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### **SCSBA's Annual Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly**

sets the stage for all the action that takes place January to June in our state's capital. Hear from state policy and political leaders and learn how to become a strong voice for South Carolina public schools.

As a school board member, the educational future of the students you serve depends as much on the decisions made by the state legislature as those made in the board room. The time is now to take your leadership role as an active political advocate for public schools.

### **Objectives**

- Set SCSBA's 2019 Legislative Platform (Delegate Assembly)
- Learn about proposed state education legislation
- Get a forecast of the state's budgetary issues and how they may impact school funding
- Gain a better understanding of the power of collaborative, proactive approaches to the political process

Board members will receive 15 points and 7 hours of credit in the Boardmanship Institute for conference attendance and participation.

### **Registration**

The member registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$195 per person through November 19, 2018, and afterwards, increases to \$220.

The non-member registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$395 per person through November 19, 2018, and afterwards, increases to \$420.

Additional lunch tickets for guests of registered attendees are available for \$40 per person and can be purchased through the online registration process. The deadline to cancel and receive a refund is November 19, 2018.

Registrations by individual members are no longer accepted to help prevent duplicate registrations, invoicing and credit card charges. School board members and district administrators must register through their board secretary and associate members must register through their SCSBA company contact. For more information or assistance contact Gwen Hampton at [ghampton@scsba.org](mailto:ghampton@scsba.org) or 800.326.3679.

### **Hotel**

The Charleston Marriott is located at 170 Lockwood Boulevard, Charleston, South Carolina.

Rooms are available for \$139 for single/double occupancy, plus tax and fees, through November 9, 2018, or when the room block is full. Reservations can be made by completing the forms located on our website, [scsba.org](http://scsba.org). A check or credit card confirmation for one night's stay is required to secure a room or for late arrival.

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## Friday, December 7

5:30 - 7 p.m.

### **Conference registration**

5:30 - 7 p.m.

### **S.C. Caucus of Black School Board Members meeting**

This meeting is open to all participants.

## Saturday, December 8

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

### **Registration and breakfast break**

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

### **Delegate Assembly orientation**

Review, discuss and get your questions answered about the proposed Legislative Priorities and Statements of Belief that are to be presented during the association's annual business meeting, known as the Delegate Assembly.

Debbie Elmore, *SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations and Communications*

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

### **First general session**

#### **Welcome and purpose**

Wesley Hightower, *SCSBA President, Aiken County Public School District*

#### **K12 legislative issues in 2019**

Learn from a panel of state lawmakers about K12 issues that may be debated during the 2019 legislative session and hear their thoughts on education reforms for funding, accountability, teacher pay and more. This always anticipated session will include an opportunity for questions from the audience.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

### **Beverage break**

● *Co-Sponsored by Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.*

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

### **Second general session**

#### **A look at the fiscal year 2019-20 state budget**

Get an overview of anticipated revenue and expenditure trends and an economic outlook for 2019 and beyond.

Mike Shealy, *Budget Director, S.C. Senate Finance Committee*

11:30 - 11:45 a.m.

**Beverage break**

● Co-Sponsored by White & Story, LLC

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Third general session**

**An analysis of K12 funding reform**

Hear about results and observations of a study on education funding conducted for a House committee studying K12 funding reform. Learn what the study could mean for changes to the state's funding system.

Frank Rainwater, *Executive Director, S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office*

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch** (Included in registration)

2 - 5 p.m.

**Delegate Assembly** (Delegates asked to sign in at 1:45 p.m.)

Representatives of the state's 81 school district boards will elect SCSBA officers and set the association's legislative priorities and belief statements for 2019.

5 p.m.

**SCSBA board of directors meeting**

*This meeting follows the annual business meeting and is open to all participants.*

## Sunday, December 9

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

**Registration and breakfast break**

● Co-Sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC

8:45 - 9 a.m.

**Fourth general session**

**Welcome**

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

9 - 9:20 a.m.

**Address by 2019 SCSBA president**

Tony Folk, *SCSBA President, Dorchester School District 4*

9:20 - 9:55 a.m.

**Federal legislative update**

As Congress considers a number of imminent priorities in 2019, several education laws are pending reauthorization, including the Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act for child nutrition programs, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and more. Learn about these and other issues impacting our students and school districts, and gain insights on how to maximize your federal advocacy efforts as elected officials who are key stakeholders in national education policy and local governance.

Deborah Rigsby, *Program Director, Lobbying and Federal Legislation, National School Boards Association*

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9:55 - 11 a.m.

### **What goes around comes around**

When discussing new education proposals, state lawmakers often ask, "What do they do in North Carolina, Georgia or Florida?" And if something new has passed to reform education in our neighboring states, including such programs as Read to Succeed in Florida, education funding reforms in North Carolina or tuition tax credits for private schools in Georgia, then you can bet we will see it proposed in South Carolina. Hear more about education issues being debated in these states to get an idea of what may be coming our way.

Andrea Messina, *Executive Director, Florida School Boards Association*

Bruce Mildwurf, *Associate Director of Governmental Relations, North Carolina School Boards Association*

Angela Palm, *Director of Policy and Legislative Services, Georgia School Boards Association*

**Moderator:** Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

11 a.m.

### **Closing remarks**

Tony Folk, *SCSBA President, Dorchester School District 4*

# upcoming 2019 boardmanship institute conferences

January 27-29

**NSBA Advocacy Institute** – Washington, D.C.

February 21

**New Board Orientation** – Hilton Head, S.C.

February 21

**Board Chair Workshop** – Hilton Head, S.C.

February 21-24

**SCSBA Annual Convention** – Hilton Head, S.C.

March 13

**2DAC (Two Days at the Capital)** – Columbia, S.C.

March 30-April 1

**NSBA Annual Conference** – Philadelphia, P.A.

April 10

**2DAC (Two Days at the Capital)** – Columbia, S.C.

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