

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.

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

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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