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

YEAR 2017, Asheville, NC

ACRES

Headquarters

Location / Host

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

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• Awards / Scholarships: Tina Hudson, Kim Floyd, Cathy Galyon
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- Conference Planning: Kim Floyd, Michael Mayton, Pam Mims, Cathy Galyon
- Financial Oversight: Kim Floyd, Michael Mayton, Kevin Miller
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- 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
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:

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- 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 Enviatable Lives Possible for Individuals with Disabilities Across the Lifespan? Yes!

Number of Attendees: Information not available
Number of Presenters: approximately 120

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.
   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 [Name],
Congratulations! Your proposal “[Proposal Title]” was accepted as a [session type] 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

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**Eagle Award:** Belva Collins

*Information not available.*

**Silent Auction**

*Information not available.*

**Old Timer’s Reception**

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.
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