



2022 Candidate for 2023 Vice President
**ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS
OFFICIALS INTERNATIONAL**

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BIOGRAPHY

Ryan Stechschulte is in his seventh year as the treasurer/CFO of Toledo Public Schools—the fourth-largest school district in Ohio. Through his 28-year career as a school business official, he has successfully provided financial and operational leadership in five different districts as their treasurer/CFO and business manager. Stechschulte has been an ASBO International member since 2002 and currently serves on the ASBO Legislative Advisory Committee. In 2016, he was selected to represent ASBO in Washington, D.C., in discussions with the Internal Revenue Service on improvements to the implementation procedures for the Affordable Healthcare Act. A past president of Ohio ASBO, Stechschulte has received Ohio ASBO's Northwest Region Distinguished Service Award, the Ohio ASBO's Virginia Ramsey Award, and the Ohio Auditor of State's Award of Distinction. He also has been the recipient of ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting and Meritorious Budget Award, and GFOA's Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.

VISION STATEMENT

ASBO International is the premier organization in developing, maintaining and elevating school business officials around the globe. ASBO accomplishes this by offering best in class professional development, providing opportunities to network and collaborate, providing advocacy, promoting best practices, and promoting the SFO program and other award programs. I am eager to bring my passion for the profession, and for the development of future leaders, to ASBO International.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Why do you want to be a board member/officer of ASBO International?

Serving on the ASBO board as an officer is an opportunity to do even more for the organization that I am already passionate about. As an officer, I will be able to use my experience in leadership, strategic planning and advocacy to help ASBO succeed now and in the future.

Given the permanent economic changes around the world, including decreased funding for schools, what do you see as the most important areas on which school business officials should be focusing? How does ASBO International help SBOs in that endeavor?

I believe there are three key areas on which school business officials should be focusing on; advocacy, equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI), and transparency (financial cliff).

Advocacy = We need to continue our lobbying efforts for continued funding to provide the additional staffing and services that are needed to close the achievement gap.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) = ASBO should establish a sense of belonging for everyone. If we allow members to bring their best self forward, a sense of belonging will be established. Having a connection to ASBO helps members become more engaged, which will only strengthen ASBO.

Transparency = by providing professional development that promotes an atmosphere of transparency, an organization can address issues that might arise in an upfront and truthful manner. That includes sharing decisions that are difficult to agree upon and might be considered unpopular by the community.

In the end, by focusing on these areas, ASBO can set the standard other organizations need to adopt when addressing issues and challenges.

If you are elected to the Board of Directors/officer position, you will have an opportunity to speak to many members and groups. What would you tell them about ASBO International that would encourage individuals to join and inspire those who are members to become more involved?

If I am elected as Vice President of ASBO International, I would tell individuals that as school business officials, we are transitioning from being a support operation of the district to a leadership position in the district. In order to help with this transition, ASBO provides high-quality professional development to help with 1.) Leadership development, 2.) Technology, 3.) Communication, and 4.) The Legislative Process. I would also let member know that it is also important that members hold the highest expectations for ASBO leaderships to provide guidance as we move forward.