2015 – 2016 Annual Historical Data: American Council for Special Education (ACRES)

YEAR
2016, Las Vegas, NV

ACRES Headquarters Location / Host
West Virginia University served as host and Headquarters for the 2015 – 2016 year.

Board Members

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTRATION

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

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West Virginia University
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West Virginia University
Jane LeFevre, West Virginia University

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- Apprentice Historian: Ann Berry, Plymouth State University
- Historian: Melinda Jones Ault, University of Kentucky
- Consulting Historian: Britt Tatman Ferguson, National University

ACRES Committees
- Awards / Scholarships: Tina Hudson (Chair), Kim Floyd, Cathy Galyon Keramidas
- Conference Planning: Barbara Ludlow, Ann Richards, Cathy Galyon Keramidas, Rob Pennington
- Financial Oversight: Kevin Miller, Barbara Ludlow
- Membership: Ann Berry (Chair), Matt Jameson, Tina Hudson, Kathleen Magiera, Sue Schultz
- Nomination and Elections: Matt Jameson (Chair)
- Partnerships/Marketing: Trey Vasquez (Chair), Kevin Miller, Cathy Galyon Keramidas, Karen Hager Martinez, Vicki Knight
- Editorial Board Liaison: Cathy Galyon Keramidas
- Governmental Relations: Harvey Rude (Chair), Matt Jameson
- Silent Auction: Kim Floyd (Chair), Cathy Galyon Keramidas

Membership
Current Year’s Membership #s:
Information not available.
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 and 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 Las Vegas, NV
Conference Program Chairs: Cathy Galyon Keramidas, Robert Pennington
Conference Planning Team:

Program Co-Chairs: Cathy Galyon Keramidas, Robert Pennington
Conference location: Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
Conference theme: The High Stakes Game: Improving Student Outcomes in Rural and Urban Schools
Conference dates: March 9 – 12, 2016
Price of conference:

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<td>ACRES Member ONLY</td>
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### Conference Rate

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- Were meals included?

### Conference Sponsor(s):

Larry Wexler, Office of Special Education Programs, Forty Years of IDEA

### Keynote Speakers and Speaker topic(s):

### Number of Attendees:

Information not available

### Number of Presenters:

97

### Conference Announcement

Information not available

### RFP

Information not available

### Acceptance Letter

Dear ___________

Congratulations! Your proposal “___________” was accepted as a ______ for the 2016 ACRES conference at the Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel and Casino on March 9-12 in Las Vegas, Nevada. We had a record number of proposals submitted this year and are looking forward to a great conference. Soon more information will be sent about the date and time of this presentation, presenter registration deadlines, and hotel accommodations. All presenters will need to register by the presenter registration deadline for their names to be included in the conference program booklet and in the conference proceedings document.

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

Robert C. Pennington, Ph.D.
Cathy L. Galyon Keramidas, Ed.D.
ACRES 2016 Conference Co-chairs

### Conference Peer Reviewers of RFPs:

(list)
Program Information not available.
Vendors / Advertisers Information not available.

Conference Proceedings
Conference Proceedings Editor
Carla Brigandi, West Virginia University
Proceedings available online at: http://acres-sped.org/conference

Awards Conferred
Name(s) and Award Received:

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<td>2. Infant/Early Childhood Intervention Award</td>
<td>Monongalia County Schools Preschool Program</td>
<td>WV</td>
<td>Brenda Yohn, Director of Early Childhood Home: 304-216-7935 Bus. 304-291-9330, ext. 1768 1433 Dorsey Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501-7546 <a href="mailto:byohn@k12.wv.u">byohn@k12.wv.u</a></td>
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<td>Marva Cleven, Education Programs Director</td>
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### Research and Scholarship Awards

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### Eagle Award: Jane West

### Silent Auction Profit

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<td><strong>Special Entertainment</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Practitioner’s Day</strong></td>
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