



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: New Jersey Date: Dec 27, 2018

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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

1. We have 15 active and 11 lifetime members.
2. Our affiliate continued to hold bi-annual meetings, which are held as an in-person meeting in May and an online meeting in September 2018. The May meeting program included a visit to a food ingredient production facility.
3. Awards:
 - NEAFCS awards:
 - 1st Place National & 1st Place Eastern Regional - Communications Internet Education Technology: Barbara O'Neill as a member of the Anita Herring & team
 - 3rd Place National & 1st Place Eastern Regional- Communications Internet Education Technology: Sherri Cirignano
 - 1st Place National & 1st Place Eastern Regional - Dean Don Felker Financial Management: Barbara O'Neill
 - 1st Place National & 1st Place Eastern Regional - Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity: Shailja Mathur & Team
 - 2nd Place National & 1st Place Eastern Regional - Program Excellence through Research: Barbara O'Neill & Team, and Karen Enslie
 - Affiliate – Social Media Online Video: Barbara O'Neill
 - Affiliate - Distinguished Service: Joanne Kinsey
 - Affiliate – Elizabeth T. Roth and Mildred King Sangree Award: Shailja Mathur
 - Other awards:
 - Rutgers Cooperative Extension – Diversity Award: Michelle Brill
4. Professional Activities:
 - An ad hoc committee reviewed and revised the Affiliate's Roth & Sangree award criteria and application instructions to improve clarity.
 - Multiple members attended NEAFCS Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX.
 - Two members reviewed proposal and award applications for NEAFCS.
 - Our members served in the Professional Development-Webinar Sub-Committee, Public Affairs Committee, National Finance Committee, National Endowment Committee, National Nominating Committee, and as a NEAFCS External Reviewer for Promotion & Tenure and Publications in 2018.
 - One member completed the National Impact Statement on Childhood Obesity.
5. Publications:
 - Rabbani, A., **O'Neill, B.**, Lawrence, F., & Grable, J. The Investment Risk Tolerance Assessment: A Resource for Extension Educators, (2018), 56(7).
 - **O'Neill, B.**, Xiao, J.J., & Enslie, K. Reading Nutrition Labels: A Predictor of Health and Wealth? *Journal of Human Sciences and Extension*, (2018), 6(3), 1-24.
 - Xiao, J.J. & **O'Neill, B.** Propensity to Plan, Financial Capability, and Financial Satisfaction. *International Journal of Consumer Studies*, (2018), 42(5), 501-512.
 - Xiao, J.J. & **O'Neill, B.** Mental accounting and behavioral hierarchy: Understanding Consumer Budgeting Behavior. *International Journal of Consumer Studies*, (2018), 42(4), 448-459.
 - **O'Neill, B.** & Xiao, J.J. Increasing Financial Fitness: 20 Recommended Practices and Their Frequency of Performance. *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*, (2018), 110(2), 21-28.

- **O'Neill, B.**, Xu, Y., Johnson, C.L., & Kiss, E. Twitter Chats as a Research Tool: A Study of Young Adult Financial Decisions. *Journal of Human Sciences and Extension*, (2018), 6(1), 89-97.
- **Brill, M.** Developmental Disabilities Training Series: NEAFCS Network Newsletter article December 2018.

6. Public affairs:

One lifetime member attended the annual meeting of the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) as a delegate. This national organization of volunteers was created by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). The NJ delegate spoke to six congressional representatives and explained the land-grant mission, the state's relevant research and programs, the impacts for NJ residents and their regional, national and global significance.

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

Family and Community Health Sciences (FCHS) Department faculty and current Affiliate President have been working together to develop an FCHS signature initiative on family meals. The members completed reviewing literature and relevant programs and drafted a needs assessment survey. The goal is to conduct the needs assessment survey and begin the piloting of the program in 2019. We envision this process to provide multiple professional growth opportunities for the members.

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

Because we are a small group, filling the Affiliate officer positions becomes a challenge.

Programmatically, we look for ways of effective programming strategies as the consumers' information access and use patterns continue to change.

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

Our members voiced a concern over the timing of the NEAFCS conference which seems to be conflicting with their religious holiday schedule this coming year. Our members would like to see all religious holidays to be considered for the annual conference schedule.