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Make sure your voice counts! Register your delegate for the ASBA Delegate Assembly by Aug. 28

This year's assembly will be held at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12. Registration is \$55/person and includes a continental breakfast. Names of your district's delegate and alternate (if any) must be provided by Aug. 28.

[Register](#)
[Delegate Form](#)

Board Appreciation Night at Chase Field on Friday, Sept. 11

It's the Dbacks vs. the Dodgers as you come to celebrate with and for your fellow board members at this year's School Board Appreciation Night. Recipients of ASBA's 2015 Arizona All School Boards Awards and the Lou Ella Kleinz Award of Excellence will be honored on the field before the game. This year, your \$35 ticket will include all-you-can-eat hotdogs, chips, popcorn, peanuts, soda and water. The festivities start at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, the final day of the Law Conference and the eve of the Delegate Assembly. Don't miss it! [Tickets/more info](#)

Requesting outstanding public education leader nominations for 2015 Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award

This prestigious award, ASBA's highest honor, has been given annually since 2008 to an individual who has made outstanding contributions in support of public education in Arizona and worked towards fulfilling ASBA's mission of "Quality leadership and advocacy for children in public schools." It was named in honor of its first recipient, Barbara Robey, a tireless public education servant, who epitomized these qualities until her death in 2014. The 2015 honoree will join other outstanding education leaders:

Cynthia Matus Morriss, 2014

Carolyn Warner, 2013
Eddie Basha, Jr., 2012
Dr. Ruth Solomon, 2011
Dr. Chuck Essigs, 2010
Jeretta Douglas, 2009
Charlotte Patterson, 2008

Nominations will be accepted from individuals representing any area of Arizona education including, but not limited to, board members, administrators, teachers, volunteers, support staff, and elected and appointed office holders. Nominations must be submitted on official forms and received by the association by August 21, 2015. Only those candidates whose names have been submitted from the July 2015 call for nominations through the August 21st deadline will be considered for this year's award.

The Barbara Robey Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented at the ASBA annual awards dinner on Thursday, Dec. 11, during the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix. Questions: Shirley Simpson, membership services coordinator, ssimpson@azsba.org.

[Criteria](#)

[Nomination form](#)

ASBA 39th Annual Law Conference overflow hotel announced

The JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, is officially sold out of rooms for the Law Conference; however, the nearby Omni Montelucia has availability. The ASBA room rate is \$159. Be sure to request this conference rate. Call 888.627.3010 to book rooms.

ASBA Law Conference offers breakout sessions on medical marijuana, parental rights and teacher shortage issues among 28 in-depth breakout sessions

This conference sold out last year, do not be left out! Again being held at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, from Sept. 10-11 Other breakout sessions include:

- Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (Vouchers) – How They Work
- Legal Strategies to Deal with the Teacher Shortage
- The Test Fraud Scandal in Georgia: Could it Happen Here?
- School Interactions with Police: How Far Must School Officials Go
- Can I Opt Out? Parental Rights Under FERPA, Arizona's "Parental Bill of Rights" and the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards
- Can We Get Along? How Mediation Could Get Your Board Members Working Together
- Main conference registration is \$400/person and includes access to all online materials and meals. Non-member fee is \$800/person. [Main Conference Registration/information](#)

Sept. 9 Pre-Conference tracks include detailed information on state trust lands and sunshine laws

This year there are three unique topic tracks: School Funding, Preventing, Managing and resolving OCR Complaints and School Law 101 Series.

Please note that registration is separate for the pre- and main conferences and it is not required to register for both.

Pre-conference registration is \$200/person and includes access to all online materials for all three pre-conference sessions and meals. [Pre-Conference Registration/information](#)

Deadline for all cancellations is Wednesday, Sept. 2, and must be in writing and faxed to 602.254.1177 by that date. No shows or cancellations received after Sept. 2 will not be refunded; however, those registered are entitled to send substitutes in their place.

If it has to do with education, it's here. Find answers in AZEdNews

- **10 things you didn't know about Arizona public schools, but should**
<http://azednews.com/2015/07/15/10-things-you-didnt-know-about-arizona-public-schools-but-should/>

Arizonans this week are celebrating Dobson High School graduate Julie Johnston being featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated as a member of the winning USA Women's World Cup team. In that spirit, AZEdNews is highlighting a year's worth of some of the most cover-worthy news about Arizona public schools. Some think it's about time to focus on progress and success.

Stories by You:

- **Avondale Elementary superintendent honored with Computer Science Teachers Association's Administrator Impact**

<http://azednews.com/2015/07/20/csta-announces-winners-of-administrator-impact-award-and-advocate-of-the-year/>

At their annual conference, the Computer Science Teachers Association, announced today that Dr. Betsy Hargrove, superintendent of Avondale Elementary School District in Arizona, won the organization's second annual Administrator Impact Award. The Administrator Impact Award recognizes an administrator who has made an outstanding contribution in K-12 computer science. Educators from across the country nominated administrators who have improved student access to high quality computer science education

- **Phoenix Union employee coaches at Special Olympics Summer Games**

<http://azednews.com/2015/07/17/phoenix-union-employee-coaches-usa-softball-at-special-olympics-summer-games/>

Twenty-eight years ago, when Amy Remfrey was a 14-year old softball player at Trevor Browne High School in Phoenix, she became involved in a PE program where student-athletes taught special needs students different sports. Her love of the game and that cause has led her to Los Angeles next week for the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, coaching the Arizona slow-pitch softball team, one of three USA teams.

- **Teachers in Industry program gives educators hands-on experience in tech**

<http://azednews.com/2015/07/14/teachers-in-industry-program-gives-educators-hands-on-experience-in-tech/>

Teachers in Industry is an innovative, award-winning professional development and degree program for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers; it was created as a result of a business education partnership inspired by Tucson Values Teachers, a nonprofit dedicated to raising the status of the teaching profession.

Participants complete coursework at the University of Arizona and spend their summers working for pay at Arizona businesses in STEM fields, giving them a substantial income boost for the years they are in the program, as well as rich hands-on job experience.

Teachers can choose to work for professional development credit or to earn a master of arts degree in science or math education.

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ASBA Executive Searches now open for online application:

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Looking for an interim superintendent? ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at shighlen@azsba.org.

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