



Director's Update

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New Board Member Institute October 15

Newly elected and some veteran board members will “cast away” at the **Welcome ABOARD** themed New Board Member Institute at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Little Rock on October 15.

The Institute will orient new board members to their roles and responsibilities and give them an understanding of the academic, facilities and fiscal oversight they have. Presenters will help board members better understand how to build a successful working relationship with the school district's chief executive officer – the superintendent.

Don't miss this important training and networking opportunity. Additional information is available on the ASBA Web site: www.arsba.org.

ASBA's New Web site

If you haven't visited the ASBA Web site, we hope you will soon. We've just redesigned the site to provide school board members and administrators with more valuable and accessible information.

Our new home on the Web includes education news, videos and a “blog” (*Web log*) for posts about education issues and visitor comments. You'll also find board training events, district insurance information and other ASBA programs and services. Come see us at:

www.arsba.org

Mark your calendars now!

2008 ASBA Annual Conference
December 3-5, 2008
Peabody Hotel and
Statehouse Convention Center
Little Rock

Resolutions for Delegate Assembly Due Soon

The ASBA Delegate Assembly will meet on December 4, 2008, the second day of our annual conference. Among items on the Delegate Assembly's agenda is consideration of reports and resolutions submitted by local school boards, the ASBA Board of Directors and/or a Resolutions Committee.

If you wish the Assembly to act on a report or resolution, you must submit the report or resolution to ASBA's Executive Director at least 30 days prior to the Assembly meeting. This year's deadline will be November 4.

Proposals not submitted by the deadline may be considered only if two-thirds of the delegates present vote to consider them.

All ASBA-member boards must appoint a board member to represent them at the Delegate Assembly. Each school board should report the name of its delegate to the ASBA office by November 4.

ASBA will post copies of proposed beliefs and resolutions received by November 4 on the ASBA Web site (www.arsba.org). ASBA also will mail them to all member-board presidents to share with their boards for advance consideration.

Questions about Resolutions?

If you are not familiar with what a resolution is intended to accomplish, you may wish to view the 2007 Beliefs and Resolutions that were approved at last year's Delegate Assembly. To view, visit www.arsba.org, scroll over “About ASBA” on the left menu, and click on “Beliefs & Resolutions.”

While the first section contains declarations of appreciation, sections 2-4 list last year's resolutions. These may help you better understand the intent of ASBA's resolutions if you consider proposing one this year.

Welcome and congratulations to newly elected and re-elected school board members!



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Regional Meetings Set

The 2008 Regional Meetings will be held October 20- 30. There will be a \$15 per person registration fee for the meetings, which will include materials and dinner.

Registration for the meetings must be made through ASBA, not through the host school districts. To register, call ASBA at 1-800-482-1212 or e-mail marilyn@arsba.org. Please register at least a week prior to the meeting.

We must stick closely to the agenda to provide you **two training hours**. Registration at the meetings begins at 6 p.m.; a networking dinner starts at 6:30; a brief business meeting will follow; Regional Director elections will be held in Regions 1, 7, 8, 12 and 13.

If you cannot attend your regional meeting, you may attend in another region. Please notify us if you plan to attend another meeting so that we may get accurate counts for each meeting.

10/23/2008 – **Region 1** (election for director)

Host: Gravette School District
Location: Gravette High School
325 Lion Drive South, Gravette, AR

10/23/2008 – **Region 2**

Host: Harrison School District
Location: Harrison High School Cafeteria
925 Goblin Drive, Harrison, AR

10/27/2008 – **Region 3**

Host: Northeast Ark. Education Service Co-op
Location: Northeast Ark. Education Co-op
211 West Hickory, Walnut Ridge, AR

10/21/2008 – **Region 4**

Host: Clarksville School District
Location: Clarksville High School Cafeteria
1703 Clark Road, Clarksville, AR

10/27/2008 – **Region 5**

Host: South Conway County School District
Location: Morrilton High School Cafeteria
701 E. Harding Street, Morrilton, AR

10/21/2008 – **Region 6**

Host: Beebe School District
Location: Beebe Jr. High School Cafeteria
1201 W. Center Avenue, Beebe, AR

10/30/2008 – **Region 7** (election for director)

Host: Wynne School District
Location: Wynne High School Cafeteria
800 East Jackson, Wynne, AR

10/21/2008 – **Region 8** (election for director)

Host: Bryant School District
Location: Bryant Middle School Cafeteria
412 Woodland Drive, Bryant, AR

10/20/2008 – **Region 9**

Host: Stuttgart School District
Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Cafeteria
1202 South Park Avenue, Stuttgart, AR

10/20/2008 – **Region 10**

Host: Centerpoint School District
Location: Centerpoint High School Cafeteria
755 Highway 8 East, Amity, AR

10/21/2008 – **Region 11**

Host: Watson Chapel School District
Location: Watson Chapel High School Cafeteria
4000 Camden Road, Pine Bluff, AR

10/20/2008 – **Region 12** (election for director)

Host: Hope School District
Location: Beryl Henry Elementary School
1200 S. Main Street, Hope, AR

10/20/2008 – **Region 13** (election for director)

Host: Magnolia School District
Location: Magnolia High School Cafeteria
1400 High School Drive, Magnolia, AR

10/30/2008 – **Region 14**

Host: Hamburg School District
Location: Hamburg Junior High School Cafeteria
1109 Cub Drive, Hamburg, AR

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if you're unsure of your region*