

## ASCA Member Survey – Input on BYLAWS Article 4

The Board of Directors believes it is important to hear the perspectives of Member School Councils in advance of proposed amendments to the Association BYLAWS. Although it is the responsibility of the Board to prepare **Special Resolutions** (Bylaw revisions), ASCA Member School Council input will be carefully considered to ensure the best interests of the Association is reflected.

If the Board of Directors determines amendments to Article 4 MEMBERSHIP are needed, they will be proposed through a Special Resolution for ASCA Member School Council consideration and approval at the 2022 AGM on April 24.

This survey is open for input from September 1, 2021 to December 1, 2021.

LINK to the (entire) [ASCA Bylaws](#) document.

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### ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIP

There are two (2) categories of membership: Voting and Non-Voting.

#### Voting Members

4.1 Any School Council in Alberta is eligible to become an ASCA Member School Council upon payment of the membership fee. The School Council as a whole becomes the Member; individual School Council members are able to attend ASCA events.

**Member School Councils** are entitled to:

- a) Vote on any agenda item at any General Meeting of the Association;
- b) Vote for candidates for President, Vice President and Directors;
- c) Have an eligible Parent School Council member stand for election to the Board of Directors;
- d) Speak to any agenda item at any General Meeting of the Association;
- e) Participate on any Board committees as invited;
- f) Participate on the School Council Engagement Task Force;
- g) Pay reduced rates, if any, for attendance at ASCA events;
- h) Inspect the books and records of the Association.

1. Is Article 4.1 clear in its intention? Yes/No

2. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.1? Yes/No  
Comments:

3. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.1?  
Comments:

## **Non-Voting Members**

4.2 Any Parent in Alberta is eligible to become an ASCA Individual Parent Member upon payment of the membership fee, and may attend ASCA events.

**Individual Parent Members** are entitled to:

- a) Participate in discussions on any agenda item at any General Meeting of the Association;
- b) Participate on any Board committees as invited;
- c) Pay reduced rates, if any, for attendance at ASCA events.

4. Is Article 4.2 clear in its intention? Yes/No

5. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.2? Yes/No

Comments:

6. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.2?

Comments:

4.3 An individual recognized for their service to ASCA by the Board may be granted an Honorary Life Member award. This membership has no membership fee and is eligible to attend ASCA events.

**Honorary Life Members** are entitled to:

- a) Participate in discussions on any agenda item at any General Meeting of the Association;
- b) Participate on any Board committees as invited;
- c) Pay reduced rates, if any, for attendance at ASCA events.

7. Is Article 4.3 clear in its intention? Yes/No

8. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.3? Yes/No

Comments:

9. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.3?

Comments:

4.4 Any organization, as a whole, with an interest in the Alberta K-12 education system and the work of ASCA, is eligible to apply to become an ASCA Associate Member.

Upon approval of membership by the Board, and payment of the membership fee, **Associate Members** are entitled to:

- a) Pay reduced rates, if any, for attendance at ASCA events.

10. Is Article 4.4 clear in its intention? Yes/No

11. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.4? Yes/No

Comments:

12. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.4?

Comments:

### **Membership Term and Fees**

4.5 The membership year is July 1 – June 30. Memberships must be renewed annually and are non-transferable. Membership fees will be determined by the Board and communicated to all members at the Annual General Meeting. The Board may reduce, eliminate or refuse payment of any membership fee, for reasons determined by the Board. Membership entitlements will only apply once membership fees have been paid.

13. Is Article 4.5 clear in its intention? Yes/No

14. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.5? Yes/No

Comments:

15. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.5?

Comments:

### **Withdrawal, Suspension and Expulsion of Membership**

4.6 Any member may withdraw their membership in the Association by sending written notice to the Registered Office, and will be effective upon receipt by the Registered Office.

16. Is Article 4.6 clear in its intention? Yes/No

17. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.6? Yes/No

Comments:

18. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.6?

Comments:

4.7 The Board, by resolution at a Special Board Meeting called for such purpose, may suspend a membership for not more than three (3) consecutive months if the member, or their authorized delegate, has failed to abide by Association Bylaws, or has acted in a manner deemed detrimental to the Association.

19. Is Article 4.7 clear in its intention? Yes/No

20. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.7? Yes/No

Comments:

21. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.7?

Comments:

4.8 The Board, by resolution at a Special Board Meeting called for such purpose, may expel a member for the duration of the membership term if the member, or their authorized delegate, has failed to abide by Association Bylaws, or has acted in a manner deemed detrimental to the Association.

22. Is Article 4.8 clear in its intention? Yes/No

23. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.8? Yes/No

Comments:

24. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.8?

Comments:

4.9 In the case of considered suspension or expulsion, the member will receive at least twenty-one (21) days' written notice of the Special Board Meeting and will be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board to address the matter. The Board will determine the agenda and processes for the meeting, as well as the consequence to the member. In all cases, the decision of the Board is final.

25. Is Article 4.9 clear in its intention? Yes/No

26. Do you have questions or concerns about Article 4.9? Yes/No

Comments:

27. What additional information would be helpful in more clearly understanding Article 4.9?

Comments:

28. Additional comments/questions regarding ASCA Bylaw Article 4:

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School Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your input!

Link to online survey: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/board-of-directors/bylaw-survey>