



A few highlights ACET THROUGHOUT THE YEARS...

Did you know....?

The origins of ACET began in the fall of 1972. Charles Thornal, Bea Smith, Dr. Roscoe Smith and Mike Lehr attended a federal programs workshop in Washington, DC, when they came up with the idea for a state organization for compensatory education.

1972-73

41 public school people established the Texas Association for Compensatory Educators (TACE).



1974

ACET held its 1st conference in the spring of 1974.

After retiring from Austin ISD, ACET's 1st President (1974-1976), Mike Lehr went on to become the Executive Director and Legislative Coordinator for the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Many of the benefits we receive when we retire from teaching is due to the hard work of Mike and his colleagues.



1978

ACET had 350 members!

Bea Smith, ACET's 2nd President (1976-1978) also served as the first Vice-President of NAASFEP in 1974, NAASFEP later became NAFEP. Bea Smith was a former budget officer for the City of Houston and spent 25 years as a teacher, principal, and administrator for Houston ISD. Upon her retirement, the mayor of Houston declared August 11, 1978 as Beatrice M. Smith Day in the City of Houston.



1980-1990

ACET had 600 members!

September 1980 - Issue of the 1st association newsletter, the ACET Letter!

In 1985, the name of the national organization was changed to the National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators (NAFEPA). Ambrosio Melendrez later served as the President of NAFEPA 1990-1992.

1988-1989- ACET Scholarship initiated.



1990-2015

1993 - Wade and Sandy Burroughs identified as ACET Co-Executive Directors.

2012-2014 - Debra Baros (ACET's 26th president), NAFEPA President

2020

ACET conducted an all virtual conference.



2023

ACET had XXXX members!

ACET conducted its first hybrid conference.



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Past Presidents

1973 - Organizational Period - Mike Lehr (Interim Chairman)
1974-1976 - Michael W. Lehr (Austin)*
1976-1978 - Beatrice M. Smith (Houston)*
1978-1980 - Dr. Roscoe C Smith (Dallas)
1980-1981- Dr. Antonio Perez (Corpus Christi)*
1981-1982 - Linda L. Buss (Bay City)
1982-1983 - Jesse Vela, Jr. (Mission)
1983-1984 - Lee Laws (Austin)*
1984-1985 - Dr. Amy Perkins (Harlandale)
1985-1986 - Mal Manchee (Hereford)
1986-1987 - Ambrosio Melendrez (Austin)
197-1988 - Charles Skeen (Morton)*
1988-1989 - Herbert Norris (Chapel Hill)
1989-1990 - Alfredo Gonzales (El Paso)
1990-1991 - Barbara De Hart Shaver (Woodsboro)
1991-1992 - Phillip M. Troutman (Odem-Edroy)
1992-1993 - Dorothy Eagleton Pace (Houston)
1993-1994 - Elfida Gutierrez (Socorro)
1994-1995 - Shirley Coleman (San Vicente)
1995-1996 - Dr. Wesley L. Boykin (Dallas)
1996-1997 - Dr. Linda Thomas (ESC-Region 2)
1997-1998 - Rudy Alvarez (Ysleta)*
1998-1999 - Kay Jacoby (ESC-Region 11)*
1999-2000 - Susan Alfred (Beaumont)

2000-2001 - Dr. Winifred Frelow (Port Arthur)*
2001-2002 - Marcy Brack (Goose Creek)*
2002-2003 - Debra Baros (Cuero)*
2003-2004 - Dr. Nancy Vaughan (ESC-Region 11)
2004-2005 - Dr. Jamie Bryson (Aldine)
2005-2006 - Dr. Gloria L. Williams (Austin)
2006-2007 - Dr. Mitzi-Doggett (Grand Saline)
2007-2008 - Carole Hagler (Arlington)
2008-2009 - Craig Henderson (ESC-Region 13)
2009-2010 - Eileen Lytle (Waco)
2010-2011 - John Emerich (New Caney)
2011-2012 - Ricky Mitchell (Grand Prairie)
2012-2013 - Nadine Wolfe (Northside)
2013-2014 - Robyn Cranmer (Canyon)
2014-2015 - Dr. Robert Meaux (Humble)
2015-2016 - Gilbert Rodriguez (Ysleta)
2016-2017 - Julie McGuire (Arlington)
2017-2018 - Julia Willet-Weekly (Ector County)
2018-2019 - Vickie Ansley (ESC-Region 16)
2019-2020 - Sharon Sanchez (Northside)
2020-2021 - Dr. Mark Ybarra (ESC-Region 6)
2021-2022 - Deon Quinn (ESC-Region 10)
2022 - 2023 - Dr. Mark Ybarra (ESC-Region 6)
2023-2024 - Dr. Tami Knight (ESC-Region 15)

**indicates deceased*

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