

2015 CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Power of Participation:

Enhance Your Membership Experience & Make a Difference

You're invited to volunteer for the American School Health Association (ASHA)! ASHA's member volunteer opportunities bring together individuals who come from a wide range of organizations with expertise in multiple disciplines related to school health, as well as ordinary citizens and parents who want to help ASHA realize our mission to transform all schools into places where every student learns and thrives. The American School Health Association relies on its members to provide volunteer leadership and support for its programs, events, products and publications. Make the most out of your membership and volunteer today.

ASHA offers many volunteer opportunities ranging from high participation levels (Board of Directors) to projects that allow you to engage throughout the year as your schedule permits. Customize your volunteer experience based on your interests and schedule.

Why participate?

The results of your participation are tangible and will not only help shape the future of school health, but will provide you with great personal and professional rewards that will directly benefit your institution and stimulate your career. Your involvement will make a difference.

What do you get in return?

The opportunity to:

- Share your expertise and leverage the expertise of others
- Connect with like-minded professionals
- Expand your thinking and discover the next great idea
- Enhance your leadership capabilities
- Influence positive change in the environment and behavior fields
- Help shape the future direction of ASHA programs and initiatives

What will make you an effective volunteer?

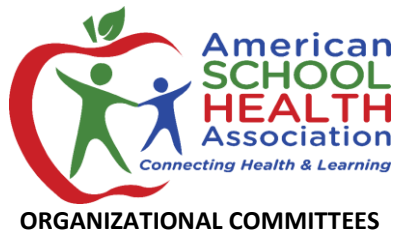
- Possess knowledge relevant to the purpose of the volunteer opportunity
- Demonstrate dedication to furthering ASHA's goals and those of the school health disciplines
- Exude a positive attitude and high degree of flexibility
- Have a willingness to learn from others

What is expected of you as a volunteer?

- Commit to participate actively in all scheduled meetings and conference calls
- Notify staff when you are unable to participate in scheduled meetings and conference calls
- Act as an ambassador for ASHA in the marketplace

How to participate

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the American School Health Association, please complete and return the attached form.



Advocacy & Coalitions Committee

Help advance the advocacy goals of ASHA through participation in collaborative advocacy initiatives and by advising the Board of Directors on pending international, national, state, and local issues and advocacy opportunities of interest to the ASHA members. The committee works closely with the Chief Staff Executive (CSE) to determine ASHA's position on important school health issues and to facilitate ASHA's involvement in government meetings and hearings; and ensures ASHA has a "quick voice" to give immediate responses and comments on issues related to the school health field.

Participation requirements:

- Telephone conference calls throughout the year
- Review proposed legislation and advocacy materials
- Assist with the development of white papers, policy briefs, and the ASHA advocacy agenda

Leadership Development & Recognition Committee

Helps recognize and acknowledge exemplary and outstanding professional contributions to ASHA and the field of school health as well as the future leaders of the school health community and ASHA. Through the development of ASHA's recognition and scholarship programs and the Future Leadership Academy, the committee establishes a vehicle to recognize current ASHA Members and new leaders, promotes the public image and effectiveness of the organization, and creates entry points for the development of future ASHA leaders.

Participation requirements:

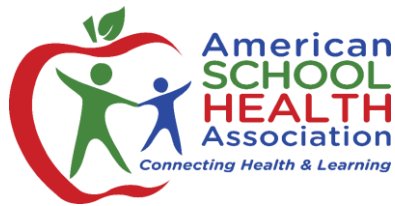
- Telephone conference calls throughout the year
- Review applications for scholarships
- Review nominations for ASHA awards
- Recruit candidates for the Future Leaders Academy

Professional Development Committee

Work with ASHA staff to strategize and make suggestions regarding learning opportunities consistent with the mission, strategic plan, and work plan of ASHA. The Committee assists in meeting the learning needs of school health professionals, educators, parents, and other stakeholders. Projects include conference planning, CEUs, online and virtual learning, and subject matter experts.

Participation requirements:

- Telephone conference calls throughout the year
- Participate on a conference abstract review committee
- Assist with conference and local planning activities
- Assist with ASHA webinars and other virtual learning opportunities
- Work with ASHA staff to ensure CEU requirements are met



Research & Publications Committee

Promote school health knowledge through research and publications. Projects include serving on the Editorial Advisory Council subcommittee which oversees the Journal of School Health (JOSH) and serving on the Research subcommittee which stimulates and promotes high quality individual and group research that supports ASHA's mission and core beliefs through recommendations to the board, providing assistance on grant applications, assisting the conference program planning subcommittee in identifying high quality research presentations, etc.

Participation requirements:

- Telephone conference calls throughout the year
- Work with JOSH editor and ASHA staff to ensure quality
- Recruit high-quality manuscripts and encourage colleagues to submit to JOSH
- Assist with the development of an ASHA publications plan
- Recruit high-quality researchers to submit conference abstracts
- Assist with the development of a research agenda that aligns with ASHA's mission

Networking Communities

ASHA's four Networking Communities are virtual networks of members, focused on the areas of practice that our membership represents. These communities are the hub of professional talk about healthy schools.

ASHA needs volunteers to serve as "co-coordinators" for each of the four communities listed below.

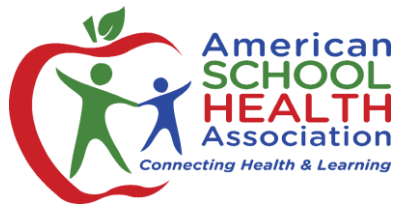
Participation requirements:

- Facilitate and coordinate discussion using social media, conference calls, online forums, and other communication formats.
- Develop an calendar of ongoing events such as book talks, journal clubs, or discussions of hot topics, emerging research or best practices.

Note: Networking communities are not governance structures. Networking communities are designed to be nimble, flexible, and able to change as the school health discipline changes.

They four networking communities include:

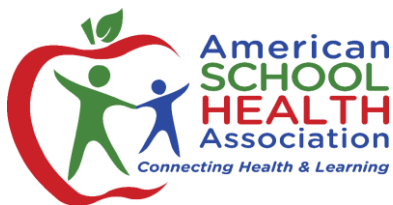
Administration, Coordination and Leadership Networking Community focuses on the implementation of coordinated school health programs at the local, state, national, and international level. Networking sessions will focus on issues such as management strategies, advocacy, fiscal management and funding, policy development and implementation and evaluation. Sessions might focus on community and school partnerships, corporate support, healthcare funding issues, parent engagement, and the role of school boards, superintendents, principals, and other school administrators. Individuals participating in this community might include school administrators, central office personnel, local or state level directors, school health coordinators, public health coordinators who work directly with schools, community leaders, and federal agency personnel.



Programs and Services Networking Community focuses on the innovative delivery of school health programs and services. Networking sessions may focus on issues like Medicaid reimbursement, children’s health insurance, referral and follow-up, trends in infectious disease prevention, staff wellness, confidentiality, health records, data management and program evaluation, and intervention and referral services. This community might address school nursing services; medical services including direct care providers and consultants; oral hygiene and dental services; mental health and counseling services; family and social services; nutrition and school food services programs; school-based and linked health centers; therapeutic services (PT, OT, ST); and community-based partnerships for service delivery and referral.

Research and Emerging Issues Networking Community focuses on research studies that impact student health and achievement. Emerging issues are areas where more in depth research may be needed but that warrant discussion. Networking sessions may focus on particular research studies or may address process, barriers and opportunities for additional research. For example, members may discuss an article published in the JOSH or may discuss the findings of a new study.

Teaching and Learning Networking Community focuses on health education and physical education instruction in preK-12 school settings and/or the university-based preparation of individuals for school-based health education and physical education instruction. Discussion focuses on best practices, research-based programs, and instructional strategies as well as classroom assessment strategies, the use of technology in the classroom, and interdisciplinary learning aligned with the Common Core, the National Health Education Standards, and the National Physical Education Standards. Individuals interested in this community might work in PreK-12 schools, community agencies, institutions of higher education, local, state or federal education agencies, or organizations interested in the relationship between health and learning.



Volunteer Application

Committee/networking community participation is open to ASHA members only. Appointments are effective through December 31, 2015.

Yes, I want to volunteer for the American School Health Association.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Professional Areas of Expertise and/or Focus (e.g. topical such as obesity prevention or sexuality education; professional such as health education curriculum, teacher quality, school-based health services):

Areas of Interest (Please indicate first and second choices)

_____ Advocacy & Coalitions Committee

_____ Leadership Development & Recognition Committee

_____ Professional Development Committee

_____ Research & Publications Committee

_____ Networking Community co-coordinator (please select one below)

- Administration, Coordination and Leadership
- Programs and Services
- Research and Emerging Issues
- Teaching and Learning

Applications must be returned by January 7, 2015.

All applications will be reviewed and you will be contacted via email if appointed to a committee. All current committee members MUST reapply and are encouraged to do so.

Email to info@ashaweb.org; Fax to 703-506-3266; or mail to the American School Health Association, 7918 Jones Branch Road, Suite 300, McLean, VA 22102.