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

| Year: | 1984, Bellingham, Washington National Conference  
4th National Conference |
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| **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) | • Executive Director:  
• Past Chair:  
• Chair Elect:  
• Secretary:  
• Treasurer:  
• Apprentice Historian:  
• Historian:  
• *Consulting Historian: |
| ACRES Committee Chairs: | ▪ Awards / Scholarships:  
▪ Conference Planning:  
▪ Conference Program:  
▪ Financial Oversight:  
▪ Membership:  
▪ Nomination/Elections:  
▪ Partnerships/Marketing:  
▪ Editorial Board Liaison:  
▪ Governmental Relations:  
▪ Silent Auction:  
▪ Technology: |
| Membership | Current Year’s Membership #:  
Current Year’s Membership dues:  
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| 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:  
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| **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  
<p>| Conference Proceedings: | Conference Proceedings Editor |</p>
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**Additional Comments:** Exceptional Children devoted their entire January issue of their journal for *Exceptional Children* (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 Kırmer, 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.