

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

YEAR 2016, Las Vegas, NV

ACRES

Headquarters West Virginia University served as host and Headquarters for the 2015 – 2016 year.

Location / Host

**Board
Members**

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTRATION

HEADQUARTERS COORDINATOR

Barbara Ludlow (16, ex officio)
West Virginia University

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Ann Richards, Events Manager
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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 Keramias
- 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:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:	Received By 2/13/16	Received After 2/13/16
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) Larry Wexler, Office of Special Education Programs, Forty Years of IDEA

Number of Attendees: *Information not available*

Number of Presenters: 97

**Conference
Announcement
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:

Award Category	Name of Program/Individual(s) Coordinating Program	State	Contact Information (email, phone, address)	Nominator Name and Email
1. Preservice/In-service Training Award	No nominations, no award given			
2. Infant/Early Childhood Intervention Award	Monongalia County Schools Preschool Program	WV	Brenda Yohn, Director of Early Childhood Home: 304-216-7935 Bus. 304-291-9330, ext. 1768 1433 Dorsey Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501-7546 byohn@k12.wv.u	Dr. Kim Floyd Kim.floyd@mail.wvu.edu

3. Vocational Training and Transition	No nominations, no award given			
4. Interagency Collaboration Award	Nevada Dual Sensory Impaired Project	NV	Marva Clevon, Education Programs Director Office of Special Education Bus. Only- 775-687-9146 Nevada Department of Education, 700 E. Fifth Street, Carson City, NV, 89701 mad@unr.edu	MaryAnn Demchak mad@unr.edu Project Website: http://www.unr.edu/ndsip/
5. Services In Inclusive Environments Award	No nominations, no award given			
6. Cross-Cultural Services Award	No nominations, no award given			
7. Educational Technology Award	No nominations, no award given			

8. Research and Evaluation Award	No nominations, no award given			
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Research and Scholarship Awards

Award Category	Name of Individual/University or School System	State	Contact Information	Nominator Name and Email
Schuster Research Proposal of Year Award	East Tennessee State University	TN	Andrew Baxter Graduate Student Home Phone: 423-930-4957 Bus: 423-439-7559 East Tennessee State University 1276 Gilbreath Dr. Johnson City, TN, 37614 zacb10@goldmail.etsu.edu <u>u</u>	Dr. Pamela Mims MIMSPJ@mail.etsu.edu <u>u</u>
Teacher Scholarship Award	No nominations, no award given			

Eagle Award: Jane West

Silent Auction Profit

Information not available.

Old Timer's Reception	Yes or No Yes, a New Comers/ Old Timers Reception was held.
Special Entertainment	Yes or No Entertainment was provided in the form of a game that was played with prizes. - If yes, please explain.
Pre-Conference Offerings	Yes or No None - If yes, please explain
Activities for students only	Yes or No None - If yes, please explain.
Practitioner's Day	Yes or No None - Theme if any -
Town Hall Meeting Outcomes Other ____ Additional Comments	A Town Hall Meeting was held.