2014 – 2015 Annual Historical Data: American Council for Special Education (ACRES)

ACRES
Headquarters
West Virginia University served as host and Headquarters for the 2014 – 2015 year.

Location / Host

Board Members

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTRATION

HEADQUARTERS COORDINATOR
Barbara Ludlow (16, ex officio)
West Virginia University

HEADQUARTERS STAFF
Ann Richards, Events Manager
West Virginia University

Michael Mayton, Operations Director
West Virginia University

ACRES BOARD MEMBERS

Melinda Jones Ault (16)  Ann Berry (16)
U of Kentucky                  Plymouth State U
Ginevra Courtade (15)        Britt Ferguson (16)
U of Louisville               National U
Kim Floyd (17)                Karen Hager Martinez (17)
West Virginia U               Western Governors U
Sarah Hawkins (15)            Channon Horn (16)
Moorehead State U             Asbury U
Tina Hudson (17)              Matt Jameson
East Tennessee State U        U of Utah SLC
Vicki Knight (16)             Kevin Miller (15)
U of Kentucky                 Buffalo State U
Robert Pennington (15)        Harvey Rude (17)
U of Louisville               U of Northern Colorado
Eleazar (Trey) Vasquez III (15) Patti Whetstone (15)
U of Central Florida

EDITOR(S)
Guardian Editor 
Belva Collins (18) Ex-Officio 
University of North Carolina, Charlotte

RSEQ Managing Editor (non-Board member) 
Cathy Galyon Keramidas 
East Tennessee State U

**Board of Directors**

- **Chair:** Robert Pennington, U of Louisville
- **Past Chair:** Buddy Hooper
- **Chair Elect:** Ginevra Courtade, U of Louisville
- **Secretary:** Channon Horn, Asbury U
- **Treasurer:** Kim Floyd, West Virginia U
- **Apprentice Historian:** Melinda Jones Ault, U of Kentucky
- **Historian:** Britt Tatman Ferguson, National U
- ***Consulting Historian:** Sarah Hawkins, Moorehead State U

**ACRES Committee Chairs**

- **Awards / Scholarships:** Tina Hudson
- **Conference Planning:** Barbara Ludlow
- **Conference Program:** Channon Horn
- **Financial Oversight:** Kevin Miller
- **Membership:** Ann Berry
- **Nomination/Elections:** Ginevra Courtade
- **Partnerships/Marketing:** Vicki Knight, Sarah Hawkins
- **Editorial Board Liaison:** Cathy Galyon-Keramidas
- **Governmental Relations:** Harvey Rude
- **Silent Auction:** Information not available.
- **Technology:** Eleazar (Trey) Vasquez III

**Membership**

Current Year’s Membership #s:
Information not available.

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

State or Regional Agency, School Building, or University $100 (add $6 for international)
Student* $25

*Certification of student status is required for student membership. I certify that the applicant is currently a student at the institution named above and is not fully employed in a rural special education position.

**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? *Every-other-month*
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 New Orleans, LA.
Conference Chair:
Conference Planning Team:

Program Chair: Channon Horn, Asbury U
Conference location: Hampton Inn Convention Center, New Orleans, LA
Conference theme: *Celebrating Differences: Rural and Urban Schools at the Crossroads of Change*
Conference dates: March 18 – 21, 2015

**Price of conference:**

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Conference Rate: Student* + 1 Year ACRES Membership  $300  $325
Conference Rate: Student* Non-member  $290  $315

were meals included?

Conference sponsor(s):

Keynote Speakers and Speaker topic(s): (list) Terrance M. Scott, Ph. D., U of Louisville

Number of Attendees:

Number of Presenters:

Award Recipients:

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

34th Annual National Conference of the American Council for Rural Special Education

Celebrating Differences: Rural and Urban Schools At the Crossroads of Change

March 18-21, 2015

Hampton Inn New Orleans Convention Center
New Orleans, Louisiana

The Call for Proposals is available at http://acres-sped.org/conference

Conference Chair: Dr. Channon Harn, Auburn University
Phone: Channon.Harn@auburn.edu

Deadline for proposal submission is October 1

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

Learn more about ACRES and why you should join us at http://acres-sped.org
**Submission Process**

Here are some steps to follow to submit a proposal:

1. Preparation: review the components of the Proposal Submission Form stated below and read the criteria below outlined under Selection Process.
2. Submission: access the Proposal Submission Form at [http://acres-sped.org/conference](http://acres-sped.org/conference), then insert the information and send the document by email to the Conference Program Chair at GloriaH@utah.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**

- Principal Presenter: name and contact information
- Co-principal Presenter(s): name and contact information
- Presentation Title: 15 words maximum
- Presentation Abstract: 10 words maximum
- Conference Topic Strand: one (1) topic that is the focus of the session
- Type of Session: method of delivery (lecture, poster, roundtable, etc.)
- Focus Audience: one (1) target group most interested in topic of session
- Equipment Needed: technology requested for presentation rooms
- Commitment to Attend: Conference presenters and co-presenters are required to register for name to appear in program and proceedings.

**Proposal Narrative**: attachment submitted as Word file with 700 words or less addressing: Title Abstract, Practical Applications, Empirical or Theoretical Base, Relationship to Conference Theme, Audience Appeal, Rural Focus.

**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 lend itself to practical application? If so?
- Does the proposal provide an empirical or theoretical basis?
- Does the topic have appeal to an audience of educators, administrators, related service personnel, teacher trainers, policymakers, and/or parents?
- Does the proposal relate to the conference theme?
- Does the topic have implications for rural special education?
- Is the proposal well organized? Does the proposal follow the specified format?

**Reminders to Potential Presenters**

Here is important information about presenting at the ACRES conference:

- The principal presenter is responsible for keeping all co-presenters informed of all correspondence from ACRES related to the conference.
- Presenters will receive information about preparing for their session at conference, registering for the conference, locating the hotel, and other pertinent information.
- Presenters are encouraged to write a 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 5-6 single spaced pages and are due by January 15.
- All presenters and co-presenters MUST PRE-REGISTER AND PAY for the conference, with pre-registration payment due by February 1. ACRES is unable to offer reduced fees or waive registration fees for program presenters.

**Acceptance Letter**

Information not available.

**Conference Program**

Peer Reviewers of RFPs: (list)

Information not available.

**Vendors / Advertisers**

Information not available.

**Conference Proceedings**

Conference Proceedings Editor

Naomi L. Rahn, West Virginia University

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