

Director's UPDATE

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Regional Meetings set

Every fall ASBA schedules dinner meetings in each of its 14 regions. These meetings enable board members and superintendents to network with their regional colleagues and to hear ASBA leaders share timely topical information about district governance and upcoming events. Additionally, elections for positions on the ASBA Board of Directors are conducted at the regional meetings.

The 2009 regional meetings will be held at the following school districts; registration begins at 6 p.m. each evening, dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the meetings will end at 8:30 p.m.

Region 1 – Rogers, Oct. 15

Rogers Heritage High School, 1114 S. 5th Street, Rogers, 72756

Note: 2 blocks east of Highway 71B off Oak St.

Region 2 – Flippin (regional director election), Oct. 22

Flippin Middle School Cafeteria, 308 N. First (Highway 178 N.), Flippin, 72634

Note: North of high school gym on Highway 178 N.

Region 3 – Nettleton (regional director election), Oct. 15

Nettleton High School, 4201 Chieftain Lane, Jonesboro, 72401

Region 4 – County Line, Oct. 19

County Line Cafeteria, 12092 West State Highway 22, Branch, 72928

Note: Meeting will move from cafeteria to auditorium at 7 p.m.

Region 5 – Russellville, Oct. 29

Russellville High School Cafeteria, 2203 South Knoxville, Russellville, 72802

Region 6 – White County (regional director election), Oct. 19

White County Central School Auditorium, 3259 Highway 157, Judsonia, 72081

Region 7 – Blytheville, Oct. 22

Blytheville Kindergarten Center/Primary School Multi-Purpose Building, 1105 Byrum Road, Blytheville, 72315

Region 8 – Little Rock, Oct. 22

Arkansas School Boards Association Office, 523 South Ringo St., Little Rock, 72201

Note: Interstate 630 to Chester St. exit; turn left on Chester, left on 6th St., go one block; bldg. on right at corner of 6th and Ringo

Region 9 – DeWitt, Oct. 22 (note location change)

DeWitt High School, 1614 South Grandview, DeWitt, 72042

Region 10 – Hot Springs, Oct. 20

Hot Springs Intermediate School, 617 Main Street, Hot Springs, 71913

Note: From Little Rock, take Central Ave. to Albert Pike, turn left on Main St. (McClards BBQ), continue 1 mile, school on left; from Percy, Mt. Pine, travel to Albert Pike, turn right on Main St., (McClards BBQ), continue 1 mile, school on left.

Region 11 – Cleveland County (regional director election), Oct. 20

Rison High Cafeteria, 700 Main, Rison, 71665

Note: Located behind Rison High and on north end of Rison Elementary School. If traveling south on Highway 35 N, turn left on School Drive before you get to the campus and circle the campus to the cafeteria. If traveling north on Highway 35 S, turn right on School Drive after you pass Rison High and circle the campus to the cafeteria.

Director's Message

We're well into the new school year, and we're gearing up here for the New Board Member institute on Oct. 14 at the Doubletree Hotel in Little Rock and the 14 Fall Regional Meetings, which begin the next day. Then it's on to December and our annual conference, which will be held Dec. 9-11 at the Peabody Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center.

Five ASBA staff members will conduct the regional meetings, so that all of the meetings will be completed in a two-week time period. If you cannot attend your own regional meeting, feel free to attend one of the others. All you need to do is make sure you're registered for the meeting so we can provide the host schools with attendance counts

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Region 12 – Texarkana, Oct. 19

Arkansas Senior High Student Union, 1600 Jefferson, Texarkana, 71854

Note: From I-30, take Jefferson St. exit, cross over I-30 and proceed to AHS. From U.S. 82, after crossing the U.S. 82/U.S. 67 intersection, turn right on Jefferson St. and proceed to AHS; parking lot behind building.

Region 13 – Hampton (regional director election), Oct. 19

Hampton School Cafeteria, 459 East Main, Hampton, 71744

Region 14 – Dumas (regional director election), Oct. 20

Dumas High School Cafeteria, 709 Dan Gill Drive, Dumas, 71639

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to ensure adequate meals are prepared. It's a courtesy to your hosting colleagues, and it helps us plan the logistics of the meetings.

There will be elections in six regions this fall. So far, we have one candidate from Region 2 – Neal Pendergrass of the Mountain Home School Board. In Region 6, Brenda McKown of the Beebe School Board is the only announced candidate. Erma Brown of the Stephens School Board will seek re-election as the Region 13 Director, and William Campbell of the McGehee School Board will seek re-election as the Region 14 Director.

So far we have no announced candidates for Region 3 and Region 11. If you have an interest in serving, you should ensure you have adequate time left on your local board to accept a three-year term on the ASBA Board and have your board complete the nomination form and return it to us at least 14 days prior to the date of your meeting. The form is available on our Web site and should be sent to Cathy Allen, ASBA President, with a copy to the executive director in care of ASBA. If you have questions regarding the regional director positions, I would be happy to talk with you. Just e-mail me (dan@arsba.org) or call on our toll-free number, 1-800-482-1212.

Participation in the New Board Member Institute will provide six hours of professional development and ASBA Boardmanship Awards Program credit. The regional meetings will provide two hours. Attendance of the whole conference in December will provide ample hours to meet your annual requirement and even have some hours to carry over.

We look forward to seeing you at these annual fall events!

— Dan Farley, Executive Director

Presentations sought for ASBA Annual Conference

The 2009 ASBA Annual Conference will be held December 9-11 at the Peabody Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center.

ASBA has issued a Request for Presentations for school boards or board/superintendent leadership teams to share board governance practices that have proven successful in an Arkansas school district.

The RFP is available on the ASBA Web site at:

www.arsba.org

New Board Member Institute Reminder

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel, Little Rock