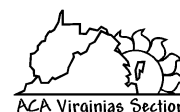


American Camping Association®

Virginias Section History



Year	1968-1969
President	Carl Mack, West Virginia
Year	1971-1972
President	George Williams, Virginia
Year	1973
President	Naomi Mills, Virginia
Year	1974
President	Naomi Mills, Virginia; Brig. Warren Fulton, West Virginia
Year	1975
President	Naomi Mills, Virginia; Ted Mulenberg, West Virginia
Budget	
Membership	Virginia membership of 106 individuals, 43 camps; West Virginia, 32 individuals.
Standards	7 camps visited and accredited.
Meetings	Winter meeting at Makemie Woods, Regional Meeting held in Washington, DC. (43present), Spring meeting at Camp Hanover, Fall meeting at Helen Cohen's.
Section Activities	14 camps participated in a staff placement service at a fee of \$10 per year. Board was addressing problems of communication within the membership. Hiring a secretary 1 day per week was proposed. <i>West Virginia Section</i> was placed on provisional status with 25 members and had not met for 18 months. 11 members met to attempt reorganization.
National/Regional	Concern for pending federal regulations for youth camps.
Year	1976
President	Chuck Ackenbom Virginia; Susan Crites, West Virginia
Budget	\$3,489 operating income.
Membership	Membership dropped to 69 individuals due to many camps that were closed.
Standards	13 camps were visited and accredited.
Meetings	Winter Meeting in Lynchburg, Bicentennial National Conference in Philadelphia, Spring Workshop at Camp Friendship (50 participants), Armand Ball was guest speaker at fall meeting at Helen Cohen's home.
Section Activities	Board was addressing concerns of public relations and published a directory of Virginia camps to be sold at \$.50/copy. Discussion of Executive Secretary position was tabled. Discussion of funding a "hot line" was tabled due to cost.
	Board established policy that workshops should be self-supporting. Newsletter was published monthly. <i>West Virginia</i> charter restored with 50 members.

	National Office requested a loan of \$2000-4000 but section finances could not accommodate. Counselor Placement Program had 16 camps participating.
National/Regional	Members were solicited to make a gift to National of \$175. A 90-day loan of \$2000 was also authorized. Youth Camp Safety Act and Child Nutrition Act were pending. Bi-Centennial campfires were held on July 4 across the country.
Year	1977
President	Chuck Ackenbom, Virginia; Litz Jarvis, West Virginia
Budget	\$6710 operating budget.
Membership	12% increase
Standards	4 camps visited and accredited.
Meetings	Winter Meeting at Camp Bethel, Regional Conference in Buffalo (postponed for 6 weeks due to blizzard), Spring Workshops at Camp Kittamaquund (60 in attendance), Caving Workshop at Friendship, Fall meeting at Helen Cohen's.
National/Regional	Negative financial position of national was a major concern and their line of credit had been discontinued. Loan was extended and section savings account was assigned as collateral. Camps were exempted from minimum wage requirements.
Year	1978
President	Chuck Ackenbom, Virginia; Litz Jarvis, West Virginia
Budget	\$3650 operating budget.
Membership	2% membership growth.
Standards	
Meetings	Winter Meeting at Caroline Furnace, National Conference in Los Angeles, Spring Workshop at Camp-on-Craig, Spelunking Workshop at Alkulana, Fall Meeting at Helen Cohen's.
Awards	Joan Buechler received Section Award.
Section Activities	\$500 scholarship established for Camp Director Certification Institute. Merger of <i>West Virginia</i> and Virginia Sections was approved. By-Laws revised. 65 certified in Tripcrafter Course.
Year	1979
President	Chuck Ackenbom
Budget	\$4450 operating budget.
Membership	
Standards	
Meetings	Winter Meeting at Caroline Furnace cancelled due to registration, Spring Workshop at Camp Darden cancelled due to registration, Fall meeting at Helen Cohen's with speaker on Youth Camp Safety Act.

Section Activities	Concern about attendance at section programs. 15 camps participated in counselor placement program, 11 counselors placed. By-Laws revision.
National/Regional	National Board considering a Captive Insurance program.
Year	1980
President	Wayne Williams
Budget	
Membership	5% membership growth.
Standards	
Meetings	Winter meeting in Staunton, National Conference in Boston, Spring Workshop at Camp Friendship, Fall Meeting at Helen Cohen's.
Section Activities	Contribution to "I Believe" in memory of Joan Buechler, former Section President. \$4000 loan was approved to National. <i>West Virginia</i> members were encouraged to meet as a district.
Awards	John Ensign received a National Merit Award. Section Awards to Maile Sheeran and Martha Rucker.
National/Regional	National Day Camp Symposium was held. National initiative on staff recruitment.
Year	1981
President	Wayne Williams
Budget	Operating budget \$4950.
Membership	89 members.
Standards	
Meetings	25 attended Winter Meeting at Camp Bethel. National Conference in Houston, Spring Workshop at Camp Hanover, Fall Meeting at Helen Cohen's.
Section Activities	Staff Placement service was disbanded.
Year	1982
President	Linda Grier
Budget	Operating budget \$5825.
Membership	41 camps, 102 members. 15% membership growth.
Standards	10 camps visited and accredited
Meetings	Winter meeting at Caroline Furnace, Spring workshop at Carysbrook (70 attended), National Conference in New York, Chuck Kujawa was speaker at fall meeting at Helen Cohen's home.
Section Activities	Concern over lack of preparation of camps visited during the summer. Bill Cole began plans for a direct mail project. Member get-togethers were held in conjunction with the 5 college staff placement days (40 camps participated). By-Laws Revision. Economic Impact Study showed 117 total camps in Virginia with impact of \$2.1 million.
National/Regional	

National still in a negative financial situation and asked section to forgo interest on loan and make a \$1000 contribution.

Year **1983**

President Linda Grier
Budget Operating budget \$7200.
Membership 49 camps, 116 individuals. 14% growth.
Standards 16 camps were visited and accredited.
Meetings Winter Meeting at Camp Greenway, Spring Workshop at Camp Friendship, Fall Meeting at Helen Cohen's, Co-host of Fall Management Conference in Baltimore.

Section Activities Section goals included continued efforts for membership growth, public relations and Standards. Summer Opportunities Fair generated \$1000 income and with 73 camps participating and 606 in attendance. Considerable controversy resulted. Public Relations Chair, Bill Cole, launched program of press releases and media articles and formed an active Public Relations Committee.

National/Regional Chuck Ackenbom was appointed as Co-Chair of 1987 National Conference and was Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Year **1984**

President Mel Davis
Budget \$9700 operating budget.
Membership 115 members.
Standards 16 camps visited and accredited.
Meetings Cooperative Winter Meeting with Chesapeake Section at National Wildlife Federation, National Conference in San Diego, Spring Workshop at Bluestone, Fall Meeting at Helen Cohen's.

Section Activities Section initiated a Camp Referral Service for Virginia Section accredited camps which generated \$1298 income. The Second Summer Opportunities Fair was supported by Va Section but sponsored by FAC in order to allow participation by non-ACA camps.

National/Regional 1987 Conference was expanded to become an International Conference.

Year **1985**

President Mel Davis/Maile Sheeran
Budget \$10,750 operating budget.
Membership 119 individual members and 52 camps.
Standards 15 camps were visited and accredited.
Meetings National Conference in Atlanta, Spring Workshops at Camp Hanover, Fall meeting was held at Helen Cohen's home with Jean McMullan as speaker.

Section Activities Summer Opportunities Fair continued with 412 families in attendance. A small camp fair was organized at the Charlottesville Mall. 35,000 piece direct mail

project, "Give the Gift of Summer" was distributed in Washington area. Camp Easter Seal West had extensive flood damages. Mel Davis resigned as Section President due to his acceptance as an Army Chaplain. Maile Sheeran, President-Elect, assumed the Presidency. Section supported efforts to restrict Virginia schools from opening before Labor Day.

National/Regional

The loan to National was continued with a 10% interest fee. National launched a capital fundraising effort for office addition. Day Camp and Diabetic Standards were added to Core Standards. Director Certification Program revised.

Year

1986

**President
Budget
Membership
Standards
Meetings**

Maile Sheeran
\$14,200 operating budget.
19% membership growth to 143 individuals, 63 camps.
16 camps visited and accredited.
Winter Meeting at National Wildlife Federation, Spring Workshops at Camp Highroad, Fall Meeting at Helen Cohen's.

Section Activities

Summer Opportunities Fair was not offered. Section agreed to hold a second "Up With People" concert at the Patriot Center to offset cost of performance at the National Conference. Minutes show that Cooper Dawson said that the problem of AIDS in camps should be approached in the following manner: "Sit on your fanny and keep your mouth shut."

National/Regional

Celebrated the 125th anniversary of camping.

Year

1987

**President
Budget
Membership
Standards
Meetings**

Maile Sheeran
\$21,700
56 camps
14 camps visited and accredited.
Winter meeting was cancelled due to a blizzard, International Camping Congress in Washington, Spring Workshop at Carysbrook, Fall Meeting at Helen Cohen's home

Section Activities

Section was Co-Host of 1987 International Camping Congress with 1800 people from 27 countries, 220 workshop sessions and seminars, the largest ever held. \$4000 was received from the profits. Sponsored "Up With People" Concert. A direct mail project, "Experience the Magic of Summer" to 150,000 homes was organized by Chuck Ackenbom with 23 camps participating, netting \$4094. Section raised 114% of \$25,000 goal, \$28,410, for the National Capital Campaign. This was earmarked to build the Archives. Distributed Parent Guides to 75 Embassies in Washington. 20 camps visited. T-Shirts were sold with a profit of \$768 for "I Believe". Debate on affiliation agreement to attempt to remove Fairfax County from Chesapeake Section's jurisdiction. Recommendation passed to Regional Board. Linda Grier was elected Chairperson of the Mid-Atlantic Region for 1987 and 1988 and member of the National Board.

National/Regional

Legislative concern: Safe Water Act. FUTA exemption passed.

Year	1988
President	Toni Baughman
Budget	\$14,900
Membership	141 members and 60 camps.
Standards	18 camps visited.
Meetings	Winter Meeting at National Wildlife Federation, National Conference in Nashville, Spring Workshop at Camp Friendship, Fall Meeting at Helen Cohen's home.
Awards	National Wildlife Federation received National Special Recognition Award.
Section Activities	Summer Opportunities Fairs were organized by Karen Rosenbaum with 40 camps participating at hotels in Bethesda and Tysons Corner with a profit of \$3774. "Magic of Summer Camping" marketing program showed a profit of \$4,094. Section Directory was published.
National/Regional	National Board resolved dispute with Chesapeake and assigned counties in Northern Virginia to Virginias Section. Renewed loan to National at 9% interest.
Year	1989
President	Toni Baughman
Budget	\$17,100 operating budget. (\$17,444 in assets)
Membership	133 members and 67 camps.
Standards	
Meetings	Winter Meeting at National Wildlife Federation, National Conference in Seattle, Spring Workshop at Camp Hanover, Fall meeting at Kittamaqund.
Awards	Cooper Dawson Award was established and awarded to Cooper Dawson.
Section Activities	1000 copies of a Section Directory were printed with a special exemption from National to allow sales and marketed through the Southland Corporation. Targeting mailing project, "Treasure Chest" of 280,000 pieces was marketed to six regions in cooperation with OSS. Section profit was \$2500. Summer Opportunities Fair was held at Tyson's Corner and a second fair, sponsored by FAC, was held in Bethesda. ByLaws revised. Use of styrofoam products was eliminated from Section events. Decision was made to discontinue sponsorship of Summer Opportunities Fair. Sofeld offered free booth to ACA at their camp fairs. Camp Target Association sponsored by Section.
Year	1990
President	Karen Rosenbaum
Budget	\$19,900
Membership	146 members and 73 camps.
Standards	24 camps were visited.
Meetings	Winter meeting with Chesapeake held at the National Wildlife Federation, National Conference in Boston, Spring Workshop at Camp Hanover, Fall

meeting at Camp Friendship.

- Awards** Section received a National Membership Award.
- Section Activities** All Virginia day and resident camps were required to register with Dept. of Social Services. Section decided not to sponsor the Camp Target Association. West Va. Camps organized to try to have the sales tax on tuition removed.
- National/Regional** Concern that J-1 visa provision for international staff could be lost. Chuck Ackenbom began 3-year tenure as National President. Reciprocal membership arrangement with Christian Camping International.

Year **1991**

- President** Karen Rosenbaum
Budget \$20,700
Membership 137 and 65 camps.
Standards 16 camps were visited and accredited.
Meetings Winter Meeting at National Wildlife Federation, National Conference in Detroit, Spring Workshop at Westview on the James, Fall Meeting was held at Bluestone.

Awards Linda Grier received Mid-Atlantic Region Honor Award.

Section Activities Regulations for licensed school age programs (day camps) were drafted by DSS. Section Directories were published in cooperation with Chesapeake Section to be sold at \$1.00 each. Added toll-free section phone. Section sponsored Richmond Camp Fair at St. Christopher's with 101 families and 20 camps participating. Section directories were published in conjunction with Chesapeake. Participated in State Task Force on Day Camps. DSS reported 140 day camps, 229 resident camps in the state.

National/Regional Postcard poll of section members to determine popular opinion on year-round schools and the FICA initiative. 65% supported the FICA initiative contribution of \$2000; the year-round schools issue was opposed by 65%, supported by 16% and 20% ambivalent. Equine Liability Act passed.

Year **1992**

- President** Karen Rosenbaum
Budget \$23,700 145 individuals and 69 camps.
Membership 18 camps were visited and approved.
Standards Winter Meeting at National Wildlife Federation, National Conference in Albuquerque, Spring Training at Camp Virginia Jaycee, Fall Meeting at Camp Skimino,

Awards Susan Johnson -Distinguished Service Award; Bill Cole received the Special Recognition Award at the National Conference

Section Activities	Richmond Camp Fair was held at St. Christopher's School with 23 camps participating. DSS reported 400 camps operating in Virginia. Three members were sent to the National Ambassador training and organized the Ambassador's program in the section with nine additional presenters.
National/Regional	FICA Initiative defeated.
Year	1993
President	Karen Rosenbaum
Budget	\$35,300
Membership	151 members, 64 camps.
Standards	22 camps visited and accredited.
Meetings	Winter Meeting at Northern Va. 4H Center, National Conference in Pittsburgh, Spring Workshop at Holiday Lake 4H Center had 55 participants, Fall Meeting (dinner-dance) in Front Royal, National Risk Management Workshop (Camp White Cloud) was held in Richmond.
Awards	Alice Schreiner - S. Cooper Dawson Award; Linda Grier received National Honor Award.
Section Activities	Tidewater Parent was granted permission to assume the Richmond Camp Fair. 50 Russian campers were placed in Virginias and Chesapeake camps. Board explored possibility of hiring a secretary.
National/Regional	J-1 Visa issue has been resolved with some stipulations. Section pledged \$2500 over 5 years to the National Endowment Campaign. National launched a public relations initiative. New OSHA and ADA regulations took effect.
Year	1994
President	Everett Werness
Budget	\$24,979
Membership	165 members, 55 camps.
Standards	23 camps visited and approved.
Meetings	Winter Meeting at Camp Hanover, International Camping Congress/ACA National Conference was held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Spring Workshop at Holiday Lake 4H Center, Fall Meeting at Shenandoah Resort.
Section Activities	DSS Day Care/Day Camp regulations went into effect. Feasibility study on hiring a secretary.
National/Regional	National Public Awareness Campaign, chaired by Chuck Ackenbom.

Year	1995
President	Everett Werness
Budget	165 members, 66 camps.
Membership	14 camps and conference centers visited and accredited.
Standards	Winter Meeting at Airfield 4-H Center, National Conference in Orlando, Spring
Meetings	Workshops at Chanco, Fall meeting in Harrisonburg.
Awards	BB Strum received Cooper Dawson Award and Toni Baughman received Distinguished Service Award.
Section Activities	Task force organized on collaborative efforts with Chesapeake Section. Resolution of Referral endorsed for Council of Delegates to oppose dropping of the CCD program.
National/Regional	Support of \$1500 was given to the National Public Awareness program. Section Pledge to National Endowment was increased from \$2500 to \$5000. Morry Stein, National Board Member, was killed in American Eagle crash, Edie Klein, past National President, died of cancer. Decision on CCD program on hold.
Year	1996
President	Rev. J. David Pratt
Budget	\$27,000
Membership	168 members, 63 service fee camps.
Standards	22 camps visited and accredited.
Meetings	Winter Meeting at Chanco, National Conference in San Diego, Spring Workshops at Caroline Furnace, Fall meeting at Helen Cohen's in Charlottesville.
Section Activities	Karen Rosenbaum created the first section website in conjunction with Chesapeake and linked to National.
National/Regional	Discussion of Video and Music licensing requirements. Request to National to intervene on further licensure requirements.
Year	1997
President	Rev. J. David Pratt
Budget	\$23,200
Membership	166 members, 62 service fee camps.
Standards	24 camps visited and approved.
Meetings	Winter Conference at Northern Va. 4H Center, National Conference in New Orleans, Spring Training at Highroad, Fall meeting at Camp Friendship.
Section Activities	Bill Carrington, director of Mont Shenandoah died. By-Laws Revision.
National	Standards Field Tests were held amidst considerable controversy.

Year	1998
President	Rev. J. David Pratt
Budget	\$23,700
Membership	163 members, 61 camps.
Standards	6 camps visited and approved.
Meetings	Winter Meeting at Northern Va. 4H Center (43 in attendance), National Conference in Dallas, Spring Workshops at Various camps, Fall Meeting at Cole's Trip.
Section Activities	1500 section directories were printed and mailed. Section website was linked to national's. Section website was discontinued. Chesapeake withdrew cooperation on website and directory and did not want to pursue a joint office. Hiring of a Section Executive was approved, and Jean Swartz was hired to fill the position.
National/Regional	Section continued to oppose year-round standards program.
Year	1999
President	Sam Dawson
Budget	\$32,000 .
Membership	154 members, 62 camps.
Standards	16 camps visited and approved under new Standards program including year-round programs.
Meetings	Winter Meeting at Skimino (45 in attendance), National Conference in Chicago, Spring - All camps were invited to share training opportunities with other camps, Fall Meeting at Markel Insurance in Richmond,
Awards	Section Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Hille Blackshaw and David Pratt. Cooper Dawson Award was presented to Maile Armstrong. Rev. John Ensign received Outstanding Service Award. Chuck Ackenbom received the National Distinguished Service Award and Ed Schirick received Hedley Dimock Award.
Section Activities	By-Laws Revision.
National	New Year-Round Standards Revision took effect.

Year	2000
President	Sam Dawson
Budget	\$26,200
Membership	174 members, 64 camps
Standards	28 camps visited and accredited.
Meetings	Winter meeting at Camp Bethel, National Conference in Albuquerque, Spring certification courses at Camp Friendship, Fall Meeting in Tyson's Corner with Peg Smith as speaker.
Section Activities	Section Executive position changed to Executive Secretary. Jean Swartz resigned and search committee designated to fill position. Work began on co-hosting with Chesapeake of 2002 National Conference in Washington. Greg Cronin as Co-Chair. Rachel Bryant, Director of Greenbriar River Center and Section Board member, died in an accident. New dues structure generated income of \$45,863 which was determined to be excessive.
National	Legislative Concerns: Criminal Background Checks, Year-Round Schools, fees by INS for international staff. National website expanded to provide wide array of services.
Year	2001
President	Sam Dawson
Budget	\$39,000
Membership	168 members, 62 camps
Standards	
Meetings	Winter meeting at Friendship with 65 in attendance, National Conference in Orlando, Cooperative Spring Staff Training, Fall meeting at Friendship.
Awards	Richard Pulliam received Section Service Award. Sam Dawson received Presidential Service Award.
Section Activities	Linda Pulliam hired as Section Executive Secretary. CJ Solis developed new Section website to be used both by members and the public and linked to the National website. Professional Development Scholarship program developed. Board training with Susan Yoder.
National/Regional	9/11 Terrorist attacks and effects on camps. Bunk bed regulations, CIPRIS, 15-passenger vans.

Year	2002
President	Diane Tyrrell
Budget	\$33,750
Membership	181 individuals, 56 accredited camps, 4 affiliates in January; 188 individuals, 55 accredited and 5 affiliated camps in April; 193 members, 65 camps in October.
Standards	20 camps visited.
Meetings	January meeting held at Northern Virginia 4H Center with approximately 75 in attendance. Spring volunteer picnic and workshop were held at Northern Va. 4H Center with approximately 50 total in attendance. Fall Workshop held at Camp Horizons with approximately 80 in attendance.
Section Activities	Virginias and Chesapeake Sections served as Host Committee for National Conference held at Omni Shoreham in February, netting \$2744 per Section. Full Section Charter was presented to Virginias at the National Conference. Resolution of Referral introduced by Section at National Conference. Section By-Laws change. Section Office moved to Bullock, NC, with Post Office Box in Clarksville, VA. Toni Baughman, past Section President, and Bev Cosby of Camp Kum-Ba-Yah died. Section purchased and sold ACA Virginias polo shirts. Toni Baughman Professional Development Grant fund started.
National/Regional	Legislative concerns: visas for international staff, 15-passenger vans New dues structure implemented.
Year	2003
President	Diane Tyrrell
Budget	\$36,000
Membership	192 members, 55 accredited camps, 7 affiliated camps in April.
Standards	26 camps visited.
Meetings	January meeting held at Camp Friendship with approximately 75 in attendance. National Conference held in Denver, CO. April Board meeting held at Southwest Virginia WOW Camp. Spring workshop was cancelled due to low registration. Fall Conference was held at Camp Horizons.
Awards	Distinguished Service Award presented to Ian Garner.
Section Activities	Section budget deficit addressed by increase of Section Service fees. New Section Board Operational Guidelines implemented. Professional Development Grant renamed "Toni M. Baughman Professional Development Grant". International Camping Congress held in Melbourne, Australia with Marcia Meador, Linda and Richard Pulliam in attendance. Hurricane Isabel caused damages at Jamestown 4-H Center, Chanco, and YMCA Camp Thunderbird.
National/Regional	Legislative and other concerns: J-1 visas, HIPAA, 15-passenger vans, SARS outbreak, camp security, slow economy. CAMPaIn 07 initiative to raise funds for research.

Year	2004
President	Diane Tyrrell
Budget	\$61,000
Membership	April report of 197 members, 56 accredited camps, 11 affiliated camps. Membership increased to 262 individual members in August with addition of WV 4-H.
Standards	41 Standards Visitors did 21 Visits.
Meetings	January meeting held at Jamestown 4H Center. Board training was held April 27-28 with Susan Yoder. Fall Conference held at Camp Friendship. National Conference held in San Francisco.
Section Activities	Day Camp Training Grant of \$15,000 was received from Department of Social Services to be used by March 1, 2005. By Laws revision were approved. Golf Tournament was held at Laurel Ridge in October with over \$3000 net income. Board Retreat with Susan Yoder.
National	Name changed to American Camp Association. New national branding was implemented. 15-passenger vans, FLSA revisions.
Year	2005
President	Diane Tyrrell
Budget	\$55,228
Membership	April membership was 262 individual members. Membership showed a record-breaking 29.4% increase by the end of the year.
Standards	20 camps visited
Awards	Marvin Heimbach - S Cooper Dawson Award; Marcia Meador - Outstanding Service Award; Patty Mulkeen- Membership Award; Richard Pulliam - Outstanding Service Award.
Meetings	Winter Conference was held at Camp Easter Seals East in conjunction with grant funded Day Camp Conference with Bob Ditter as keynoter. Over 100 in attendance. Fall Conference was held at Camp Horizons with Peg Smith as keynoter. National Conference held in Orlando, FL.
Section Activities	Three grant-funded day camp workshops were held in June in Roanoke, McLean, and Wintergreen, serving 225 staff from 53 day camps. 5,000 copies of CAMP magazine were distributed. Website was changed to national hosting with Section Executive maintaining the pages. Sponsorship of 2005 WV 4-H Mountaineer Camping Institute of \$1000 was approved. Nine Australian camp professionals visited Virginia camps. Cooper Dawson, Owner/Director of Camp Alleghany died.
National	International Camping Congress held in Mexico City.

Year	2006
President	Diane Tyrrell
Budget	\$64,500
Membership	311 individuals, 72 camps (64 accredited) at year's end -- 16% increase.
Standards	27 camps were visited and 25 were accredited.
Meetings	Winter Conference was held at Northern Virginia 4-H Center, Nancy Frankel as Key-noter, with 85 in attendance. Fall Conference was held at Camp Horizons, followed by a Health Managers' Seminar with Linda Erceg. National Conference was held in Chicago.
Awards	Diane Tyrrell, Distinguished Service Award. Greg Cronin received a National Service Award.
Section Activities	2100 copies of CAMP magazine were distributed. An advertising program was funded at \$5000 for four designated metropolitan areas. Loudon County Health Department investigated bats and rabies exposure in a Girl Scout Camp, generating national exposure. WV 4-H added more memberships for Food & Nutrition staff.
National	State camp regulations placed on national website. 5-year Healthy Camp Study, sponsored by Markel Insurance, was launched.
Year	2007
President	Diane Tyrrell
Budget	\$66,000
Membership	315 individuals, 68 camps (64 accredited). Membership Thrown-Down against Texoma Section -- won by Texoma.
Standards	21 camps visited, 20 accredited. New Standards program implemented.
Meetings	Winter Conference at Camp Bethel, with keynoter Jim Cain, was attended by almost 100. Fall Conference at WE Skelton 4-H Center with Keynoter Steve Cony was attended by 65. New Directors Orientation was attended by 41 at WVU. National Conference in Austin, TX.
Awards	Maile Armstrong - Distinguished Service Award; Marcia Meador - S. Cooper Dawson Award; Cat Holbert - Rookie of the Year.
Section Activities	Mountaineer Camping Institute was sponsored at \$1000. Accredited Camps Open House Day was held on April 28. Advertising program was funded at \$5000. Sponsorships were obtained for the Winter Conference (IJ Foods) and Open House (Camp Doctor). An application for a \$15000 grant from the Virginia Health Department was submitted but not funded. Net proceeds from the Golf Tournament was \$4200. Diane Tyrrell and Greg Cronin elected to National ACA Board.
National/Regional	Virginia Tech shootings. New national technology CRM system was implemented. Basic Camp Directors Course held at Northern Virginia 4-H Center. US Forest Service released new regulations.

Year	2008
President	Diane Tyrrell
Budget	\$66,500
Membership	Membership was 313 individual, 71 camps (63 accredited).
Standards	20 camps were visited and 19 were accredited with a total of 40 trained, updated visitors.
Meetings	Winter Conference with keynoter, Kat Shreve, was attended by 95 at Northern Virginia 4-H Center (sponsored by Tandy Leather), and Fall Conference at Camp Motorsport with Elizabeth Collins, by 65. New Directors Orientation was attended by 16 at WVU. National Conference was held in Nashville.
Awards	Greg Cronin - Distinguished Service Award; Ian Garner - S. Cooper Dawson Award; Bob Preston - Outstanding Service Award; Brad Chotiner - Rookie of the Year Award.
Section Activities	National Camping Institute was sponsored at \$1000. Fall Conference was sponsored by Tandy Leather. The advertising program was again funded at \$5000 with a cooperative ad with Chesapeake Section. The second Accredited Camp Open House Day, sponsored by The Camp Doctor was held in April. The Phone-a-thon generated \$8000 income, 50% to the section. New Directors Orientation was attended by 40. A Strategic Planning retreat was held by the Board in October with Susan Yoder. Buck Pitt of Camp Virginia died.
National	International Camping Congress held in Quebec. New membership dues structure.
Year	2009
President	Diane Tyrrell
Budget	\$62,000
Membership	April membership: 293 individuals, 68 camps (63 accredited),
Standards	Standards Chair, Maile Armstrong, retired after 19 years and was replaced by three people.
Meetings	Winter Conference, with keynoter Barry Jolliff, at Camp Horizons with about 80, sponsored by The Camp Doctor. Fall Conference at Camp Friendship with keynoter, Dr. Karla Henderson. New Directors Orientation was attended by 8 at WVU Jacksons Mill. National Conference was held in Orlando.
Awards	Marcia Meador, Hille Blackshaw, Linda Pulliam - Distinguished Service Award; Richard Pulliam - S. Cooper Dawson Award; Diane Tyrrell and John Edwards - Outstanding Service Award; Maile Armstrong - Meritorious Service Award.
Section Activities	New By-Laws were approved. National Camping Institute was sponsored at \$1000. The first Virginias Camp Fair was held in Winchester with 16 participating camps. Golf Tournament October 1. Mountaineer Camping Institute was sponsored at \$750. Six newsletters will all be sent electronically. Exact Target will be used to send blast emails to membership. Louise Miller, Owner/Director of Camp Virginia, died.
National	20/20 Vision discussions have predominated. Economic concerns.