

NASSCED Member Resource Survey 2010

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State Represented *	Alaska
Organization Represented *	Alaska Association of Student Governments
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Executive Director #2	
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Executive Director #4	
Approximate Number of Member Schools *	200
Annual Membership Fee	\$50 (<55 students), \$175 (56-100), \$200 (101-400), \$225 (400+)
Does your membership elect State Officer...	Students/Individuals
Please describe how your association selects its State Officers/Schools:	President, VP, and Public Relations officers: Fall election by member schools both present at conference and by absentee. Secretary/Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Representative to State Board of Education and Early Dev., Representative to Alaska School Activities Association: selected by interview at Fall Conference. Seven Region reps are selected by regional process at Spring Conference, on even/odd years (Region 1, odd, etc.).
Which best describes the sponsorship (if any) of your association?	affiliated with Alaska School Activities Assoc.
Is the Executive Director of your association a full-time position?	No - with a stipend
Does your association currently have 501(c)3 non-profit status?	Yes - through parent/sponsor organization
State Convention 2010-2011 date	Fall Leadership Conference: October 14-16
For your State Convention, how are students primarily housed?	in Anchorage, hotels; in all other sites, in school
For your State Convention, what is your primary meeting facility?	School Building
Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of your State Convention.	Many students get to the conferences by plane or ferry. We generally have one conference "on the road system" each year and one "off the road system" each year. We offer travel scholarships to assist with costs for small schools. We do resolutions at both our leadership conferences. The AASG Executive Board is comprised of only students. The Executive

Director is the only adult who sits at the table with the Board.
Steering Committee (Advisors)

Other Conference/Event #1, with 2010-2011 date	Spring leadership Conference: April 14-16, 2011
Other Conference/Event #2, with 2010-2011 date	
Other Conference/Event #3, with 2010-2011 date	
Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of one of the three events listed above.	For the Spring Conference, the host school is Cordova High School, which has 125 students. We expect 300 delegates at the conference. All delegates will come to the school by plane or ferry. There are no roads into Cordova!
Does your association currently include middle level schools as members?	No - but we are seeking to expand membership to middle level
As State Officers?	NO
As Regional or District Officers, within your state?	NO
At the same state Conventions or Conferences?	NO
At their own state Conventions or Conferences?	NO
At Regional conferences?	YES
At NASC L.E.A.D. Conferences?	NO
At NASC National Conferences?	NO
In the same award programs as high schools?	NO
In their own award programs?	NO
Does your association conduct a summer leadership program?	Washington Leadership Camp
If your answer above was YES, please list below the name and summer 2011 date (if known) for each of your summer programs:	WASC is offering our region a leadership camp experience, and AASG plans to take advantage of this opportunity.
What is the fee per delegate for your summer program?	
Have a separate advanced level program?	
Have a separate middle level program?	

Serve as a prerequisite to becoming a State Officer?

Award/Program #1 Description:

Student Council of Excellence: a non-competitive award, based upon successful completion of portfolio of requirements. If the school completes this process 3 years, it receives a school banner.

Award/Program #2 Description:

Suicide Prevention Collaboration: The Executive Board of AASG has worked with other organizations, including Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Alaska State Behavioral Health to address suicide issues. We have offered training at three of our conferences, and a team has developed a media/PSA contest for suicide prevention.

Award/Program #3 Description:

Travel Scholarships: A student off the road system can apply for a travel scholarship. The requirements include developing goals (using NASC Leader materials), doing 20 hours community service, participating in RSVP training/implementation, conf evaluation. We have distributed \$60,000 in travel scholarships.

How does your association deal with the issue of advisor turnover?

Keep track of changes in advisors.
 Email/call to offer support, via the Steering Committee and Executive Director.
 Advisor handbook provided.
 Advisor training at the two conferences.

What is another significant problem currently facing your association, and how are you dealing with it?

Competition for funds with other school activities, especially sports.
 Keep our organization out there, through communication.
 RSVP training and implementation to show relevance of student government

What advice do you have for someone who has just become a new Executive Director?

Ask questions of other executive directors in your region and take advantage of mentoring opportunities.

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