



ASCA Monthly Update

SEPTEMBER 2026

Financial Service Changes for SCAs

As announced at Elevate 2026, ASCA is making changes to Financial Services for SCAs. Review a summary below to see what does not change and what action is required by each SCA and [read full details here](#).

What Is Not Changing:

- ASCA continues to cover the cost of accounting services.
- SAX Advisory remains ASCA's accounting services provider.
- Existing SAX Advisory contacts remain the same.
- Tax filings for the 2025-2026 fiscal year are not affected by these changes assuming the FY ends by December 31, 2026. If your fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, your tax filing process should already be underway.

What is Changing:

- Action Required for ALL SCAs: Secure a Tax Filing Vendor for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
- Action Required for 501(c)(3) Organizations: TechSoup & QuickBooks Online setup by Nov 1, 2026.

[Read full details here.](#)

Questions?

If you have questions about these changes or need assistance determining next steps for your organization, please [contact Leisl](#).

UPDATES



2026 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.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m. EDT

Thursday, Oct. 8, 5 p.m. EDT



ACSC Office Hours

ACSC Office Hours are back! Get all your questions answered about applying to be an ASCA-Certified School Counselor.

Join one of the upcoming dates (all at 5 p.m. EDT):

- Sept. 28
- Oct. 26
- Nov. 30

Collaboration

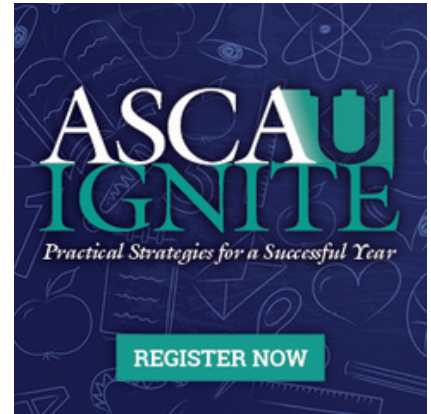
The EdTrust report Building Better Futures outlines a vision for ensuring every learner has equitable access to guidance, experiences and opportunities that support postsecondary and career success.

ASCA was part of the development process, contributing its expertise on the role of school counselors and equitable access to school counseling and career advising. The work was supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

ASCA U Ignite

Start the year off on the right foot with [ASCA U Ignite: Practical Strategies for a Successful Year](#). This online training focuses on the ins and outs of building and maintaining your school counseling program.



SCA Assistance and Coaching

As you land into the new year, reach out when you have questions or need support. Direct questions [to Leisl by email](#), or call/text 571-329-0934 or schedule time to meet with Director of Affiliate Relations any [time that fits your schedule here](#).

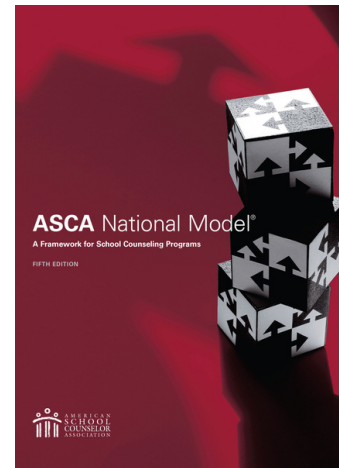
Social Media Office Hours

Need help with your association's social media strategy or want advice on best practices? Schedule [office hours](#) with ASCA's social media manager, Kayla Shelton.

ASCA National Model[®], Fifth Edition

This page houses the main links for the 5th Edition, including Templates and the PDF for free download. It's currently linked right on the homepage of the website.

Watch this webinar for a detailed review of all the changes to the 5th edition, and this one for the updates to the templates.



The SCA pricing for the ASCA National Model, fifth edition, is \$5 each plus shipping, with a required quantity of at least 100. The PDF is free to download, as already mentioned. We'll need the final quantity, shipping address, and a date by which they must arrive to proceed.

One final reminder with SCA pricing for publications – please follow ASCA Publication policies for SCAs, which are included in full, below.

No online sales are permitted. Should an SCA choose to sell these directly to attendees at the event rather than just give them away, they cannot be listed above the public ASCA Member rate. In this case, for the ASCA National Model, 5th edition, that rate is \$14.95. As with other publication sales, the SCA may retain any portion of the difference between the rate of \$5 and this public ASCA Member rate.

ASCA Publications

SCAs may request ASCA publications to sell at conferences and trainings. Online sales are not permitted. ASCA offers deep discounts on publications to ensure SCAs are able to support comprehensive school counseling programs within each state. ASCA suggests the SCA set pricing to align with ASCA's published prices to fully leverage a non-dues revenue stream for their time and work to sell these publications at the state level. If SCAs wish, the publications may be included in the registration cost of a training.



Out and About

Jill Cook participated in a Learning First Alliance meeting.

Amanda Fitzgerald met with the Nuclear Cardiologist Technologists.

Amanda attended a Grieving Students Coalition meeting.

Jill and Eric met with the Career Guidance Network.

ASCA staff exhibited at the Fairfax County Public Schools (Va.) professional learning day for school counselors.

ASCA staff met with Britebound.

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Press

ASCA provided sources to the *Hechinger Report* for a story on advising high school students on career pathways and *U.S. News & World Report* for a story on the top five people you should talk to in the college planning process.