



ACES Update, November/December 2015

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Thanks to Jesus Moncada-Outgoing ACES President

We want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Jesus Moncada, Principal of Christine Duncan Heritage Academy, for his 2-years of service as the first ACES President. Jesus and his school were the first signers of the Joint Powers Agreement that formed ACES and was the first member. In the 2 years under Jesus' leadership, ACES membership has grown to over 70 charter schools, employing 12 Cadre staff members, and providing a wide variety of needed services to charter schools in New Mexico. Thank you for your service!



Happy Holidays!

The ACES staff, Cadre Professionals, and Partners wish each and everyone a happy holiday season. Thanks for your passion and dedication to the students of New Mexico. Charter Schools are truly making a difference in the lives of many students and parents. As we travel the state and visit many charter schools, we are constantly reminded of the tremendous work each of you do to make your school and your students successful. We hope the holiday season is restful, and that you all take the time to enjoy your families and friends.



ACES Executive Committee

The ACES Governing Board delegates the traditional duties of a Board of Directors to the ACES Executive Committee. The Executive Committee consists of 9 members with 5 from the ACES membership, 3 members from the New Mexico Coalition for Charter Schools Board (NMCCS), and 1 member from the Public Education Department. For the 2015-16 school year, the Executive Committee is:

President-Michael Rodriguez, Director of Cien Aguas International School

Vice President-Doreen Winn, Executive Director of Public Academy of the Performing Arts

Treasurer-Kelly Callahan, Co-Director for NMCCS

Member-Greta Roskom, Co-Director for NMCCS

Member-Erik Bose, Director of Albuquerque Charter Academy and NMCCS Board Member

Member-Jesus Moncada, Principal of Christine Duncan Heritage Charter

Member-Mike Ogas, Director of School of Dreams Academy

Member-Kirk Hartom, Director of Southwest Learning Centers

Member-Matt Pahl, New Mexico Public Education Department

ACES General Membership Meeting

The Annual ACES General Membership Meeting was held in conjunction with the NMCCS annual Conference on November 29, 2015. Representatives from 28 member schools were in attendance which constituted a quorum. Items on the Agenda included the election of new officers an annual report from the Executive Director, and the approval of changes to the ACES bylaws. Each school that is a member of ACES has a seat on the Governing Board which meets annually.

ACES Elects New Officers

Michael Rodriguez, Director of Cien Aguas International School, was elected as the new President of ACES for the 2015-16 school year. Michael has served as the Vice President the past year. Doreen Winn, Executive Director of the Public Academy for the Performing Arts, was elected as the new Vice President. We look forward to their leadership as ACES continues to grow and provides additional services to New Mexico's charter schools.

Charters Leader's Academy

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The 4th installment of the Charter Leader's Academy is entitled, "Effective Special Education Programs" and will be presented by Mr. Mike Ogas. Mr. Ogas is the founder and Director of School of Dreams Academy in Los Lunas, NM. Previous to that, Mike was a long-time Special Education Director in New Mexico and has extensive experience with establishing and maintaining effective special education programs. The program will be presented on January 13, 2016 from 10 am to 2 pm with lunch being provided. More information, including a location and agenda will be forthcoming. The deadline for registration will be on Friday, January 8, 2016.

Please visit the ACES website at www.nmaces.org to get a description of the organization and the many services ACES offers and you can save money that can put back into your classrooms. A number of the goods and services have gone through a Request for Proposal and competitive bid process (Trusted Partners) so that schools do not have to go through that themselves. Our website also features several of our Business Partners who are charter school advocates and have pledged lower prices for charter schools. Our Cadre, or professional services, staff are also listed so you can see the wide variety of technical assistance and support that is available through ACES.

Furniture to Donate to ACES Member

As a service to ACES members, we will advertise furniture and equipment that an ACES member would like to transfer or donate to another ACES member. If you have items that are in good condition that you believe would be beneficial to another charter school, please let Bruce or Max know and will advertise it in our next newsletter. The following items are currently available to ACES members from Turquoise Trail Charter School in Santa Fe:

1. Wood teachers mail box or primary classroom student cubby. Contains three rows of eight boxes, each about 8" x 8".
2. Three double door wood 18" x 18" cabinets arranged horizontally on the floor. Has composite counter top.

Contact Ray Griffin, principal at Turquoise Trail in Santa Fe at 505 986-4006 or email rgriffin@ttschool.org to request details and a photo.

