



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: Illinois Date: 12-17-19
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

Member Resources:

- 23 Active Members
- 56 Life Members

Awards and Recognition:

- Kristin Bogdonas NEAFCS 1st place Central Region – Family Health and Wellness Award
- Diane Reinhold and the Nutrition and Wellness team NEAFCS 1st place Central Region – Communications Award: Newsletter

Representation at National Conferences:

- NEAFCS Annual Session in Hershey, PA- We had 5 active members, 0 life members, 1 administrator and 1 guest attend.
- JCEP Leadership Conference in February in San Antonio, TX- Karla Belzer, IEAFCS President-Elect attended
- PILD in April in Arlington, VA- Dale Kehr, IEAFCS member attended

Representation on National Leadership Boards/Committees or Approved Proposal Submissions

- National Historian- Carol Schlitt, IEAFCS life member
- National Vice President of Public Affairs 2019-2020- Mary Liz Wright, IEAFCS Immediate Past President
- Nominating Committee 2019-2020 Central Region Alternate Chelsey Byers Gerstenecker
- Professional Development Program Development Subcommittee Chair-Elect- Karla Belzer, IEAFCS Pres-Elect
- Awards and Recognition Committee- Subcommittee Past Chair- Diane Reinhold
- NEAFCS Webinar: Celebrating 85 Years: A History of Extension FCS – Carol Schlitt, NEAFCS Historian
- NEAFCS Webinar: Logistics Learning and Language: Submitting an Award Winning Application- Diane Reinhold
- NEAFCS Annual Session, Poster & IGNITE Session: Impact of Colorful Trays on School Food Waste: A Case Study- Jenna Smith, IEAFCS President

IEAFCS Professional Development/Meetings:

- March- professional development/meeting
- September- professional development/meeting
- November- meeting

Celebration of NEAFCS 85 years:

- IEAFCS visited Eastern Illinois Food Bank during our fall meeting in September with a goal of donating at least 85 non-perishable items. The group ended up donating 113 pounds of food. Staff at Eastern Illinois Food Bank said that would make around 94 meals for pantry clients.

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

- Update our current bylaws to reflect changes in our association
- Increase membership by developing recruitment and retention committee/procedures
- Develop a plan for offering in-state professional development events, i.e. frequency, topics, working with other Extension state agencies

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

- The Nutrition and Wellness team is losing two Educators to retirement at the end of this year, moving from nine Educators down to seven. These positions will likely not be filled.
- Our web development team has implemented many changes in our web presence over the past year, resulting content issues with our state, local, and association websites. Continued work is needed to update sites with current content.

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