



ASBA 2025 Board of Directors: November Message

Dear Apache County Members,

As we enter November and the season of giving thanks, it's a time to reflect on the impact of strong leadership and shared commitment to Arizona's public schools. This month offers meaningful ways to connect, celebrate and engage, from recognizing outstanding board members to preparing for upcoming ASBA events. We're grateful for your service and encourage you to share these important updates and deadlines with your fellow board members.

Here's what's happening across ASBA this month:

ASBA joins effort to protect schools from APS rate hike

ASBA, alongside Arizona School Administrators (ASA) and the Arizona Association of School Business Officials (AASBO), has filed to intervene in the Arizona Public Service (APS) rate case before the Arizona Corporation Commission.

APS is proposing a 14% rate increase, which could significantly raise utility costs for school districts already navigating tight budgets. Higher electricity bills mean fewer dollars for classrooms, staff and student programs.

By intervening, our organizations gain the legal right to participate in hearings, submit expert testimony, and advocate for fair outcomes that protect schools from disproportionate increases. We are represented by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, with energy expert Travis Sarver providing analysis on behalf of Arizona schools.

We'll continue to update members and share ways to get involved as the case progresses. Read full message [here](#).

Registration opens for 2026 Book Club with Anne Marie Anderson

Registration is now open for ASBA's 2026 Book Club: *Cultivating Audacity* — a bold new professional learning opportunity featuring Emmy Award-winning broadcaster and author Anne Marie Anderson.

The six-part virtual series includes four live sessions with Anne Marie herself, focused on courageous leadership, breaking barriers and living with purpose. Her book offers actionable strategies for school board members and education leaders seeking to grow their impact.

Book Club Dates:

- March 2: Why cultivate audacity? (Ch. 1–3)
- April 7: Make friends with fear (*Live with Anne Marie*)
- June 22: The urgency fallacy (*Live with Anne Marie*)
- Aug. 18: Money: Time's twin (*Live with Anne Marie*)
- Sept. 15: The inner circle (*Live with Anne Marie*)
- Nov. 16: Mapping your audacious move (Ch. 8–10)

Bonus: Meet Anne Marie in person at the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference in December 2026, where she will keynote the event.

Sign-up now by clicking [here](#).

Board Presidents Zoom – Monday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m.

Join fellow board presidents for our next virtual conversation on Monday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. This month's discussion will focus on the current shutdown and the key items that may (or may not) be part of negotiations to bring it to an end. Board presidents should have already received an email invitation with details. We encourage your participation in this timely discussion.

Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers – Dec. 18

The election of officers to the ASBA Board of Directors will take place during the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in conjunction with the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference. All member districts are invited to attend and participate.

Each district is strongly encouraged to designate a delegate (and alternate, if applicable) to cast their board vote. Delegates must be registered through the [online form](#) by **5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8**, only one submission per district permitted.

What if the ASBA bylaws pass or don't? Vote by Dec. 16

ASBA's Governance Committee is recommending important bylaw updates that will shape how the association operates moving forward. But what does it mean if your board votes yes or no?

Voting deadline: Dec. 16, 2025

Three simple steps to vote: Add the item to your agenda, hold a board vote and submit online.

Highlights include:

- Clearer eligibility and census-based representation
- Electronic voting option
- Quorum and meeting rules
- Executive Director contract ratification

Download the [FAQ flyer](#) and visit the ASBA Bylaws [webpage](#) for full details. Questions? Contact Ellen White at ewhite@azsba.org.

We want to hear from you — Take the Annual Survey

The ASBA Annual Membership Survey is your opportunity to ensure your voice is reflected in the work we do. **The survey is open through Dec. 19, 2025. Complete the [survey](#) for a chance to win a \$50 gift card.**

ASBA is hiring

The Arizona School Boards Association is hiring for two full-time positions that offer the opportunity to support public education and Arizona school boards.

- **Board support and field services specialist** – Full-time position. Provides direct support and guidance to school boards and board members across Arizona. [\[Learn more\]](#)

- **Director of legal and policy services** – Full-time position. Leads ASBA’s legal and policy team in providing member districts with legal resources and policy services. [[Learn more](#)]

For full job descriptions and application details, visit our [website](#) for full details.

Upcoming ASBA webinars

Date: December 2, 2025 (5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

AI Governance and Literacy: Empowering School Boards to Lead Safe and Effective District-Wide AI Implementations

[Click](#) here to view all other events.

Thank you for your commitment to leading with purpose. Please reach out if you have questions, concerns or board needs. We’re here to help.

Sincerely,

