

ASCA Monthly Update

MARCH 2024

NEW ASCA CHARTER

Welcome to the newest ASCA Division Charter, the U.S. Virgin Islands School Counselor Association!. The charter was formally issued on Feb. 22, 2024, making USVI the 52nd ASCA-chartered division. USVI will be recognized at LDI in Kansas City, Mo.



Upcoming Meetings & Dates

March

13 [SCA Share](#)

20 [Quarterly SCA Advocacy Meeting](#)

25 [ASCA Pinnacle Award Application due](#)

31 [Deadline to schedule a yearly check-in call with Jill Cook and Leisl Moriarty](#)

April

1 [SCA Data Due - Membership Data and lists \(revised from 4/15\)](#)

18 [ASCA Advocacy Briefing](#)



2024 ASCA Pinnacle Award Applications

The ASCA Pinnacle Award recognizes state/territory school counselor associations for innovative projects that benefit the school counseling association, profession or membership.



Submission deadline Mar. 25, 11:59 p.m. ET
[View the Coaching Session Recordings.](#)

[Apply now](#)



Membership data & file required

ASCA continues to track membership data of SCAs' reach year over year. [Send the two elements required \(details below\) to Leisl Moriarty by April 1.](#)

1. Please report the number of members in your SCA, sending each by category (professional, student, retired, affiliate, etc.). For example, professional 382, student 18, retired 23, affiliate 26. This data is used for tracking membership trends of school counseling associations and informs awards.
2. [ASCA's SCA Policies](#) require submission of each SCA membership list annually, with contact information.

Revision of the Ethics Standards for School Counseling Education Faculty

A request for feedback on the [ASCA School Counselor Education Faculty Ethical Standards](#) was shared with ASCA faculty members. The ethics committee recently updated the standards with feedback from school counselor educators. You can review the updated standards [here](#) and provide feedback [here](#). Comments are due by April 5.

ASCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOCUS GROUPS

The ASCA Board of Directors is interested in hearing insights to help inform the board's work and the school counseling profession.

The virtual 90-minute focus groups are planned for the dates/times listed below. To be considered for participation, click the appropriate link (please select only one).

Focus groups for **building administrators***, **district directors of school counseling**, and **state school counseling coordinators**:

- [Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m. ET / 4 p.m. PT](#)
- [Monday, March 18, 4:15 p.m. ET / 1:15 p.m. PT](#)

Focus groups for **school counselor educators or faculty**:

- [Thursday, March 14, 8:30 p.m. ET / 5:30 p.m. PT](#)
- [Tuesday, March 19, 12:00 p.m. ET / 9:00 a.m. PT](#)

Space will be limited for each session, so register as soon as possible. If your name is selected, you will receive an email with instructions. Thank you in advance for your interest in participating.

*Building administrators (principals and assistant principals) do not need to be current ASCA members to participate; other participants must be current members.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

SCA Quarterly Advocacy Meeting

March 20, 2024, 4 p.m. ET

Register in advance for this meeting [here](#).

ASCA Advocacy Briefing

The advocacy briefing provides ASCA members an opportunity to learn about current topics at the federal and state levels impacting education and school counseling. Members will also identify best practices for navigating situations and conversations effectively at the local level with school administrators and district leaders for everyday support for the role of the school counselor. [Register to join](#) Thursday, April 18, 2024, 5 p.m. ET.

2024 Check-In

Schedule a yearly check-in call with Jill Cook and Leisl Moriarty by March 31.

Governance Capacity Building

Each SCA is eligible to select one package each year that meets their governance training needs. Any costs beyond the provided ASCA allotment will be contracted and paid directly by the SCA to the consultant.

ASCA Conference, LDI & Delegate Assembly

Details below include FAQ about LDI, Delegate Assembly and the ASCA Annual Conference



Schedule

LDI is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. CT on July 11; July 12 is expected to conclude by approximately 6 p.m. CT. A [tentative schedule is available here](#).

All updates will be made to the Affiliate Exchange LDI page with a short-cut alias at www.schoolcounselor.org/ldi so you can be sure to have up-to-date information available without having to search through email.

Details

States/Territories may send as many participants as they wish to LDI and Delegate Assembly and may be submitted via the [State/Territory Request Form](#), due May 15.

There is no cost to attend this meeting, but all participants must be an active ASCA member at the time of the event.

Each SCA will designate the two voting delegates for Delegate Assembly. Each voting delegate is required to be an ASCA Professional or Retired member as outlined by ASCA Bylaws and Policies. All other participants are considered non-voting delegates.

NEW Meeting prior to LDI for Association Staff

July 11, 8-8:30 Breakfast; 8:30-11:30 Working Meeting

Executive directors and other association management staff are invited to a facilitated working session in advance of LDI in Kansas City. RSVPs will be confirmed via the individual LDI registration process.

Delegate Rates for #ASCA24

Those attending LDI and Delegate Assembly are eligible for the the delegate rate to attend the ASCA Conference: Regular by May 1 – \$349 Late after May 1 – \$399 [Register online](#) by adding the email for the individual and selecting “Member” and then “Delegate rate” option.



Out and About

Jill Cook met with the executive director of the Learning First Alliance.

Eric Sparks attended the SEL Coalition meeting.

Amanda arranged and participated in a focus group with representatives from the Department of Education and school counselors to provide feedback on the school counselor career pathways toolkit.

ASCA staff participated in ASAE's AI Summit for Associations.

Jill met with the School-Based Health Alliance.

Amanda participated in the ASIS school security meeting.

ASCA staff met with representatives from the Urban School Counselor Collective.

Amanda participated in the School-Based Health Alliance board meeting.

Jill met with a representative from the Department of Justice.

Out and About



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- Articles on the new student-to-school-counselor ratio:
 - [Chalkbeat](#)
 - [The 74](#)
 - *The Arizona Republic*
 - *Education Week*
- *New York Times* – An article about increases in student absenteeism since the pandemic.

STATE CONFERENCES

ASCA staff attended the following state school counselor association conferences:

- California
- Hawaii
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wyoming



Photo booth at the Washington School Counselor Association Conference: Agents of Hope