



MEMORANDUM

To: ASBA District Member Governing Board Members and Superintendent Secretaries

From: Dr. Tim Ogle, Executive Director

Date: September 19, 2018

Re: Proposed Changes to ASBA Bylaw and Voting Instructions for YOUR Board

With the support of the ASBA Board of Directors and the ASBA Governance Committee, the following two (2) recommendations to the ASBA Bylaws and Core Beliefs are being put forth to the membership.

Article VIII Section 1(b) of the ASBA Bylaws states:

Amendments may be submitted by action of a member board, the Board of Directors of this Association, or any committee appointed by it, and shall be transmitted to the executive director not later than September 15. Such amendments shall be forwarded to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of electronic voting as approved by the ASBA Board of Directors.

As Executive Director, I certify that I have received the following proposed changes to the ASBA Bylaws. In compliance with the ASBA Bylaws, notice is hereby given of these proposed changes:

Proposal A With an endorsement from the ASBA Board of Directors and the ASBA Governance Committee, the ASBA Equity Committee proposes that an additional statement on Equity should be added to the ASBA Core Belief Statement.

Background: The additional statement will enhance ASBA's Core Beliefs regarding educational equity for every student.

Proposal B ASBA Governance Committee recommends that a bylaw may be amended or repealed by a majority affirmative vote of all member boards.

Background: Currently, a minimum of two-thirds (66 percent) of all ASBA members boards must vote in the affirmative to amend or repeal a bylaw.

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The proposed changes will be voted on by the membership as dictated in the ASBA Bylaws via the electronic voting process:

Section 1. *These Bylaws or the Core Beliefs may be amended or repealed, or new ones adopted as follows:*

- (a) *By a vote of two-thirds of the member boards using an electronic vote of the membership using a procedure adopted by the Board of Directors.*

The voting link will be sent to each member district board. **Electronic voting is now open and will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018.** Please review the enclosure detailing the procedure and timeline for electronic voting and put consideration of these changes on your board's agenda at your regularly scheduled board meeting during this timeframe. A model agenda item for this action is enclosed.

All ASBA district member boards are strongly encouraged to exercise their ASBA membership rights and participate in voting. A change to the bylaws requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all ASBA member district boards.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed changes or the electronic voting process, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email (togle@azsba.org) or by phone at 602 254-1100 or 800 238-4701 (toll free).

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PROPOSED ASBA BYLAW CHANGE: ADDITIONAL STATEMENT TO CORE BELIEFS

Rationale: With an endorsement from the ASBA Board of Directors and the ASBA Governance Committee, the ASBA Equity Committee proposes that an additional statement on Equity should be added to the ASBA Core Belief Statement.

Changes are reflected by underlined text.



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Provide training and leadership development.

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OUR CORE BELIEFS

- The basic life needs of children must be met for them to succeed.
- Meeting the unique educational needs of all students must be the foundation of our school systems.
- The governance of publicly-funded schools must lie with locally-elected and publicly-accountable governing boards.
- The responsibility for student success is shared by students, parents, governing board, district staff and the community.
- Public education funding must be broad-based, stable and at a level that assures all students are successful.
- Knowledgeable and professionally trained governing board members are fundamental for ensuring student success.
- Closing the opportunity and achievement gap is a moral and economic imperative that must be addressed to ensure all Arizona's students are successful.
- Every school board has the responsibility to champion and pursue educational equity for every student by challenging systemic inequities.

PROPOSED ASBA BYLAW CHANGE: ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1

Rationale: ASBA Governance Committee proposed bylaw amendment will make it attainable to pass a bylaw.

Changes are reflected by underlined text and strikethroughs.

Current language:	Proposed change:
<p>Article VIII – Amendments of Bylaw and Core Beliefs</p> <p>Section 1. These Bylaws or the Core Beliefs may be amended or repealed, or new ones adopted as follows:</p> <p>(a) By a vote of two-thirds of the member boards, using an electronic vote of the membership using a procedure adopted by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>(b) Amendments may be submitted by action of a member board, the Board of Directors of this Association, or any committee appointed by it, and shall be transmitted to the executive director not later than September 15. Such amendments shall be forwarded to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of electronic voting as approved by the ASBA Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Article VIII – Amendments of Bylaw and Core Beliefs</p> <p>Section 1. These Bylaws or the Core Beliefs may be amended or repealed, or new ones adopted as follows:</p> <p>(a) By a <u>MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE</u> vote of two-thirds of the <u>ALL</u> member boards, using an electronic vote of the membership using a procedure adopted by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>(b) Amendments may be submitted by action of a member board, the Board of Directors of this Association, or any committee appointed by it, and shall be transmitted to the executive director not later than September 15. Such amendments shall be forwarded to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of electronic voting as approved by the ASBA Board of Directors.</p>



Article VIII - Amendment of Bylaws and Core Beliefs

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Procedure for ASBA Bylaw Electronic Voting

1. Bylaw changes will be submitted according to the existing deadline – September 15.
2. Bylaws will be presented to membership during the county meetings (late-September through late October). The bylaws will be explained with opportunities for discussion, debate and questions answered.
3. Once county meetings are concluded, a link will be sent out to member boards with voting instructions and content of proposed bylaw changes. The member boards must discuss and vote on each bylaw change, and assign one designee to cast the board's electronic vote. The board's one designee may be a member of the board, the board secretary or the superintendent. The designee will click on the provided link to submit the results of the board vote, including the date on which the board took action.
4. Voting will remain open until 5 p.m. of the Monday one week prior to the Annual Meeting. (In 2018, this date is Thursday, December 6.)
5. The vote will be counted by both ASBA staff and an ASBA officer. Per existing ASBA bylaws, a two-thirds majority of ASBA member boards is needed to pass a bylaw change. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.