2018-2019 Annual Historical Data: American Council for Special Education (ACRES)

YEAR  2019 Alexandria, VA

ACRES Headquarters
Location / Host

West Virginia University served as host and Headquarters for the 2018 – 2019 year.

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• Historian: Karen Hager Martinez
• Consulting Historian: Kathleen Magiera, SUNY Fredonia

ACRES Committees

• Awards / Scholarships: Deborah Rooks-Ellis, Kim Floyd, Cathy Galyon, Todd Sundeen, Ann Berry
• Conference Planning: Rob Pennington, Pam Mims, Ginevra Courtade
• Financial Oversight: Cathy Galyon, David Stockford, Mark Butler
• Membership: Susan Schultz, Ann Berry, Pamina Abkowitz, Karen Hager Martinez, Tori Colson, Tina Hudson, Dorea Bonnaeu
• Nomination and Elections: Todd Sundeen, Rob Pennington
• Partnerships/Marketing: Melinda Jones Ault, Julie Reneau, David Stockford, Rob Pennington, Pam Mims, Deborah Rooks-Ellis
• Editorial Board Liaison: Ginevra Courtade, Tina Hudson
• Governmental Relations: David Stockford, Harvey Rude, Matt Jameson, Kevin Miller
• Historians: Karen Hager Martinez, Kathleen Magiera, Cory Pierce
• Silent Auction: Cathy Galyon, Kim Floyd, Alex Hollo, Wendi Dunham

Membership

Current Year’s Membership #s:

135

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
Meeting format: Teleconference and in person at the conference
Average length of meeting: 1 hour

Annual Conference

Was there a conference held this year? Yes or No
Yes a conference was held in Alexandria, VA
Conference Program Chairs: Rob Pennington
Conference Planning Team: Pam Mims, Ginevra Courtade
Conference location: Holiday Inn Hotel
Conference theme: People, Purpose, & Passion: The Pathway to Success
Conference dates: March 7-9, 2019
Price of conference:

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Were meals included? Yes
Conference sponsor(s):
Keynote Speakers and Speaker topic(s):

Number of Attendees:
Number of Presenters: approximately
Join Us at the 38th Annual National Conference of the American Council for Rural Special Education

People, Purpose, & Passion: The Pathway to Success

March 7-9, 2019
Holiday Inn Hotel
Deadline for proposal submission will be September 30, 2019

Information about registration fees, hotel rates, and a call for proposals 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
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

38th Annual National Conference of the American Council for Rural Special Education

People, Purpose, & Passion:

The Pathway to Success

March 7-9, 2019
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://acres-sped.org/conference, then insert the information and send the document by email to the Conference Program Chair Ginevra Courtade, Pamela Mims, & Rob Pennington at acres2019@gmail.com.
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 31st 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. More Information to follow once proposals are accepted.

- 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 email:

Congratulations! Your ACRES submission entitled "-----" was accepted for the 2019 ACRES conference. We will be in touch in the next several weeks with your specific presentation date and time. We look forward to seeing you in March 2019!

2019 ACRES
Conference Chairs
Ginevra Courtade, Pamela Mims, & Robert Pennington
**Conference Program**

Peer Reviewers of RFPs: (list)

Vendors / Advertisers

*Information not available.*

**Conference Proceedings**

Conference Proceedings Editor and Co-Editor:

Proceedings available online at: [http://acres-sped.org/conference](http://acres-sped.org/conference)

**Awards Conferred**

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*Name(s) and Award Received: 4 Awarded in 2019*
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Eagle Award: David Stockholm

Information not available.

Old Timer’s Reception
Yes, a New Comers/ Old Timers Reception was held.

Special Entertainment
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
- If yes, please explain

Activities for students only
- If yes, please explain.

Practitioner’s Day
None
- Theme if any
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Town Hall Meeting Outcomes
A Town Hall Meeting was held.

Other Additional Comments