

**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.

**Board Members**

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Kim Floyd  
Alex Hollo  
West Virginia University

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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 Bonneau
- 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:

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):

Number of Attendees:  
 Number of Presenters: approximately



Join Us at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of the American Council  
for Rural Special Education

*People, Purpose, & Passion:  
The Pathway to Success*



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## **Alexandria, VA**

**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

38<sup>th</sup> 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

### Alexandria, VA

The Call for Proposals and Submission Form are available at  
<http://acres-sped.org/conference>

Ginevra Courtade, Pam Mims, & Rob Pennington: Conference Program Co-Chair  
FMI: Pam Mims -- [acres2019@gmail.com](mailto:acres2019@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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)  
*Information not available.*  
Vendors / Advertisers  
*Information not available.*

**Conference Proceedings**

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

**Awards Conferred**

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

<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Name of Program/Individual(s) Coordinating Program</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Contact Information (email, phone, address)</b>	<b>Nominator Name and Email</b>
1. Preservice/In-service Training Award	Dr. Karin Strohmyer, Buena Vista University	IA		Daniel Strohmyer and BVU School of Education Department Chairs

2. Infant/Early Childhood Intervention Award				
3. Vocational Training and Transition	Dr. Gerlinde Beckers, Lions Connected from Southeastern Louisiana University	LA		Dr. Colleen Klein-Ezell
4. Interagency Collaboration Award				
5. Services In Inclusive Environments Award	Dian Underwood, Director of Special Education, Tri County Shared Services Agreement	TX		Dr. Brittany L. Hott, Associate Professor of Special Education, Texas A&M University-Commerce, TX
6. Cross-Cultural Services Award				
7. Educational Technology Award	Cynthia Curry, National Center on Accessible Educational Materials for Learning (AEM Center)	MA		David Stockford

8. Research and Evaluation Award				
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*Research and Scholarship Awards*

<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Name of Individual/University or School System</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Nominator Name and Email</b>
Schuster Research Proposal of Year Award				
Teacher Scholarship Award				
Teacher Scholarship Award				
RSEQ Research Article of the Year Award				
RSEQ Reviewer of the Year Award:				

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**Eagle Award: David Stockholm**

*Information not available.*

**Silent Auction Profit**

**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.

- If yes, please explain.

**Pre-Conference Offerings**

Yes or No

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- 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.