## **Annual Historical Data: American Council for Special Education (ACRES)**

Year:	1984, Bellingham, Washington National Conference 4th National Conference					
ACRES Headquarters Location / Host:	Hosted by ACRES Murray State University  Murray, Kentucky  Doris Helge, National Coordinator					
Board Members: (list or table)	Doris Helge, National Coordinator					

Board of Directors: (list or table)  ACRES Committee Chairs:	<ul> <li>Executive Director:</li> <li>Past Chair:</li> <li>Chair Elect:</li> <li>Secretary:</li> <li>,Treasurer:</li> <li>Apprentice Historian:</li> <li>Historian:</li> <li>*Consulting Historian:</li> <li>Awards / Scholarships:</li> <li>Conference Planning:</li> <li>Conference Program:</li> <li>Financial Oversight:</li> <li>Membership:</li> <li>Nomination/Elections:</li> <li>Partnerships/Marketing:</li> <li>Editorial Board Liaison:</li> <li>Governmental Relations:</li> <li>Silent Auction:</li> <li>Technology:</li> </ul>
Membership	Current Year's Membership #s: Current Year's Membership dues:
Advances	Advances made by ACRES this year:  Books and resources produced and published Political Actions Taken Other
Board	How often were meetings held?

Meetings	Meeting format: Average length of meeting:
Annual Conference	Was there a conference held this year? Yes or No Conference Chair: Conference Planning Team:
	Program Chair: Conference location: Bellingham, Washington Conference theme: The Future of Rural Special Education - A Rising Tide of Optimism Conference dates: March 27-30 Price of conference: - Were meals included? Conference sponsor(s): Keynote Speakers and Speaker topic(s): (list) Number of Attendees: Number of Presenters: Award Recipients:
Conference Announcement RFP	
Acceptance Letter	
Conference Program	Peer Reviewers of RFPs: (list) Vendors / Advertisers
Conference Proceedings:	Conference Proceedings Editor

Awards Conferred	Name(s) and Award Received:
Silent Auction Profit:	
Old Timer's Reception:	Yes or No
Special Entertainment:	Yes or No - If yes, please explain.
Pre- Conference Offerings?	Yes or No - If yes, please explain
Activities for students only?	Yes or No - If yes, please explain.
Practitioner's Day?	Yes or No - Theme if any
Town Hall Meeting Outcomes Other	
Additional Comments:	Exceptional Children devoted their entire January issue of their journal for <i>Exceptional Children</i> (50, 4) to rural special education with Doris Helge, Executive Director of ACRES, as the special guest editor. In this special issue Doris Helge, Karol Kirmer, Lloyd Lockwood, Walt Hickler, Patricia Sweeney, Gayle Haywood Gear, Lawrence Marrs and Alan M. Hofmeister were contributors. This was a milestone in the history of ACRES and rural special education, to be given the recognition and support of the CEC seemed to set the tone for the next decade.