



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 Mexico Date: 12/7/20
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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 had two teams win regional and national award, and two teams accepted to give presentation at Annual Session. We had 13 members attend Annual Session. The Affiliate was able to pay each members Annual Session registration with Professional Development funds from Extension Director's office. As a result of Covid, the Extension Family and Consumer Science Development began having monthly Zoom meeting of share challenges, successes, ideas, and build collaborations and hold Professional Development.

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

In the recent years our affiliate has made very strong progress in submitting and winning more NEAFCS awards at the local and national levels. We want to continue this strong momentum in 2021 as well. Additionally, we would like to encourage our membership to submit applications for presenting workshops and poster sessions at the coming annual conference. With JCEP and possibly PILD going virtual, we would like to use funding to allow members to attend these key conferences. Finally, we are planning to team build and create not only a stronger officer council by meeting twice this year but also by hosting one affiliate meeting this year.

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

We currently face three critical challenges in New Mexico, first are budget cuts from declining state and county revenue from the Covid pandemic and declining oil and gas prices. The second critical challenge we face our earlier than scheduled retirements caused by the changing dynamics of extension work due to Covid and University early retirement incentive design to reduce universities budget. Our third challenge is the aging of current extension participants, and the difficulty to draw a younger audience into extension programs.

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

As President Elect, I really valued the sessions where Board members assisted us in being aware of what is expected and where to find more information on the website for reference. I would value at the end of January, having a Meet and Greet meeting to get to know the other new Presidents and President-Elects in my region and discuss what we should be doing in the first quarter. After that time, I would value quarterly emails reminding me of what is coming up and an offering of a ZOOM Q & A should I have any questions or need of guidance.