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The Founders of NAME envisioned an organization that would bring together individuals and groups with an interest in multicultural education from all levels of education, different academic disciplines and from diverse educational institutions and occupations.

The History of NAME

At the 1990 meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators' (ATE) Multicultural Education Special Interest Group, Rose Duhon-Sells challenged members to create such an organization. The new association, NAME, was launched through a national conference held in conjunction with the 1991 ATE meeting in New Orleans.

NAME Today

NAME today is an active, growing organization, with members from throughout the United States and several other countries. Educators from preschool through higher education and representatives from business and communities comprise NAME's membership. Members in a number of states have formed NAME chapters and more chapters are in the process of forming.

The achievement of NAME's goals and objectives is supported by funds from membership, conference registration fees, and the volunteer work of members. As the organization's membership increased, NAME incorporated as a nonprofit organization, developed a publication on multicultural education, and established a national office. NAME continues to host national and international conferences and to provide leadership in national and state dialogues on equity, diversity and multicultural education.

Goals

There are six points of consensus regarding multicultural education that are central to NAME's philosophy, and serve as NAME's goals:

- To respect and appreciate cultural diversity.
- To promote the understanding of unique cultural and ethnic heritage.
- To promote the development of culturally responsible and responsive curricula.
- To facilitate acquisition of the attitudes, skills, and knowledge to function in various cultures.
- To eliminate racism and discrimination in society.
- To achieve social, political, economic, and educational equity.

Objectives

The following specific objectives highlight several of NAME's future directions:

- To establish a clearinghouse for multicultural education resource materials and educational strategies.
- To establish standards and policy statements for educational institutions, organizations and policy makers.
- To facilitate initiatives supportive of culturally diverse faculty, administrators, students, and parents in schools at all levels, from pre-K through universities.
- To develop a national clearinghouse for consultant services to assist educational institutions with multicultural training, research, in-service programs, curriculum development, and solutions related to the creation of a multicultural society.
- To create a national headquarters to serve as a resource and archive-and as a space for fostering growth, social justice, collegial and community support, and communication about multicultural issues.