

Regional Meetings are Right Around the Corner...

ASBA staff are currently arranging ASBA Regional Meetings to be held throughout the state, beginning in late-September through October.

ASBA Executive Director Dan Farley will host 14 regional meetings with each region's



director. The meetings will begin with dinner, followed by ASBA regional awards and an ASBA business meeting in which Farley and the

regional directors discuss with attendees current issues of concern to ASBA and to school boards.

As soon as plans are finalized, ASBA will send invitations to each school board, and post the schedule and agenda on the ASBA website, www.arsba.org.

Upcoming ASBA Training Opportunities

During the next few months, ASBA is offering three of our most popular training seminars for school board members and school administrators. Staff Attorney Kristen Gould will host the seminars from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the ASBA Board Room in Little Rock. Attendees receive 4 hours training credit. Each session costs \$65 per person. Lunch and materials are provided.

Enrollment is limited to 20 attendees per session.

From Documentation to Termination (Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Oct. 27, Nov. 8)

School leaders can learn appropriate ways to document unacceptable employee conduct. The course has been updated with all new case studies, and revisions to the Teacher Fair Dismissal Act.

Sexual Misconduct: Investigation to Response (Oct. 13)

School leaders can learn how to address potential cases of sexual harassment and other forms of sexual misconduct in schools. The seminar focuses on investigation and interviewing techniques, determining if sexual misconduct has occurred, and responding appropriately after the investigation.



Board Meetings from A to Z (Nov. 1)

Board members and superintendents can review their obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, discuss parliamentary procedure and how to manage public meetings, learn how to set proper board agendas, and study the reasons and legalities of these and just about every other practical aspect of school board meetings.

For more information about these courses, or to register, contact ASBA at (800)482-1212, or www.arsba.org.

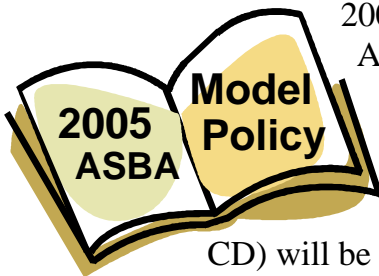
New Board Member Workshop Scheduled

The 2005 ASBA New Board Member Workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Little Rock. The 6-hour workshop cost will be \$100 per person. Lunch and materials will be included.

Currently serving board members understand the importance of early training to begin board service. Please encourage new board members that may be elected next month to attend. It's the best investment a board can make in its new colleagues.

Details will be available soon in the Reporter, mailed announcements, and the ASBA website.

Updated Policy Manuals to be Published Soon



2005 policy manuals for ASBA model policy subscribers will be available in final form around Sept. 1. The updated manual (on CD) will be automatically sent to each subscriber district. Each subscriber should have already received several e-mail updates for the 2004 Policy Manual.

The new manual incorporates new policies and updates old policies, as required by the numerous state and federal laws and regulation changes over the last 12 months.

For information on subscribing to the model policy service, including the new on-line version, contact Ron Harder at rharder@arsba.org.

Magna Awards Nominations being Accepted

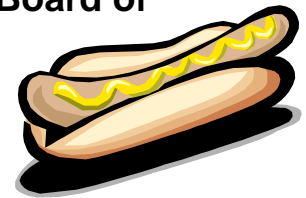


The American School Board Journal (ASBJ) is accepting nominations for its 12th annual Magna Awards.

ASBJ awards cash prizes, recognition at the 2006 NSBA conference and a write-up in the nationally distributed journal for up to 24 outstanding local school board-supported programs.

Nominate a successful program from your district at: www.asbj.com/magna.

New Nutrition and Activity Rules Approved by State Board of Education



Be ready to answer patrons' questions about the new, high profile, and sometimes controversial rules governing nutrition and physical activity in schools by reviewing the rules yourself.

Just follow the "Hot Topics" links on the ASBA website, www.arsba.org.

New Report on the State of Education

The Center on Education Policy released its latest report, chronicling good things that are happening in American education.

Focusing on school participation and course taking, student achievement, school climate and public support, teachers, and higher education, *Do You Know... The Latest Good News about American Education* is a short, positive, enlightening read to begin the school year.

Find the report at www.cep-dc.org.