

NASSCED Member Resource Survey 2010

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State Represented *	Minnesota
Organization Represented *	Minnesota Association of Student Councils
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Executive Director #2	
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Approximate Number of Member Schools *	225
Annual Membership Fee	\$80
Does your membership elect State Officer...	Students/Individuals
Please describe how your association selects its State Officers/Schools:	Students run and campaign at our state convention in the Spring. Have booths in the campaign area and meet state convention delegates first morning of convention. All candidates give a speech to all in attendance. All participate in a candidate forum by office. Primary vote and final vote.
Which best describes the sponsorship (if any) of your association?	Affiliated with your State Principals Association
Is the Executive Director of your association a full-time position?	Yes
Does your association currently have 501(c)3 non-profit status?	Yes - through parent/sponsor organization
State Convention 2010-2011 date	April 9 - 11, 2011
For your State Convention, how are students primarily housed?	Host Families
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.	Discussion and Debating of Hot Topics in schools. Division submit Hot Topics for convention. Delegates choose a HT they want to discuss and debate, statement is written, presented to full assembly and then voted on. If it passes as a HT for all, they are then presented to all member schools and the MN Principals Association.
Other Conference/Event #1, with 2010-2011 date	President's Forum and Officer Training - Nov. 15, 2010

Other Conference/Event #2, with 2010-2011 date	Advisors Workshop - Nov. 15, 2010
Other Conference/Event #3, with 2010-2011 date	One Day Leadership Conference - Oct and Nov. dates
Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of one of the three events listed above.	PFOT brings together the Presidents and officer of both Student Council and Honor Society for leadership training, networking and idea share. The Advisors workshop for both stuco and NHS takes place on the same day.
Does your association currently include middle level schools as members?	Yes
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?	YES
At Regional conferences?	NO
At NASC L.E.A.D. Conferences?	YES
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?	have had to cancel due to low numbers
If your answer above was YES, please list below the name and summer 2011 date (if known) for each of your summer programs:	Used to run the 3rd week of July -- am looking at changing the dates of camp.
What is the fee per delegate for your summer program?	\$285.00
Have a separate advanced level program?	NO
Have a separate middle level program?	NO
Serve as a prerequisite to becoming a State Officer?	NO
Award/Program #1 Description:	Outstanding Student Council - student councils submit a packet of information documenting certain criteria of an active council. Points

awarded for attendance at Division, State and National events, have State and Division officers, or students run for. A majority of it is based on what they do in their schools and communities.

Award/Program #2 Description:

Warren E. Shull - HS and MS
Earl Reum Award

Principal of the Year - student council nominates their principals for this award. Nomination forms read by Executive Committee and award presented at State Convention Banquet.

Award/Program #3 Description:

Officer of the Year award - Advisors nominate their officers who have done an outstanding job serving their school and possibly division. Nomination forms are read by the Executive Committee and 3 awards presented at State Convention

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

We host a very low cost New Advisors workshop, will try assigning mentors in the Divisions they are in, or with veteran advisors will to help. A New Advisor Handbook.

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

We are going to need to take a look at the number of days out of the classroom that advisors are allowed. Many are being told fewer days out of school. Does this mean more weekend programming? May also effect the Executive Committee.

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

Call on the other Executive Directors in your Region or around the country who are in similar State Association make ups. Don't think you need to make changes to everything the first year. Make a few, take notes, and if need be make changes the next. Be patient. It takes some time to get the hang of things. Rely on other Exec. Directors.

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