

NASSCED Member Resource Survey 2010

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State Represented *	Georgia
Organization Represented *	Georgia Association of Student Councils
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Approximate Number of Member Schools *	50
Annual Membership Fee	\$60
Does your membership elect State Officer...	Schools
Please describe how your association selects its State Officers/Schools:	Elections happen at our annual convention in February.
Which best describes the sponsorship (if any) of your association?	Independent of your State Principals Association
Is the Executive Director of your association a full-time position?	No - without a stipend
Does your association currently have 501(c)3 non-profit status?	No
State Convention 2010-2011 date	February 18-21, 2011
For your State Convention, how are students primarily housed?	FFA Center Camp Setting
For your State Convention, what is your primary meeting facility?	FFA Center Facilities
Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of your State Convention.	Annual service project for the past few years has been Ronald McDonald House. This year we are hoping to work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Georgia as well as the Atlanta Children's Hospitals. We work to do an action service component in our convention.
Other Conference/Event #1, with 2010-2011 date	Regional "Fundays" in September, October and November in different areas of the state
Other Conference/Event #2, with 2010-2011 date	Advisor Training in November

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.

Our state has been re-grouping over the past 5 years. We are proud of the schools who have become and stayed active and now are working to continue to spread the idea of GASC to new schools through area Fundays and Advisor Training.

Does your association currently include middle level schools as members?

Yes

As State Officers?

As Regional or District Officers, within your state?

NO

At the same state Conventions or Conferences?

YES

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?

YES

Does your association conduct a summer leadership program?

NO

If your answer above was YES, please list below the name and summer 2011 date (if known) for each of your summer programs:

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:

Outstanding Project Awards - schools turn in a one-page description of activities in certain areas (school service, community service, fundraising, school pride, recognition, etc) and are judged by state advisors. Awards are given to Middle and High School levels separately. Awards are given out at the annual convention.

Award/Program #2 Description:	Georgia Council of Excellence - structured after the National Council of Excellence application, it recognizes councils that have consistent, solid, year-long programs that work toward service to school and community as well as council and individual leadership development. Applications are turned in at annual convention, judged on a rubric, and awarded at the end of the weekend.
Award/Program #3 Description:	Member and Advisor of the Year (Middle and High School levels) - Students nominate their peers and their advisors at our annual convention by submitting an application. They are interviewed by a panel of advisors/executive officers on behalf of their nominee. Awards are given at the end of the weekend. Advisors of the Year become our Shull nominee for Nationals.
How does your association deal with the issue of advisor turnover?	We struggle with it. Every year our vice president school is in charge of membership recruitment and every year they have to do a great deal of work to find out who current advisors are at schools. We know who are our returning (veteran) advisors and new advisors at convention and make it a point to pair our new folks with a strong school. We make an effort to reach out to new member schools/advisors when they join GASC and offer our resources - our executive officers can mentor them, share ideas, etc.
What is another significant problem currently facing your association, and how are you dealing with it?	Membership overall - we constantly struggle with how we add value to our state association. We want to be sure we offer more to our member schools than just the annual convention. We use our website to try and communicate, but it is student-run by our Journal school, so it is frequently still under construction. We are working to rebuild our membership and make GASC a year-long program. And money is always an issue... how should we spend the money that we do raise in membership to benefit our members best...
What advice do you have for someone who has just become a new Executive Director?	Listen to the veteran ED's. Don't be afraid to ask questions - we were all new at some point. Find a state that has similar issues as you do and steal other people's ideas!

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