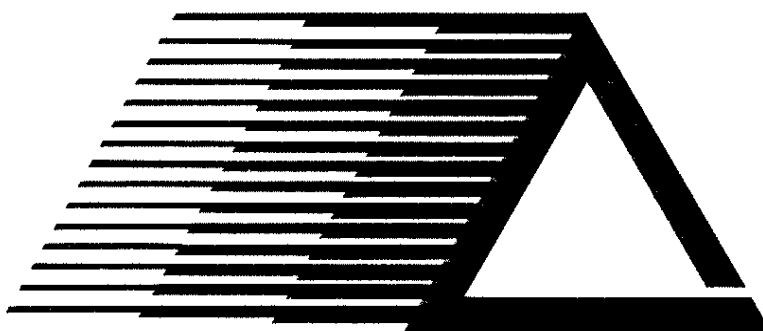


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The American Association of Educational Service Agencies (AAESA) is your organization founded by 45 original contract agencies in February of 1978. Its sole purpose is to represent the educational service agencies throughout the United States. This association initially had the backing of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and total financial support for the first two years of its existence. Since that time, it has been a self-sustaining association under contract to AASA. Both AASA and AAESA have benefited from this relationship.

The following are activities that AAESA has engaged in for the past year. Many of these will continue and complement new programs introduced in 1986.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership chairman is Warren Fudge, Superintendent of Calhoun Intermediate School District, Marshall, Michigan. The Membership Committee meets twice a year: once at the AASA Convention and again at the AASA/AAESA "I Care" Conference.

- o Present membership of AAESA is 242 agencies and four associate members. New York, Colorado and Wisconsin became state members with 100 percent participation this year.
- o Our membership has remained fairly constant. This does not mean we can take it lightly, since we have a potential membership of only 300+ agencies. To insure we have enough resources and represent the largest number of agencies possible, we must constantly recognize the fact that we must sell AAESA to the those agencies who are not members.

LEGISLATIVE - FEDERAL RELATIONS

The AAESA contributes to the AASA Office of Government Relations budget. In turn, legislative specialists monitor and represent AAESA in Congress and before the White House. Robert Thompson from the Monroe 2-Orleans County BOCES, Spencerport, New York is the legislative committee chairman.

The Legislative Committee meets twice a year: once at the AASA convention, and again prior to the legislative conference in September. It is at this time that all formal resolutions and decisions for action programs are decided.

Major activities for the year:

- o Sponsored the sixth annual AAESA/AASA Legislative I Care Conference in September attracting over 500 participants, a hundred or more of these were ESA representatives. This is an annual affair that was initiated by AAESA. It is now a major legislative conference sponsored jointly by AASA and AAESA.
- o Several AAESA legislative staff and AAESA directors testified before Education Committees on various areas such as vocational education, special education, technology and other programs. Their views are influential in forming policies and regulations related to these areas.
- o AAESA monitors all legislation and regulations to insure that they include proper language related to ESA's and that ESAs are clearly defined.
- o AAESA staff meets regularly with other national and state organizations to inform them of AAESA's position on legislation; to cooperate on those items of common interest and support.
- o AAESA belongs to the Committee on Full Funding as one of the more than one hundred organizations participating. The purpose of this group is to insure the greatest degree of support possible for the programs that are passed in Congress.
- o AAESA staff maintains contact with federal agencies such as Department of Education, Department of Labor, Department of Agriculture and others to inform them of the purposes and functions of the ESAs and how they can be of more help to the local communities.
- o AAESA staff and members have worked with various state departments of education in their studies of educational service agencies or the re-formation of these agencies into more workable areas.

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- o At the Annual AASA Convention in February AAESA sponsors various discussion groups, clinics, open house functions, a banquet and other activities. The annual AAESA business meeting is scheduled each year during this convention.
- o AAESA sponsored a pre-conference workshop prior to the 1985 Dallas Convention which highlighted the Texas service center programs.
- o At the National School Boards Association Convention in April of 1984, AAESA sponsored a clinic program as well as an open house. The 1985 NSBA Convention is scheduled for San Francisco, March 30 through April 2, 1985. We will sponsor a breakfast scheduled for Sunday, April 1st, and also present a Meet the Experts session.

- o Various associations' programs have been enhanced by our members participating in coordinating a variety of programs.
- o AAESA has sponsored several programs both nationally and on the state level with the Rural Education Association. We work very closely with this organization as the idea of AAESA originated out of REA.
- o Several joint multi-state meetings are sponsored by AAESA. Examples are the Five-State meeting to be held in Iowa in July (includes Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, the Dakotas); a conference early in June sponsored by the West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York groups.
- o Last year the states of Washington and Oregon met for the first time regionally. California will meet with them this year.
- o In many meetings--state meetings and national meetings--staff, council members and board members have served as presenters or participants.
- o An intern program was established by the Council this year which will be implemented in 1985.
- o The Justus A. Prentice Memorial Award recipient for 1984 was William L. Phillis, State Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ohio.
- o Special Recognition Award went to Herbert J. Grover, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Wisconsin.

PUBLICATIONS

- o Several publications are planned, have been produced or are being planned. One already completed is "Education Service Agencies... Where Next?"
- o Many articles were published in the AASA School Administrator; other articles in major publications of different associations. These articles were written by AAESA members, AAESA Council and staff. Perspective on Service, the AAESA newsletter, has adopted a format which includes pictures as well interesting articles from people that are the doing work in the service agencies. Planned for next year is a new directory which will be much easier to produce than our previous directory.

COUNCIL

The Council of AAESA met three times during the past year. The Council members are: Richard Ten Haken (NY), Kenneth Howerton (WA), Randall Lambert (CO), Donald Roseberry (IA), Glen Shaw (MN), Jerry Stout (PA), Allen Thede (OR), Peter Willner (CT), Dwayne Schmaltz (WI) and Executive Director Walter Turner.

The Council is composed of nine members nominated by region, but elected nationally. This Council is the governing group of the Association and is instrumental in seeing that all activities are carried out.

While you can see that activities are either sponsored, coordinated or being carried out by the national association, it is you, the membership that makes this possible. Much the same as you operate from your educational service agencies do we operate as the national educational service agency. AAESA work cannot be done without you in an active role. As AAESA grows so does the advancement of the education profession. All of you are to be commended on how well you serve your education communities.