



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: October 5, 2021

TITLE: **Study, Discussion and Vote on Recommended Revisions to the Arizona School Boards Association Bylaws**

BACKGROUND:

Amphitheater Public Schools is a member of the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA). As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the ASBA Bylaws serve as the organization's main governing document. Member boards must vote to approve any changes to the Bylaws.

ASBA has forwarded a proposal to its member boards to consider and, if desired, act upon. The proposal seeks to change Article V, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws, which currently identifies the ex-officio members of the ASBA Board of Directors to include: "*Any member of an ASBA active member Governing Board serving as President of the Arizona Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus and Black Caucus during his/her term of office in the Caucus.*"

The proposed revision seeks to create an additional seat on the ASBA Board of Directors so that the Hispanic and Native American interests can be represented simultaneously on the board. Currently, there is one seat on the ASBA Board of Directors designated for a representative of the Arizona Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC). This seat alternates every two years between the Hispanic representation and the Native American representation. By contrast, the Black Alliance has a permanent seat on the ASBA Board of Directors.

ASBA provided the attached PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Understanding the Bylaw Amendment" for consideration by the Board. The PowerPoint explains that the proposed Bylaw change provides flexibility for the HNAIC to split between two distinct groups if its members so choose, and allows those groups to change their names and be recognized under the new names.


The propose revisions to Article V, Section 2(b) are set forth below with language to be added identified in *blue* and proposed deletions in *red*.

Proposed Article V, Section 2(b): *Any member of an ASBA active member Governing Board serving as President of the ~~Arizona Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus~~ Hispanic Caucus, Native American Caucus and Black Caucus during his/her term of office in ~~the Caucus~~ such caucus or any successor caucus by another name.*"

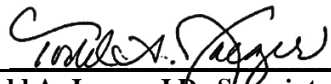
ASBA strongly encourages all district member boards to exercise their ASBA membership rights and participate in voting. Electronic voting on the proposed changes to the Bylaws is now open and will closed on Thursday, December 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends that the Governing Board study, discuss and vote on the proposed changes to the ASBA Bylaws.

INITIATED BY:


Michelle H. Tong, J.D.,
Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: September 29, 2021


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

Understanding the Bylaw Amendment



ASBA
Arizona School Boards Association

ASBA IS YOUR ASSOCIATION

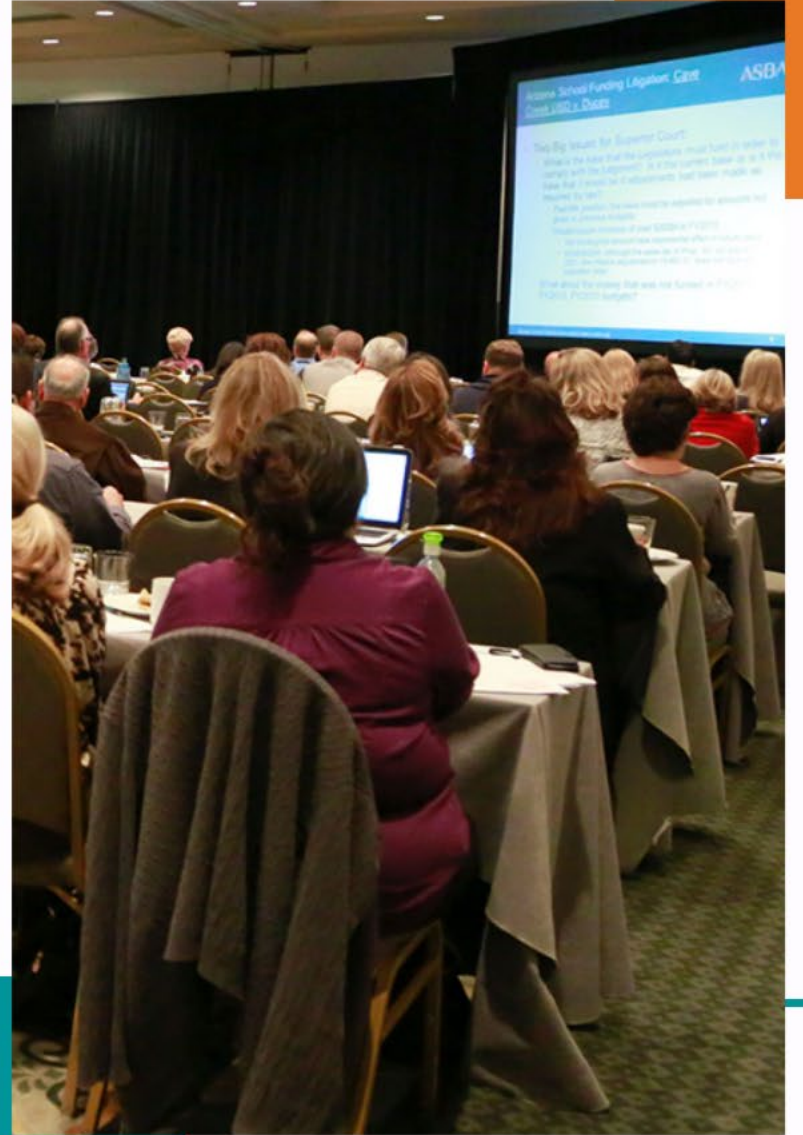
Boards Are Our Customers

Our programs and services are laser-focused on Arizona school boards.

Boards Are Our Owners

Member boards decide how we are governed and by whom.

That where bylaws come in!



WHAT ARE BYLAWS?

BYLAWS ARE... LIKE OUR CONSTITUTION

As a 501c3 non-profit organization, our bylaws are the main governing document for ASBA.

Our bylaws require member boards – our owners – to vote to approve any changes to the bylaws.

They supplement the rules already defined by the state corporation code.



THE PURPOSE OF THE CAUCUS

- To promote quality education for all students, focusing on the needs of Hispanic and Native American students.
- To promote positive relationships among Hispanic and Native American school boards, members of their communities, political leaders and ASBA.
- To promote legislation to improve educational opportunities for Hispanic, Native American and other students of color in public schools.
- To promote positive representation of Hispanic and Native American board members in ASBA.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT HAS TO DO WITH THE HISPANIC-NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCUS

Membership is open to any individual, regardless of their race, ethnicity, culture or origin, with a sincere desire to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for students in Arizona.



PROPOSED ASBA BYLAW CHANGE: ARTICLE V, SECTION 2(B)

Rationale: This change is being sought by the Hispanic-Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC). It would create a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors so that Hispanic and Native American interests can be represented simultaneously on the board. Currently, there is one seat on the ASBA Board of Directors designated for a representative of the HNAIC and it alternates every two years between Hispanic representation and Native American representation, creating gaps in representation. By contrast, the Black Alliance has a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors, ensuring representation on the board at all times. This proposed bylaw change also provides the flexibility for the HNAIC to split into two distinct groups if its members so choose and allows those groups to change their names and be recognized under the new names.

CURRENT

Article V – Officers and Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Section 2(b). Any member of an ASBA active member Governing Board serving as President of the Arizona Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus and Black Caucus during his/her term of office in the Caucus.

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PROPOSED

Who is at the table?

The Arizona School Boards Association Board of Directors is elected by members of the association. All members of the ASBA Board of Directors have voting rights.

The ASBA Board of Directors is comprised of five officers, 17 county directors and the chairs of ASBA's Hispanic-Native American Indian Caucus and Black Alliance. Any Arizona school board member serving as a director or officer on the National School Boards Association Board of Directors is an ex officio voting member of ASBA Board of Directors, as well.

Officers are elected at large by the full membership at the ASBA Annual Business Meeting, which is held in conjunction with the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference in December. Each officer position is a one-year term.

County directors are elected by peers in their counties at the annual ASBA County Meetings. They hold two-year terms. Maricopa and Pima county have two county director seats on the board due to population.

Caucus and alliance chairs are elected by members of each group and serve two-year terms.

The term length for NSBA representatives varies by position held.

NSBA BOD

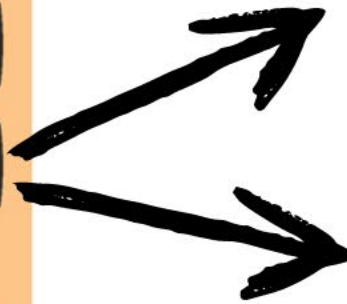
Secretary | Treasurer | President Elect | President | Past President

ASBA

Greenlee | La Paz | Maricopa | Maricopa | Mohave | Navajo | Pima | Pima | Pinal | Santa Cruz | Yavapai | Yuma | Black Caucus Chair | HIRAIAC Chair | Apache | Cochise | Coconino | Gila | Graham

Current

One seat must be shared and alternates every two years.





Proposed

Two seats at the table, one for Hispanic representation and one for Native representation.



FLEXIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE IS BUILT IN

Should HNAIC members choose to split into two separate groups, this bylaw amendment enables that to happen and for those groups to choose their new names – with each group still maintaining its place on the board.

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PROPOSED



**"There is room
at the table.
Help us pull up
a chair."**

The bylaw amendment is endorsed by:



**The ASBA
Board of Directors**



The HNAIC



The Black Alliance

BYLAW VOTING TIMELINE

FROM START TO FINISH



Sept. 21

- Description of what the change will accomplish.
- Exact language for the amendment
- A model agenda item for board discussion and action
- A link for electronic voting



Sept. 21- Dec. 13

- Discussion and voting at an officially noticed board meeting
- Voting closes Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.



Dec. 16

- Results announced at ASBA Annual Membership Meeting



- 223 member boards
- 149 YES votes need to pass this bylaw change