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Designed by Emmett Jordan

Georgia Kraemer, a Mainstay at SDA for Nearly Two Decades, Has Passed Away

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Georgia Kraemer, a cornerstone of SDA for 18 years. During her long tenure, Georgia served in both membership services and administrative roles until her retirement in the fall of 2018.

When Georgia first started at SDA in January of 2000, there were between 350 and 400 members and a staff of four. When Georgia retired in 2018, SDA had 1,800 members, and the staff had nearly doubled. A lot had changed during that time, but Georgia's friendly and efficient ways of serving SDA's members remained the same.

Through the years, Georgia was an integral part of the membership services SDA provides. She was involved in a staggering 17 SDA Annual Conferences, from Steamboat Springs to Breckenridge to Keystone. At all of these Conferences, Georgia was key in keeping the registration desk calm and organized. From diligently tracking the necessary documents for the SDA Annual Meeting to overseeing all of the volunteers to answering hundreds of questions, Georgia greeted each attendee with a smile and a helping hand.

At the time of her retirement, Georgia noted that her fondest memories of her time at SDA were seeing everyone at Conference each year. Whether she was meeting someone for the first time (and finally putting a face with a name) or reconnecting with old friends from around the state, Georgia had a smile and a warm hug for everyone she saw.

Megan Lippard, SDA's Editor and Communications Manager, had the privilege of working with Georgia at several Conferences and saw firsthand how people came straight to the registration desk to see Georgia. "Everyone would light up when they saw Georgia again, and they would talk like old friends catching up on the previous year. She could somehow remember something about everyone, and it was remarkable to see how many people sought her out to visit with."

Georgia had a patient and kind demeanor that drew people to her not only at Conference, but also in her every day interactions with anyone with whom she came into contact.

"One of my favorite things about Georgia was the way she made everyone feel special. It didn't matter if you were the CEO or the delivery person, Georgia made you feel special and seen," remarked Meredith Smith Quarles, SDA's Director of Operations.

In addition to all her work for Conference, Georgia was also the go-to person for assisting members in a variety of ways. Before all of the SDA membership renewals were done online, Georgia was the main contact for walking members through their manual dues calculation. With a phone call and a few questions, Georgia was able to assist districts with their



Georgia was the backbone of SDA for almost two decades and was involved in a staggering 17 Annual Conferences. Here she is at the 2015 Conference with Ann Terry and enjoying the patio.

renewals year after year. She also supported the Legislative Committee; played a huge behind-the-scenes role in organizing the details of hundreds of trainings over the years; and even assembled the old, printed SDA membership directories (way before the online database that is currently used).

The vast number of ways that Georgia touched the entire organization during her 18 years is difficult to capture in one place.

When she retired, Evan Goulding, SDA's former Executive Director, fondly reminisced about the impact Georgia had on the association. "Georgia has been a bright light in the SDA office every day of her tenure here," he said at the time. "Her cheery nature, her desire to help people, and her unwavering loyalty to SDA and its members have made her a wonderful asset to the organization and its members, as well as a perfect joy to work with."

Ann Terry, SDA's current Executive Director, couldn't agree more. "Georgia was the backbone of SDA for nearly two decades, and her dedication to serving our members over the years was unwavering. Georgia was always so generous with her time and her energy, and she made every person feel special. She took such good care of everyone, which was one of her super powers. She was also good natured and positive no matter the situation. Georgia has remained a large part of the SDA extended family, and we will miss her dearly." 🍷

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? Ask Ann

Editor's Note: This information also appeared in the May 2022 Ask Ann, and since it is helpful for this election year as well, we are pleased to include it again this year.

Q: What kind of oath do I need for my newly elected Board members? And what is a surety bond?

A: Since the beginning of time, special district Directors, following their election to the district Board, have been required to take an oath and post a surety bond. **The person is not officially a Director until these two requirements have been fulfilled, and they must be completed within 30 days after election or appointment. Otherwise, the position is declared vacant.**

Two bills passed by the Colorado General Assembly in 2018 spoke to the longstanding oath and bond requirements, but overall, made little significant change to previous requirements. Both of the bills were proposed by the Statutory Review Committee of the Legislature. The Committee, which makes ongoing examinations of the statutes of the state and current judicial decisions for the purpose of discovering defects and anachronisms in the law and recommending needed reforms, discovered that (1) there are many entities in the state that require oaths and surety bonds, and (2) each of these statutory requirements seem to have their own wording and descriptions of the requirements. Thinking that one size should fit all, this Committee pulled all of these disparate requirements together, and in the name of uniformity, adopted common language for the requirements that apply to the many entities having these requirements.

— Oaths —

The change, which was made in 2018, adopted the form of the oath to be sworn by office holders, including special district Directors, as follows:

I [STATE NAME], DO [SELECT "SWEAR" OR "AFFIRM"] THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, AND WILL FAITHFULLY PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF [NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION] UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

It is lawful for a person electing to swear an oath to "SWEAR BY THE EVERLIVING GOD" if that person so chooses. The oath or affirmation must be in writing and signed by the person taking the oath or affirmation, and administered by any judge, clerk of any court, any notary public, a person designated by the governing body, or any officer thereof.

The oath must be filed with the clerk of the district court that issued the district's organizational decree; the county Clerk and Recorder for the counties in which the district is situated; and the Division of Local Government.

Prior to this change in the law, the form of the oath and the formality for taking or administering the oath was included in §32-1-901(1), C.R.S. This new form of oath is almost word for word the same as was included there. The 30-day deadline for filing the oath and bond is still in effect.



Ann Terry, SDA Executive Director.

— Bonds —

A companion bill, also adopted in the 2018 Legislative Session, amended the existing requirement that an individual, schedule, or blanket surety bond of not less than \$1,000 must be filed for each Director.

The law states that the public entity (special district) may, in lieu of the required bond, purchase crime insurance to protect the public entity from any dishonesty, theft, or fraud by the person. The purchase of crime insurance in lieu of a personal surety bond relieves the person from the requirement to purchase the surety bond. (§24-14-102(2), C.R.S.)

This requirement recognizes that crime insurance, as described, provides better protection for the district than the surety bond and is easier to obtain and less expensive. The Division of Local Government (DLG) has previously recognized this change in a memorandum, and a number of districts have already gone to the crime insurance, relying on this DLG memo for authority. This statutory change gave complete authority for the change.

For all practical purposes, very little was changed by these amendments, but the questions provided a convenient conversation starter for at least two tasks a district will need to address following the upcoming special district Board elections on May 2, 2023. 🍌



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Election Corner

From now through the May election, please look here for reminders of important dates to keep in mind for election items for the month. Below are the items to

keep in mind for May. And, don't forget to watch your emails and the SDA website at www.sdaco.org for information on additional election training and resources.

May 2, 2023 Regular Mail Ballot Election Calendar

Date	Action	Authority
5-1-23	Deliver to election judge the registration records and all necessary election supplies, including ballots, voting booths, etc. (at least one day prior to the election).	1-13.5-205
5-2-23	ELECTION DAY. 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.	
5-10-23	Last day to receive voted absentee ballot from UOCAVA eligible elector, if such ballot was postmarked by 7:00 p.m. on the day of election, in order for ballot to be counted (by the close of business on the 8th day after the election).	1-8.3-111 1-8.3-113(2)
5-16-23	Canvass Board shall certify the official abstract of votes cast at the election (no later than the 14th day after the election). A copy of the certificate of election results shall be filed with the Division of Local Government. The DEO shall transmit to each person declared to be elected a certificate of the person's election. The term of office of each newly elected person shall commence at the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the special district following the election, but no later than thirty (30) days following the date the election results were certified and upon the signing of an oath and filing with the County Clerk and Recorder and posting of a bond. If the election was cancelled, the term of office of the persons declared elected shall commence at the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the special district following the date of the election, but no later than thirty (30) days following the date of the election and upon the signing of an oath and filing with the County Clerk and Recorder and posting of a bond.	1-13.5-1305(1) 1-13.5-1305(2) 32-1-104(1) 1-13.5-112(1) 1-13.5-112(2)

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2023 SDA Annual Regional Workshops Are Coming Your Way Soon!

SDA and the law firm of Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Ulmer are pleased to be hitting the road in June to bring you these lively and educational trainings!

These workshops apply to all types of districts and are sure to provide a wealth of valuable information for your district. We will cover a wide variety of important topics such as conflicts of interests, TABOR, notice of meetings, and district powers, just to name a few. On top of all this, we will give you the scoop on this year's legislative changes and how they affect your district. And, there will of course be plenty of time to answer all your questions, big or small.

Whether you are a Board member or district employee, a seasoned professional or brand new

to your position, we will have something for everyone (don't forget these workshops are for all district types, not just Title 32 districts). And this is a great way for any newly elected or appointed Board members to dive right into the special district world! **Did we mention that every attendee will also receive a copy of the 2023 SDA Board Member Manual and the legislative update for 2023?**

Having this many pertinent and timely issues discussed all in one place is an opportunity you can't afford to miss!

Registration is now open so make sure to watch your emails and the SDA website at www.sdaco.org for all the details. The cost is \$35 per person.

We can't wait to see you in June!

Evergreen

Friday, June 9

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Evergreen Fire Protection District

1802 Bergen Parkway

Evergreen (80439)

Salida

Monday, June 12

8:00 am-12:30 pm

The Scout Hut

210 East Sackett Avenue

Salida (81201)

Montrose

Tuesday, June 13

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Ute Indian Museum

17253 Chipeta Road

Montrose (81403)

Vail

Wednesday, June 14

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Vail Recreation District

Golf and Nordic Clubhouse

1775 Sunburst Drive

Vail (81657)

Granby

Thursday, June 15

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Grand Fire Protection District

60500 US Highway 40

Granby (80446)

Eaton

Friday, June 16

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Eaton Area Park and Recreation District

1675 3rd Street

Eaton (80615)

Fountain

Tuesday, June 20

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Fountain Sanitation District

11545 Link Road

Fountain (80817)

Denver-North

Wednesday, June 21

8:00 am-12:30 pm

North Metro Fire Protection District

Training Division

1006 Weld County Rd 11, Building C

Northglenn (80516)

Denver

Thursday, June 22

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Parker Water and Sanitation District

18100 East Woodman Drive

Parker (80134)

Durango

Friday, June 23

8:00 am-12:30 pm

Durango Fire Protection District

142 Sheppard Drive

Durango (81303)



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A Quick Refresher on Officers of the Board

The Board of Directors is the governing authority of the district. Apart from his/her normal function as a part of this unit, or as directed by the Board, no individual Director may commit the district to any policy, act, or expenditure. All powers, privileges, and duties vested in or imposed upon the district shall be exercised and performed by and through the Board. The Board may delegate to Officers, employees, and agents of the district any or all administrative and ministerial powers, but cannot delegate away the ultimate responsibility for the governance of the district.

Representation

The Board of Directors as a whole should not represent any factional segment of the district, but rather should represent and act for the district as a whole. The Board of Directors shall comply with and be guided by applicable state laws and regulations including the Colorado Special District Act and applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Officers

Annually, at the first regular Board meeting following the biennial election of Board members, and during the same month in the following year, the Board should select a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the next year.

President

The President (or Chairman) should perform the duties of presiding officer at all meetings of the Board of Directors; carry out the resolutions and orders of the Board of Directors; and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors prescribes.

The President (Chairman) should be the Board's liaison to the Manager and should work with the Manager to develop the Board agenda prior to each Board meeting. The President (Chairman) should convey the Board's actions and directions to the Manager, and monitor the Manager's progress on Board directives and policies.

The President is authorized to sign all official documents of the district.

Vice President

When the President resigns or is absent or disabled, the Vice President (Vice Chair) shall perform the President's duties. When the President disqualifies himself/herself from participating in an agenda item, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the presiding officer.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be a member of the Board and shall be responsible for seeing that appropriate financial procedures are in place and that accurate financial records are kept. The Treasurer shall also be responsible to see that an annual budget is prepared and adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Budget Act.

Secretary

The Secretary may be a member of the Board and shall be responsible for seeing that accurate minutes of Board meetings are kept and preserved.

The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person, but if such is the case, he or she shall be a member of the Board.

Manager

The Board may hire a Manager or contract with an administrator to serve for such term and upon such conditions, including compensation, as the Board may establish. The Manager shall have general supervision over the administration of the affairs, employees, and business of the district. He/she shall also be charged with the hiring and discharging of employees and the management of district properties.

The Manager, as authorized by the Board, can have the care and custody of the general funds of the district and shall deposit or cause to be deposited the same in the name of the district in such banks or savings associations as the Board may select.



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Follow These Rules for a Proper Executive Session

Questions about the procedures for holding an executive session continue to be common from SDA's members. Fortunately, the statutes¹ set forth clear and fairly easy-to-follow steps for a proper executive session. Be careful, however, because the Colorado Court of Appeals has held that if a governing body does not strictly comply with the statutory requirements for convening an executive session, the records of that session must be opened to public inspection.²

Executive sessions are *an exception* to the general rule that the proceedings of a public governing body, such as the Board of Directors of a Colorado special district, are public business and should be conducted in a meeting which is open to the public. Therefore, begin with the presumption that whatever matters your Board needs to discuss, it should be done in open session, unless the matter is included on the list of acceptable topics provided in the Open Meetings Law.³

Approved Topics

In order to head off abuses of the process, the Open Meetings Law sets very specific guidelines for the subject matter that is to be discussed in executive sessions. If a Board needs to discuss any one or more of the following topics,

and there is a legitimate need for privacy or confidentiality, the Board may convene an executive session:

1. The purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest (§24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.);
2. Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions (§24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.);
3. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state law or rules and regulations (§24-6-402(4)(c), C.R.S.);
4. Specialized details of security arrangements or investigations (§24-6-402(4)(d), C.R.S.);
5. Developing strategy for negotiations, instructing negotiators, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations (§24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S.);
6. Personnel matters (with exceptions and as applied in the discussion below) (§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.); and
7. Consideration of any documents protected by the mandatory nondisclosure

provisions of the Open Records Act⁴ (§24-6-402(4)(g), C.R.S.).

While some of these topics seem self-explanatory, others require a little more elaboration (the topic number below corresponds with the bullet number above):

Topic #1: No executive session may be held for the purpose of concealing the fact that a district Board member has a personal interest in the purchase, sale, lease, etc. of the property. A potential conflict of interest or other impropriety cannot be hidden behind the closed doors of an executive session.

Topic # 2: The mere presence or participation of an attorney at an executive session does not constitute a conference with an attorney that would qualify the executive session for purposes of the Open Meetings Law. The attorney must actually be giving the Board legal advice on specific legal questions which would reveal confidential matters or compromise a negotiating strategy if discussed in open session.

Topic # 3: In the motion calling the executive session, the Board must announce the specific citation of the federal or state statute or rule that is the

basis for such confidentiality. Examples of such statutes might include relevant portions of HIPAA or other statutes designed to protect the confidentiality of certain persons or actions.

Topic # 4: Applicable to defense against terrorism and also in circumstances where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing a violation of the law or avoiding prosecution therefor.

Topic #6: The rule concerning executive sessions to discuss personnel matters is often invoked, frequently inappropriately. Therefore, a more in-depth discussion of personnel matters follows.

Personnel Matters

An executive session *is not* appropriate for discussions of general personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to a particular employee or discussions of Board members, any elected official, or the appointment of any person to fill a vacancy on the Board or a vacancy of an elected official.

Similarly, in a search for a new Chief Executive Officer, the search committee of a local public body must establish job search goals, including the writing of the job description, deadlines for applications, requirements for applicants, selection procedures, and the time-frame for appointing or employing the Chief Executive Officer of such entity at an open meeting. When the search has narrowed to finalists, the local public body must make public a list of the finalists under consideration for the position no later than 14 days before a final offer can be made.⁵

The statute provides, however, that it is not to be construed to prohibit a search committee from holding an executive session to consider appointment or

employment matters not described in this paragraph and otherwise authorized by §24-6-402, C.R.S.

An executive session *is* appropriate to discuss personnel matters concerning a specific individual. Because the employee has a statutory right to request an open meeting instead of an executive session, the individual to be discussed must be given advance notice that he or she will be the topic of discussion.⁶ The person being discussed cannot insist upon being present in the executive session, although the Board may consent to allowing the person to sit in the executive session during the discussion. If such were to happen, the person would be subject to the same rules of confidentiality as Board members and other attendees. If a person who is to be discussed objects to the discussion being in executive session, then the Board must either hold the discussion in a public meeting or not hold the discussion of the person.

Procedures to Convene: Announce, Cite, Describe, and Vote

An executive session may only be called at a regular or special Board meeting where official action may be taken by the Board, i.e., not a study session. When it is known in advance that an executive session might be convened, the agenda included in the “24-hour” meeting notice should so indicate, stating the reason or subject of the executive session.

To convene an executive session, the statute requires that the local public body announce to the public in the open meeting the topic to be discussed in the executive session, including specific citation to the statute authorizing the body to meet in an executive session (see statutory sections included with the topic list above) and identifying the particular matter to be discussed “*in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized.*” If the

Board plans to discuss more than one of the authorized topics in the executive session, each should be announced, cited, and described.

Following the announcement of the intent to convene an executive session, a motion must then be made and seconded.

A sample motion might sound like this, “I move that we enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., and to discuss the purchase of certain real property pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S., as a possible location for the district’s new administration building.”

An affirmative vote of *two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum present* is required to go into executive session. That’s at least *four* “yes” votes if five Board members are in attendance. Three out of five members present is only 60%, not the requisite 66%.

Gumina Case

It’s important to strictly follow the steps to convene an executive session and in the order prescribed. In the *Gumina* case, the Sterling City Council made numerous errors in calling an executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of the Assistant City Manager, Pamela Gumina.

First, the Council announced its intent to convene an executive session. The Council minutes indicate that the Council then voted unanimously to convene an executive session before any topic of discussion was announced.

After the vote, the Mayor distributed a written form which stated, “At this time it is the intent of the City Council to recess the public meeting currently in progress and convene an executive session which will be closed to the public. The topics for discussion in the executive session will be [Topics #1, 5, and 6].” The statement did not include the specific statutory citations, and it did not name the employee who was the subject of the “personnel matter,” nor did the Council provide

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any advance notice to Gumina that she would be the topic of discussion at the meeting.

The Appellate Court determined that this violated Gumina's statutory right to call for an open meeting. Finally, the Appellate Court concluded that, "because the Council failed to strictly comply with requirements of the statute for convening [the challenged executive sessions], the Trial Court must open the records of those sessions to public inspection."

Behind Closed Doors

Assuming your Board has properly called the executive session as discussed above, there are additional limitations on the session itself:

- » Limit discussion to only those topics announced in the open session. Do not digress into other issues.
- » Do not take any formal action. Do not take any straw polls or ask your fellow Board members how they will vote once you return to open session. The public will feel that the public vote was only a rubber-stamping of a decision already made in secret session, and a Court will probably agree with them.
- » You must electronically record (tape, digital, etc.) the discussion in your executive session, regardless of the manner in which your district keeps minutes of its open sessions.
- » Handwritten or typed records will no longer be acceptable.
- » If, in the opinion of the district's attorney (who is in attendance at the executive session) all or a portion of the discussion during the executive session constitutes a privileged attorney-client communication, the electronic recording may be suspended and no record kept for that portion of the discussion. The attorney may either state such

opinion for the record or provide a signed statement attesting that the portion of the executive session that was not electronically recorded constituted a privileged attorney-client communication. On the other hand, nothing prevents the district from recording even the privileged discussion and letting a judge determine what was privileged, if the record is challenged.

- » All Board members are entitled to be present in any executive session. Other than Board members, only those others who are considered essential to the discussion at hand should be present and then only with the invitation of the Board. The District Manager and attorney will normally be present and such others as an appraiser, consultant, or investigator, if deemed by the Board to be necessary to the discussion. It should be noted that anyone present in the executive session is under the same obligation of confidentiality as the Board members. Anyone, including Board members, breaking the confidentiality of the session will be in breach of their duty of loyalty to the district.

Record Retention and Requests for Inspection

Members of the public have 90 days following the executive session to file a challenge and an open records request that the records be released to public inspection on the grounds that the executive session was improperly called, or that the discussion went beyond the purposes for which the session was called, or that formal action was taken.

Therefore, the tapes should be preserved for at least 90 days, after which, assuming no Open Records Act request has been filed, they may be erased or otherwise

destroyed, provided the district's policy so permits. Most attorneys recommend destruction of the tapes after 90 days if no public request is received.

If a person seeks access to the record of the executive session pursuant to the Open Records Act during the 90-day period, the electronic recording must be preserved so that a judge may review the record (in private) and determine whether all or a portion of it should be made public. The district's Custodian of Records, acting on behalf of the Board, may feel that the need for confidentiality has passed and open the record, or he or she may deny the request, in which case the requesting party will forward the request to the District Court.

If, in response to a formal request by a member of the public, the judge determines that: (i) substantial discussion on matters not authorized by the executive session laws or outside the scope of the motion for the executive session took place; (ii) a policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action was adopted by the Board;⁷ or (iii) the executive session was improperly convened,⁸ the improper portion of the record will be open to public inspection. In addition, the Court has jurisdiction to issue injunctions to enforce the purposes of the Open Meetings Law and to award a prevailing citizen costs and reasonable attorney fees.⁹

¹ See Part 4 of Article 6 of Title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes (the "Open Meetings Law").

² See *Gumina v. City of Sterling, Colorado*, 119 P.3d 527 (Colo. Ct. App. 2004), cert. denied.

³ See Section 24-6-402(4), C.R.S.

⁴ See Part 2 of Article 72 of Title 24, C.R.S.

⁵ See §24-6-402(3.5), C.R.S.

⁶ See §24-6-402(4)(f)(I), C.R.S. and the *Gumina* case.

⁷ See §24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(C), C.R.S.

⁸ See the *Gumina* case.

⁹ See §24-6-402(9), C.R.S.

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Unless your district is exempt, hopefully your auditor has finished or is close to finishing your audit and delivering the audit report to the district Board. If not, then he or she only has until June 30 to complete it. The district, in turn, has 30 days from receipt to file a copy of the audit and audit report with the Colorado Office of the State Auditor.

One more thing, if your district had, as of December 31, 2022, any authorized but unissued general obligation debt, then you also need to submit a copy of your audit report (or application for exemption from audit, if applicable) to the Board of County Commissioners or the governing body of the municipality.

Make Sure to Pay Your SDA Renewal by July 1 *...or You Will Lose Your 25% Discount!*

Many of you renewed your 2023 SDA membership by March 1 and received a 25% discount, which is fantastic! Now, just make sure you **pay** your dues by July 1 or you will lose the discount!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karla Boughey, our Membership Services Coordinator, at 303-863-1733.

Save the Date for the 2023 Legislative Wrap-Up Webinar!

Want to learn more about what happened during the 2023 Legislative Session that will affect your district? Looking for a sneak peek of what's to come next year?

Then save the date for Tuesday, June 27 from 1:30-2:30 pm for our informative legislative wrap-up webinar! We'll summarize the 120-day Session in 60 minutes or less!

SDA's Legislative Team will provide an overview of the 2023 Legislative Session, including the bills and issues that proved to be the most pertinent for special districts.

District Managers and Board members alike will benefit from this valuable presentation, which will highlight what the new legislation may mean for your district. You'll also get the inside scoop on what's on the horizon for the 2024 Legislative Session!

This is one you don't want to miss! Please watch your emails and the SDA website at www.sdaco.org for all the details as they become available.

Don't Forget to Submit Your Nominations for the 2023 SDA Annual Awards!

Do you know a Manager or Board member who has made extraordinary contributions in his or her role? If so, now is your chance to nominate an exceptional person for a 2023 SDA Annual Award!

Each year at the SDA Annual Conference, we have the pleasure of honoring outstanding individuals with awards and recognitions in the following categories:

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- » Board Member of the Year

This year the awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, September 12 during the SDA Annual Conference in Keystone.

To submit a nomination for either of these awards, please visit the SDA website at www.sdaco.org to complete the easy online form.

Completed nomination forms are due no later than Thursday, June 1.

If you have any questions about the awards, please contact Anthony Sandoval at 303-863-1733 or anthoney@sdaco.org.

SDA is pleased for the opportunity to recognize the people who demonstrate remarkable dedication to serving the citizens of our state. We look forward to receiving your nominations! 🍌





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