

# ASCA Monthly Update

APRIL 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

### April

18 ASCA Advocacy Briefing

### May

1 Delegate Rate increases from \$349 to \$399

8 SCA Share

15 LDI/Delegate Assembly - State/Territory Request form due

27 School Counselor of the Year from SCA due to ASCA

31 Professional Standards Public Comment ends

## Professional Standards Public Comment

The ASCA School Counselor Professional Standards & Competencies will be updated soon. Provide your feedback by May 31 on the current standards to guide the committee's revision work. Review the current standards under the Standards and Positions tab on the ASCA website.

## 2024 RAMP OFFICE HOURS

RAMP® office hours are one of several resources for those seeking to earn RAMP for their school. Office hours events give applicants an opportunity to ask questions as they are working on various sections of the application. RAMP® team captains are there live to offer immediate responses to questions. This resource is available to members and nonmembers.

Click the date below to join.

[Thursday, April 11, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, May 9, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, June 6, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, Aug. 8, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, Sept. 12, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, Sept. 26, 5 p.m. EDT](#)

[Thursday, Oct. 10, 5 p.m. EDT](#)



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### [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.

### [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](http://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



## PRESS

- 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.
- *Wall Street Journal* – A story on encouraging youth to start careers in trades.
- *CNBC* – A story on how students are faring with the FAFSA.
- *Today.com* – A story about what parents and high school students should know about the college admissions process and how to navigate it.
- [NPR](#) – School Counselor of the Year finalist Jennifer Sack spoke about the recent rise of American homophobia and transphobia.

## 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