



Affiliate Annual Report Form

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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: Michigan Date: 12/19/18
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year?

MEAFCS had 51 members in 2018. Our goals for 2018 were: to develop a strategy to sustain membership and to develop a strategic plan for increasing membership, to investigate fundraising strategies, to work towards hosting NEAFCS National Conference in 2021, to develop a plan for recognition of members and promoting their accomplishments, and to become more inclusive of lifetime members.

We were made significant progress in all of these areas. We implemented a \$5 discount in membership dues for recruiting new members. We continued to utilize a square card reader to make it easier for members to pay with a credit card. At our fall membership meeting we celebrated the successes, big and small, of our members. We had staff submit their personal and team accomplishments. We had three members move into administration positions this year, demonstrating the strength and leadership skills of our members. Two members presented at national conferences on behalf of their work in financial literacy and food safety. Members in early childhood completed a five year national CYFAR grant with measurable results in their programming. MEAFCS members from Michigan were awarded seven Central region and two National awards through NEAFCS. We had 22 members attend NEAFCS national conference in San Antonio, Texas including three first timers, two administration and two voting delegates. Six members presented at national conference. Over \$10,000 in scholarship funds were provided to our members through the Doris Wetters Professional Development fund. We established a Step II review committee to support members as they go through their three and six year reviews. We added a lifetime member to our board to facilitate communication with lifetime members.

Michigan was selected to host NEAFCS national conference in beautiful Grand Rapids in 2021. We are excited to begin planning and proud to have been selected to host!

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

Our goals for 2019 are to continue to work towards sustaining and increasing membership, to work on membership engagement, to fundraise, in particular for costs associated with the 2021 national conference, and to begin work in preparation of hosting the 2021 national conference.

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

MEAFCS has members from all program areas, called institutes, in Michigan. We are in the process of changing leadership in two of these institutes, and are undergoing a strategic visioning process as well. It is anticipated that there will be changes in programming focus, work teams and/or structures in 2019.

Staffing and funding remain on-going challenges, with several counties moving off of county general funds to millage funding in 2018 and several more anticipated to be seeking millages in 2019.

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

None