



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 30, 2019

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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:

- 15 active and 9 lifetime members. Two of our active members are in the process of becoming lifetime members.
- We held bi-annual meetings (one in person in June and one online in September 2019). Each meeting included professional development opportunities focusing on methods of school food waste measurement, and health equity.

Awards:

- 1st place Eastern – Communications, Internet Education Technology: Barbara O’Neill
- 1st place Eastern – Communications, Written Press Release: Barbara O’Neill
- 1st place Eastern – Communications, Education Publications: Michelle Brill and Jeanette Rea-Keywood
- 1st place Eastern – Marketing Package: Michelle Brill
- Affiliate – Innovation in Programming: Joanne Kinsey and Rachel Tansey
- Affiliate – Social Media Education: Barbara O’Neill
- 1st place Eastern – School Wellness: Sara Elnakib and Jennifer Shukaitis
- Affiliate – Elizabeth T. Roth and Mildred King Sangree Award: Jennifer Shukaitis
- Distinguished Service Award: Sandra Greci

Professional Activities:

- Michelle Brill and Jeanette Rea-Keywood presented the webinar titled, “Highlights of the Developmental Disabilities Training Series” on September 11th and November 14th reaching 56 attendees and 7 archived views to date.
- Barbara O’Neill presented the pre-conference workshop titled, “*Financial Action Steps and Milestones for Different Ages and Stages of Life*” in Hershey, PA.
- A majority of our active members attended NEAFCS Annual Conference in Hershey, PA.
- Our members served in the Professional Development-Webinar Sub-Committee, Finance Committee, Endowment Committee, Public Affairs Committee, Nominating Committee, and Bylaws Committee of the NEAFCS. Our members also volunteered throughout the NEAFCS Annual Conference serving in roles such as time keeper/sign holder, teller (during the business meeting), sign-in desk and room assistants for the sessions.
- One member completed the National Impact Statement on Childhood Obesity.
- One member facilitated FCS Dining In Day activities among the county personnel and volunteers.

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

- Provide substantive professional development opportunities for the members.
- Review and discuss members’ involvement in the Urban Extension Conference which will be held in New Jersey in 2021.

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

- The challenges that we face are budgetary and an aging membership with no clear succession plan in place for a (FCHS) department chair. There are members close to retirement and junior faculty not yet eligible for the chair position, and several qualified members who are in staff lines rather than faculty.
- Because of budgetary constraints, some of our members experience difficulty attending the NEAFCS conferences. The budget support (free registration) which is extended to the affiliate members by the NEAFCS has been very beneficial and made a big difference in enabling our membership to be able to attend the conference.

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

- Our members would like the NEAFCS to develop the capacity to issue more than one Journal of NEAFCS per year in order to afford members with more opportunities for publication of scholarly work.
- Continue the budgetary support for affiliate members to attend the conferences.