

NASSCED Member Resource Survey 2010

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State Represented *	Pennsylvania
Organization Represented *	Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils
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Approximate Number of Member Schools *	600
Annual Membership Fee	\$75
Does your membership elect State Officer...	Schools
Please describe how your association selects its State Officers/Schools:	The state president and president-elect come from the schools selected to host our annual state conference. This is done in January, one year prior to the hosting of the conference. Our present president is from Mt View HS and president-elect from Altoona HS. We have 7 Regional Reps whose schools are selected during state caucus at the state conference. The school then names the students who serve a two year term. Either 4 or 3 schools are selected each fall. We also have two ML reps who are selected for a 13 month term through interviews. They are 7th graders and their advisor serves with them.
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?	No - with a stipend
Does your association currently have 501(c)3 non-profit status?	Yes - as a stand alone organization
State Convention 2010-2011 date	October 7-9, 2010
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.	It is 2 1/2 days based in schools around the state with host homes. With a lead time of 22 months for planning, students from the host school and the State Ex Board have a huge role in planning and executing the organization of the conference. We promote a close working relationship among advisors and student leaders from the past host, present host, and immediate future host. We have a State Conference Planning Handbook.
Other Conference/Event #1, with 2010-2011 date	Student Summit in Harrisburg on state issues
Other Conference/Event #2, with 2010-2011 date	Video-Conference with Gov. Rendell on Leadership early-Jan TBA
Other Conference/Event #3, with 2010-2011 date	Other Conference/Event #3, with 2010-2011 date 10 District/Regional Conferences mid-March to early May TBA
Please identify and describe a unique or outstanding aspect of one of the three events listed above.	Student Summit in Harrisburg brings together 150 students who work in one of 5 committees based on essays on state issues that they have written in their application. Committees meet at the state capitol and draft proposals in the morning. In the afternoon, students use the chamber of the House of Reps and debate and vote on committee proposals. Proposals are given at Representative of the Governor and to each house of the legislature. Free program 13 years of doing this program.
Does your association currently include middle level schools as members?	Yes
As State Officers?	YES
As Regional or District Officers, within your state?	YES

At the same state Conventions or Conferences?	YES
At their own state Conventions or Conferences?	YES
At Regional conferences?	NO
At NASC L.E.A.D. Conferences?	YES
At NASC National Conferences?	YES
In the same award programs as high schools?	YES
In their own award programs?	NO
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:	Grove City College (Gold) HS July 10-15, 2011 Susquehanna University (Gold) HS July 24-29, 2011 University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown Campus (Advanced Gold) HS July 17-23, 2011 Grove City College (Blue) ML July 17-21, 2011 Lebanon Valley College (Blue) July 24-28, 2011
What is the fee per delegate for your summer program?	\$355.00
Have a separate advanced level program?	YES
Have a separate middle level program?	YES
Serve as a prerequisite to becoming a State Officer?	NO
Award/Program #1 Description:	HS and ML Advisor of the Year at district and state level
Award/Program #2 Description:	
Award/Program #3 Description:	
How does your association deal with the issue of advisor turnover?	Try to follow up when dues comes in. Ask our District Directors to make direct contact with new advisors. Send new advisors at New Advisors Handbook. Hold New Advisor session at the state conference.
What is another significant problem currently facing your association, and how are you dealing with it?	Renewal of dues Getting school to attend programs due to financial restrictions and schools not allowing advisors and students to leave the building due to testing and state standards.
What advice do you have for someone who has just become a new Executive Director?	Personal communications with members is most important. Create a good communications link for information and resources.

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