

2016 – 2017 Annual Historical Data: American Council for Special Education (ACRES)

YEAR 2017, Asheville, NC

ACRES

Headquarters West Virginia University served as host and Headquarters for the 2016 – 2017 year.
Location / Host

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ACRES

- Awards / Scholarships: Tina Hudson, Kim Floyd, Cathy Galyon

- Committees**
- Conference Planning: Kim Floyd, Michael Mayton, Pam Mims, Cathy Galyon
 - Financial Oversight: Kim Floyd, Michael Mayton, Kevin Miller
 - Membership: (Chair), Matt Jameson, Tina Hudson, Kathleen Magiera, Sue Schultz
 - Nomination and Elections: Melinda Jones Ault
 - Partnerships/Marketing: Trey Vasquez (Chair), Kevin Miller
 - Editorial Board Liaison : Tina Hudson,
 - Governmental Relations: Harvey Rude, Matt Jameson
 - Historians Ann Berry, Kathleen Magiera, Melinda Jones Ault
 - Silent Auction: Kim Floyd (Chair), Cathy Galyon

Membership Current Year's Membership #s: 211
Information not available.

Current Year's Membership dues:
Individual \$75 (add \$6 for international)

Institutional Membership: \$100 (add \$6 for international)

Student*: \$25
*Certification of student status is required for student membership.

Advances Advances made by ACRES this year:
Books and resources produced and published
Political Actions Taken
Other
Information not available.

Board Meetings How often were meetings held? Monthly and every other month
Meeting format: Teleconference and in person at the conference
Average length of meeting: 1 hour

Annual Was there a conference held this year? Yes or No

Conference

Yes a conference was held in Asheville, NC

Conference Program Chairs: Pamela Mims, Cathy Galyon

Conference Planning Team: Kim Floyd, Michael Mayton, Pam Mims, Cathy Galyon

Conference location: Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville, NC

Conference theme: City Meets Country: Working Together to Solve the Challenges of Special Education

Conference dates: March 8 – 11, 2017

Price of conference:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:

	Received By 2/14/17	Received After 2/14/17
Conference Rate: ACRES Member ONLY	____ \$375	____ \$425
Conference Rate + 1 Year ACRES Membership	____ \$425	____ \$475
Conference Rate: Non-Member	____ \$450	____ \$525
Conference Rate: ACRES Student* Member	____ \$300	____ \$350
Conference Rate: Student* + 1 Year ACRES Membership	____ \$325	____ \$375
Conference Rate: Student* Non-member	____ \$350	____ \$400

Were meals included? Yes

Conference sponsor(s):

Keynote Speakers and Speaker topic(s): Drs Anne and Rud Turnbull: Are Enviably Lives Possible for Individuals with Disabilities Across the Lifespan? Yes!

Number of Attendees: *Information not available*

Number of Presenters: approximately 120

Conference Announcement RFP



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 36th Annual National Conference of the American Council for Rural Special Education *City Meets Country: Educators Working to Solve the Challenges of Special Education*



March 8-11, 2017

Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville

Asheville, North Carolina

The Call for Proposals and Submission Form are available at

<http://acres-sped.org/conference>

Pamela Mims, Conference Program Co-Chair

Cathy Galyon Keramidas, Conference Program Co-Chair

East Tennessee State University

FMI: mimspj@etsu.edu

Deadline for proposal submission is OCTOBER 1 (final)

Information about registration fees, hotel rates, and a preliminary schedule will be posted on the ACRES web site as soon as it is available.

Please share this announcement with colleagues and students.

Learn more about ACRES and why you should join us at <http://acres-sped.org>

INFORMATION ABOUT ACRES CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

Submission Process

Here are some steps to follow to submit a proposal:

1. Preparation: read the components of the Proposal Submission Form below and the criteria outlined under Selection Process and/or look at past program books at <http://acres-sped.org/conference> to see the range of topics typically accepted.
2. Submission: access the Proposal Submission Form at: <http://acressped.org/conference>, then insert the information and send the document by email to the Conference Program Chair Pamela Mims at mimspj@etsu.edu.
3. Confirmation: the Conference Program Chair will send an email to confirm receipt

4. Deadlines: ALL proposals MUST be submitted directly to the Conference Program Chair no later than OCTOBER 1 at midnight.

Proposal Submission Form Components

- I. Presentation Title: 15 words maximum
- II. Presenter(s) Name(s) and Affiliation(s): do NOT include degree designators)
- III. Presentation Abstract: 50 words maximum
- IV. Conference Strand: one (1) topic that is the focus of the session
- V. Type of Session: method of delivery (lecture, poster, roundtable, etc.)
- VI. Focus Audience: one (1) target group most interested in topic of session
- VII. Equipment: technology provided by the conference/supplied by presenters
- VIII. Commitment to Attend Conference: presenters and co-presenters are required to register/pay for names to appear in program and proceedings
- IX. Principal Presenter: name and contact information
- Co-principal Presenter(s): name and contact information
- X. Proposal Narrative: attachment submitted as Word file with 700 words or less (NO identifying information) addressing: Title; Abstract; Session Overview; Empirical or Theoretical Base; Rural Focus; Practical Applications.

Selection Process

Each complete proposal will undergo a blind review process using these criteria:

- Is the proposal clear as to what the presenter(s) will provide for the audience?
- Does the proposal provide a sound empirical or theoretical base?
- Does the topic have direct or indirect implications for rural special education?
- Does the topic have appeal to and usefulness for an audience of educators, administrators, related service personnel, teacher educators, and/or parents?
- Is the proposal well organized? Does the proposal follow the specified format?
- Is the content appropriate for the conference strand and session type selected?

Reminders to Potential Presenters:

Here is important information about presenting at the ACRES conference:

- The principal presenter is responsible for keeping all co-presenters/authors informed of all correspondence from ACRES related to the conference.
- Presenters/authors will receive information about preparing for the session, registering for the conference, and booking the hotel via email as it becomes available.
- Presenters are encouraged to write an ORIGINAL paper for publication in the conference proceedings document. Directions will be provided for preparing and formatting the paper after the proposal is accepted. Papers are limited to 8 single spaced pages and are due by JANUARY 15.
- ALL presenters and co-presenters/authors MUST PRE- REGISTER AND PAY for the conference, with pre-registration payment due no later than FEBRUARY 1. ACRES is unable to waive registration fees or offer reduced fees for program presenters/authors.

Acceptance Letter

Dear _____,
Congratulations! Your proposal “_____” was accepted as a _____ for the 2016 ACRES conference at the Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel and Casino on March 9-12 in Las Vegas, Nevada. We had a record number of proposals submitted this year and are looking forward to a great conference. Soon more information will be sent about the date and time of this presentation, presenter registration deadlines, and

hotel accommodations. All presenters will need to register by the presenter registration deadline for their names to be included in the conference program booklet and in the conference proceedings document

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

Robert C. Pennington, Ph.D.
Cathy L. Galyon Keramidas, Ed.D.
ACRES 2016 Conference Co-chairs

**Conference
Program**

Peer Reviewers of RFPs: (list)
Information not available.
Vendors / Advertisers
Information not available.

**Conference
Proceedings**

Conference Proceedings Editor and Co-Editor: Brigandi, Myraih Miller
Proceedings available online at: <http://acres-sped.org/conference>

**Awards
Conferred**

Name(s) and Award Received:

Award Category	Name of Program/Individual(s) Coordinating Program	State	Contact Information (email, phone, address)	Nominator Name and Email
1. Preservice/In-service Training Award	No nominations, no award given			
2. Infant/Early Childhood Intervention Award	No nominations, no award given			

3. Vocational Training and Transition	Vocational Training & Transition Comprehensive Lifeskills II Program			
4. Interagency Collaboration Award				
5. Services In Inclusive Environments Award				
6. Cross-Cultural Services Award	Cross-Cultural Services Rural Meets Urban			
7. Educational Technology Award	IRIS Center			
8. Research and Evaluation Award				

Research and Scholarship Awards

Award Category	Name of Individual/University or School System	State	Contact Information	Nominator Name and Email
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Schuster Research Proposal of Year Award	Leslie Molina, Doctoral candidate, University of Nevada Reno, Winnemucca	NV		
Teacher Scholarship Award	Kaitlin Smith Ayers, Whitely County High School, Williamsburg	KY		
Teacher Scholarship Award	Loni LeForce, Elgin Public Schools, Elgin	OK		
RSEQ Research Article of the Year Award	Bree Jimenez, Pamela Mims, & Joshua Baker			
RSEQ Reviewer of the Year Award:	Susan Schultz, St. John Fisher College			

**Silent Auction
Profit
Old Timer's
Reception**

Eagle Award: Belva Collins

Information not available.

Yes or No

[Yes, a New Comers/ Old Timers Reception was held.](#)

**Special
Entertainment**

Yes or No

Yes we were to talk to a newcomer. An ice cream social was held during the Poster session.

- If yes, please explain.

Pre-Conference Offerings

Yes or No

Yes, Field trip to downtown Asheville and a Pre-conference workshop: *Every Student Succeeds Act: Challenges ad Opportunities for Rural Educators.*

- If yes, please explain

Activities for students only

Yes or No

- If yes, please explain.

Practitioner's Day

Yes or No

None

- Theme if any

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Town Hall Meeting Outcomes Other ____ Additional Comments

A Town Hall Meeting was held.