



Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the
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Please return this form by December 31st of each year to your Regional Director and a copy to the National Office.
This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.

State/Territory: Indiana Date: 12/21/2023
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- We are proud is that we have one of our own Marcia Parcell who has a National Position, the VP of Professional Development. We also have Caroline Everidge who is the Chair for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.
- As a section we have decided to add a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee to align with the National Subcommittees.
- Our VP for Awards continues to host a virtual meeting to discuss different awards (national and state) as well as the application process. Of the 9 team/individual applications submitted by educators Indiana received 5 awards at Annual Session, 3 at the regional level and 2 at the national level. Diana Stone was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.
- Over 500 programs delivered.
- We continued to raise funds to again support the Dean Don Felker Award for another year. The affiliate did discuss ways to continue to finance the award, as well as changing to a scholarship verses cash award.
- We do continue to have new educators that started this year to join NEAFCS.

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

- The New President has already planned an officer retreat to truly re-establish officer roles and create an action plan for moving the affiliate forward
- Revitalize Indiana NEAFCS committees as well as participation on national committees
- Encourage members to apply for awards and to present at Annual Session.
- Continue to explore By-Law changes of our local affiliate to include other professional from Indiana such as NEPAs and CWCs.
- Encourage educators to be involved and reap the benefits of NEAFCS.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state?

- New educators, staff turnover and maintaining professionals in their positions.

- Financing attending national meetings such as annual session, or truly funding for any professional development that is not free or low cost.
- Engaging new audiences and partners outside of our normal stakeholders.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address:

I will provide the same answer as the previous president in this role.

“We need to continue to train the next group of leaders. We need to continue to mentor new educators. We need to promote and demonstrate the value of the organization to members and potential members, so they see the benefits of the organization. The NEAFCS dues, travel to conference, and conference fees can be financially challenging for educators, if their county does not have money. These expenses may be viewed as too expensive, if they have to pay them personally. We need to continue to provide professional development outside of conference. We need to encourage members to take advantage of professional development opportunities besides annual session. We need to inspire educators to develop skills to fulfill roles in state and national positions.”