

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

ACRES

Headquarters

Location / Host

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

Board Members

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTRATION

HEADQUARTERS COORDINATOR

Barbara Ludlow (16, ex officio)
West Virginia University

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Ann Richards, Events Manager
West Virginia University
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West Virginia University

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ACRES Committee Chairs

- Awards / Scholarships: [Tina Hudson](#)
- Conference Planning: [Barbara Ludlow](#)
- Conference Program: [Channon Horn](#)
- Financial Oversight: [Kevin Miller](#)
- Membership: [Ann Berry](#)
- Nomination/Elections: [Genevra 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:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:	Received By 2/20/15	Received After 2/20/15
Conference Rate: ACRES Member ONLY	_____ \$325	_____ \$350
Conference Rate + 1 Year ACRES Membership	_____ \$400	_____ \$425
Conference Rate: Non-Member	_____ \$375	_____ \$400
Conference Rate: ACRES Student* Member	_____ \$275	_____ \$300

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:

Conference Announcement RFP


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 Horn, Asbury University
FML: Channon.Horn@asbury.edu
Deadline for proposal submission is October 1
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: 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>, then insert the information and send the document by email to the Conference Program Chair at Chanson.Horn@ashbury.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. Principal Presenter: name and contact information
- II. Co-principal Presenter(s): name and contact information
- III. Presentation Title: 15 words maximum
- IV. Presentation Abstract: 15 words maximum
- V. Conference Topic Strand: one (1) topic that is the focus of the session
- VI. Type of Session: method of delivery (lecture, poster, roundtable, etc.)
- VII. Focus Audience: one (1) target group most interested in topic of session
- VIII. Equipment Needs: technology requested for presentation rooms
- IX. Commitment to Attend Conference: presenters and co-presenters are required to register for names to appear in program and proceedings
- X. 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 by others?
- Does the proposal provide an empirical or theoretical base?
- Does the topic have appeal to an audience of educators, administrators, related service personnel, teacher trainers, policy makers, 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, booking the hotel via email as it becomes available.
- 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 8 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>

Awards Conferred	Name(s) and Award Received: <i>Information not available.</i>
Silent Auction Profit	<i>Information not available.</i>
Old Timer's Reception	Yes or No <i>Yes, an Old Timer's Reception was held.</i>
Special Entertainment	Yes or No <i>Entertainment was provided.</i> - If yes, please explain.
Pre-Conference Offerings	Yes or No <i>None</i> - If yes, please explain
Activities for students only	Yes or No <i>None</i> - If yes, please explain.
Practitioner's Day	Yes or No <i>None</i> - Theme if any -
Town Hall Meeting Outcomes Other ____	<i>Information not available.</i>
Additional Comments	