



BYLAWS

AMERICAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION

Approved July 2024

ARTICLE I: NAME AND MISSION

ARTICLE I, SECTION 1. The name of the Association shall be the American School Counselor Association (ASCA).

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2. ASCA expands the image and influence of school counselors. ASCA empowers school counselors with the knowledge, skills, linkages, and resources to promote equity, access to a high-quality education and overall success for every student in the school.

The mission of ASCA shall be to represent school counselors and to promote professionalism and ethical practices.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE II, SECTION 1. Types of Membership. This Association shall include four types of membership: Professional, Retired, Student, and Affiliate.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 2. Requirements of Membership. In order to qualify for one of the four types of membership, the following requirements must be met for each category of membership being sought.

II-4c. Professional Members. Individuals who have completed a master's degree in counseling or higher in school counseling or the substantial equivalent and are employed as school counselors, supervisors of school counselors or school counseling at the school, district, regional or state level, or professors of counseling in a graduate program that prepares school counselors are eligible for Professional membership.

II-2b. Retired Members. Professional members in retirement are eligible for Retired membership.

II-4e. Student Members. Individuals who are currently enrolled in a graduate program in counseling or a related field and are employed as school counselors are eligible for Student membership.

II-2d. Affiliate Membership. Individuals who have an interest in school counseling, who are not eligible for any other type of membership, are eligible for Affiliate membership.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 3. Dues. Dues for all categories of membership shall be established in accordance with ASCA policies and procedures that address Membership.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 4. Rights and Privileges. All members shall receive the rights and privileges accorded their membership categories as set forth in ASCA policies and procedures that address Membership. Notwithstanding the foregoing, only Professional an

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delegates to the

- V-3e. Three Directors shall be elected by the ASCA membership each year.
- V-3f. Directors shall not serve more than two terms on the Board of Directors.
- V-3g. The term of office for any elected Director shall coincide with the Fiscal Year of ASCA.
- V-3h. Directors must be employed full-time in school counseling in a school, school district, regional or state department of education or as a full-time faculty in a school counselor education program.
- V-3i. Directors must hold a

asked to serve in the vacant position. If none of the candidates agrees to serve, the Board of Directors shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE V, SECTION 5. Meetings.

V-5a. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once each year. Such meetings may be held in person or via telephone conference call or other electronic medium in which all individuals can hear one another. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chair of the Board or by majority vote of the Board.

V-5b. Two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors must be present to constitute a quorum.

V-5c. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote. Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be made by a simple majority vote except in cases involving issues that require a greater majority, as defined in ASCA Bylaws and policies and procedures that address Governance.

V-5d. Board of Directors members are required to attend all Board of Directors meetings and other functions in accordance with ASCA policies and procedures that address Governance.

ARTICLE V, SECTION 6. Vacancies.

V-6a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair of the Board, the Assistant Chair of the Board assumes the office of Chair of the Board.

V-6b. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Assistant Chair of the Board, the Board of Directors shall select an Assistant Chair of the Board to fill the unexpired term.

V-6c. In the event of a vacancy in an office of a Director, the Board of Directors may fill the unexpired term, but is not required to fill the vacancy.

V-6d. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fill any vacancy for which there are no other provisions.

ARTICLE V, SECTION 7. Removal from Office.

V-7a. An elected officer or member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office, for cause, by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a due process committee may be appointed to review any charges and to make recommendations. This committee shall complete its assignment and submit a final report within 30 days after appointment.

V-7b. A Director who becomes ineligible to serve on the Board shall be allowed three months to regain eligibility. If a Director is ineligible to serve on the Board for three months, the Director shall be asked to resign. Directors who know they cannot or will

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membership. The committee recommends the parliamentarian for the ASCA business meeting and coordinates the membership linkage activities. The Membership Linkage Committee is appointed annually by the Board of Directors.

Revised:

June 1998

Delegate Assembly San Antonio

October 1998

Delegate Assembly By mail ballot

June 2000

Delegate Assembly

Cherry Hill, NJ

June 2001

Delegate Assembly

Portland, Ore.

October 2003

Delegate Assembly By mail ballot

June 2004

Delegate Assembly Reno, Nev.

September 2005

Delegate Assembly By mail ballot

June 2006

Delegate Assembly Chicago

September 2007

Delegate Assembly By mail ballot

June 2012

Delegate Assembly Minneapolis

June 2013

Delegate Assembly Philadelphia

June 2015

Delegate Assembly Phoenix

July 2016

Delegate Assembly New Orleans

July 2017

Delegate Assembly Denver

July 2018

Delegate Assembly Los Angeles

June 2019 Delegate

Assembly Boston

July 2021

Delegate Assembly

Las Vegas

July 2022

Delegate Assembly

Austin

July 2023

Delegate Assembly

Atlanta

July 2024

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Kansas City