



CSCA Committees

The Connecticut School Counselor Association (CSCA) invites all of its members to join a committee. Committee membership offers the opportunity to collaborate with and learn from colleagues employed throughout Connecticut and working on all school levels. It also provides opportunities to gain valuable leadership skills.

As a committee member, you will be an integral part of CSCA's efforts:

- to promote the adoption of the CT School Counseling Program 2008 in all CT schools,
- to provide opportunities for professional growth and development to all school counselors,
- to collaborate with other professional groups and agencies to promote school counseling and improve student achievement, and
- to provide services that lead to recruiting, retaining, and communicating with members.

A brief description of each committee's role is set forth below.

TECHNOLOGY/WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Assists in maintaining the CSCA website and adding new content on a regular basis. Researches and educates the Board about current technological tools and services, in order to ensure CSCA's optimal efficiency.

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE

Plans the annual Graduate Student Conference. Communicates CSCA programs and services to graduate students. Encourages communication between school counselors and graduate students. Recruits student members.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Oversees the maintenance of a database of CSCA members. Strives both to retain current members and to recruit new members through campaigns, activities, and outreach efforts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Works to publicize and highlight the many accomplishments of school counselors in Connecticut through press releases, proclamations, and public service announcements.

PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Assists in the planning and organization of the annual fall conference.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Promotes the Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Program through annual professional recognition awards for both individuals and outstanding programs. Includes publicity, review of applications, and selection of award recipients.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM/COUNSELOR ACADEMY

COMMITTEE

Promotes excellence in professional school counseling by advocating for the role and programs of school counselors as outlined in the CSCA Strategic Plan and the *Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Program 2000*. Provides workshops throughout Connecticut. Collaborates with SDE and other educational organizations to provide information on school counseling programs and activities and best practice.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Pursues activities related to the collection, monitoring, recording, analyzing, interpreting, and disseminating of data in order to keep current on the latest research results pertaining to the evaluation of school counseling programs in Connecticut and throughout the United States. Works closely with the National Center for School Counseling Outcome Research at UMASS/Amherst, ASCA, and other established organizations.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Manages the process of awarding financial scholarships to graduate students matriculated in a program for school counseling certification at a college or university in Connecticut.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Assures that the by-laws are in line with ASCA by-laws and updates as needed. Monitors board meetings and advises when appropriate on matters related to adherence to established rules of order.

DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Collaborates with Directory Service to create and disseminate member directories each year. Manages the online directory for CSCA members only.

INTERPROFESSIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Promotes and facilitates collaboration between CSCA and other institutions, organizations, and associations that share common interests or goals. Engages in outreach activities with other educational and community organizations for the purpose of educating others and advocating for the school counseling profession.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Produces newsletter mailed to CSCA members three times annually. Writes and edits articles. Monitors and coordinates advertising and publishing services.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Stays current on local, state and national legislation that impacts the school counseling profession. Educates CSCA members and facilitates an active network to implement action and reaction in school counselor legislative matters. Disseminates information on legislative actions through articles, e-mail, campaigns, and website postings. Attends annual ASCA Advocacy and Public Policy Institute in Washington D.C. to learn and apply advocacy skills with congressional representatives.

For more information about joining a committee, please contact us at info@ctschoolcounselor.org.