

NASSCED Member Resource Survey 2010

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State Represented *	Illinois
Organization Represented *	Illinois Association of Student Councils
Executive Director #1 *	Gary Clark
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Executive Director #2	Kyle Gordon
Executive Director #3	
Executive Director #4	
Approximate Number of Member Schools *	200
Annual Membership Fee	\$50
Does your membership elect State Officer...	Students/Individuals
Please describe how your association selects its State Officers/Schools:	President, First and Second Vice President, Secretart, and Treasurer are elected by the member schools that attend state convetnion. The first and second year advisors at large, the newsletter editor, webmaster and convention secretary and chairman of the board are selected by the elected executive board.
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 - with a stipend
Does your association currently have 501(c)3 non-profit status?	No
State Convention 2010-2011 date	May 5-7, 2011
For your State Convention, how are students primarily housed?	Hotel
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.	We have a reflections ceremony the night before the end of the conference. It is like candlelighting.
Other Conference/Event #1, with 2010-2011 date	One Day Drive in Workshops Across the state in the Fall

Other Conference/Event #2, with 2010-2011 date	Leadership Academy Winter 2011
Other Conference/Event #3, with 2010-2011 date	Summer Workshops July 2011
Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of one of the three events listed above.	Summer Workshop is held on a college campus.
Does your association currently include middle level schools as members?	No - we do not plan to expand membership to middle level
As State Officers?	Not applicable
As Regional or District Officers, within your state?	Not applicable
At the same state Conventions or Conferences?	Not applicable
At their own state Conventions or Conferences?	Not applicable
At Regional conferences?	Not applicable
At NASC L.E.A.D. Conferences?	Not applicable
At NASC National Conferences?	Not applicable
In the same award programs as high schools?	Not applicable
In their own award programs?	Not applicable
Does your association conduct a summer leadership program?	YES
If your answer above was YES, please list below the name and summer 2011 date (if known) for each of your summer programs:	To Be Determined
What is the fee per delegate for your summer program?	\$275.00
Have a separate advanced level program?	YES
Have a separate middle level program?	NO
Serve as a prerequisite to becoming a State Officer?	NO
Award/Program #1 Description:	The Illinois Award: Outstanding Service to the State Association

Award/Program #2 Description: The Hank Clark Award: Longevity Award based on service to the state. Mainly given upon the retirement of a long serving advisor.

Award/Program #3 Description:

How does your association deal with the issue of advisor turnover? We dont. Looking for guidance and ideas.

What is another significant problem currently facing your association, and how are you dealing with it? 501c3 status and how to get it.

What advice do you have for someone who has just become a new Executive Director? Listen to your member schools and if you don't know be sure to ask. People are here to help.

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PART 1 – About Your Association

State Represented *	Illinois
Organization Represented *	Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils
Executive Director #1 *	Bruce Small
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Executive Director #2	
Executive Director #3	
Executive Director #4	
Approximate Number of Member Schools *	115
Annual Membership Fee	\$75
Does your membership elect State Officer...	Students/Individuals
Please describe how your association selects its State Officers/Schools:	Student district representatives are elected at each annual state convention for a one year term. Adult district directors are elected at the annual state convention for a two year term. The adult elections are rotated so that four of the eight districts have an adult election each year.
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 – with a stipend
Does your association currently have 501(c)3 non-profit status?	Yes – as a stand alone organization

PART 2 – About Your Conferences

State Convention 2010–2011 date	April 15–16, 2011
For your State Convention, how are students primarily housed?	Hotel
For your State Convention, what is your primary meeting facility?	Hotel
Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of your State Convention.	Our state convention is a gathering of approximately 1000 middle level students and advisors from our member schools across the State of Illinois. Keynote speakers and leadership oriented presentations highlight the two day affair.

Other Conference/Event #1, with 2010–2011 date	IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp, June 19–25, 2011
Other Conference/Event #2, with 2010–2011 date	Advisors' Leadership Workshop, September 22–23, 2011
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 leadership camp is a week of training for specific student council positions. It also provides an excellent opportunity for attendees to develop the friendships and resources to share ideas, projects, and problems with other student council members from our member schools.

PART 3 – Middle Level

Does your association currently include middle level schools as members?	Yes
As State Officers?	Not applicable
As Regional or District Officers, within your state?	YES
At the same state Conventions or Conferences?	NO
At their own state Conventions or Conferences?	YES
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

PART 4 – Summer Leadership Programs

Does your association conduct a summer leadership program?	YES
If your answer above was YES, please list below the name and summer 2011 date (if known) for each of your summer programs:	IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp June 19 – 25, 2011
What is the fee per delegate for your summer program?	\$275.00
Have a separate advanced level program?	YES
Have a separate middle level program?	YES

Serve as a prerequisite to becoming a State Officer?	NO
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PART 5 – About Your Awards/ Programs

Award/Program #1 Description:	Honor Council Award ... Schools can apply for this special recognition by achieving at least 6 participation points and completing at least three activities in each of three different categories.
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Award/Program #2 Description:	Advisors' Longevity Award ... Advisors are recognized for their extended service to their student councils in five year increments.
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Award/Program #3 Description:	Schools which host leadership workshops are recognized at the state convention with a special plaque for their dedication and willingness to provide leadership training in their districts.
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PART 6 – About Your Problems

How does your association deal with the issue of advisor turnover?	At the beginning of each new school year, we send out current registration information and ask for corrections to be made before the form is returned. Using the updated information, we make a special effort to invite the new advisors to our Advisors' Leadership Workshop in September so that they can meet other experienced advisors. We then try to pair them with "mentors" who can help get them started in their new student council advisor role.
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What is another significant problem currently facing your association, and how are you dealing with it?	The greatest problem we have centers around the issue of the advisors and the executive board members meeting deadlines – registration, newsletters, website articles, and so forth. It is very, very frustrating from my viewpoint as Executive Director. We currently do not have an effective solution in place or even under consideration. It is so frustrating to think that these are mostly teachers who would never consider accepting the same behaviors in their classrooms!
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What advice do you have for someone who has just become a new Executive Director?	My best advice is to make sure that you are organized and get things done on time. Your membership depends on you to do so. As you begin your tenure as Executive Director, you need to set your goals and visions for your association and then work towards achieving them. Use patience and good temperament, but always keep your goals and visions in sight.
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