



# Affiliate Annual Report Form

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Please return this form by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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: Maryland Date: 12-20-2021  
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**What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year?** (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

After meeting virtually in 2020, we successfully held two meetings in person in 2021. Our members were very happy to finally see and speak to each other in person!

My highlights as affiliate president include representing Maryland at the 2021 JCEP virtual Annual Leadership Conference and learning about tools, such as the leadership ladder and other resources to build my leadership skills. I also represented Maryland at the 2021 NEAFCS virtual Annual Session and attended the Regional Business meeting, Affiliate Officer meeting, and served as one of two of Maryland's voting delegate at the Annual Business Meeting. I volunteered to serve as one of four reviewers for the 2021 Annual Business meeting notes. Even though we did not meet in person this year, there were still plenty of opportunities to network with other members.

Accomplishments within our executive board in 2021 include:

- An Ad Hoc Committee lead by our president-elect, Dorothy Nuckols was formed to review our Affiliate handbook. Revisions and updates were made to reflect the needs of our members and to align with the current NEAFCS handbook.
- A special election was held to fill our Treasurer position which was vacated due to a change in employment. The Affiliate Officer Report was updated and submitted to National.
- A new Awards Committee Chair was appointed due to a vacancy created by a change in employment.

Accomplishments within our committees in 2021 include:

- **Member Resources:** We two lost members this year due to leaving their university positions and gained one new member. In addition, we celebrated the achievements of two members (Deborah Rhoades-Nutrition, Patricia Maynard- Finance and Insurance Literacy) who retired this year who were valued educators in their field. Our Member Resources Chair, Mona Habibi, is serving on the national Tenure/Promotion and Non-NEAFCS Journal Publications Reviewer subcommittee (formerly known as External Reviewer). Her role was to update all the existing reviewers' contact information and determine if they are interested in continuing to be a reviewer. Mona also met regularly to plan for NEAFCS annual meeting. She attended, presented, and hosted Zoom breakout sessions at: 1) the First Timer Event and 2) the Life Member Event. Both events went well and with great participation.
- **Public Affairs:** Cheryl Bush, our Public Affairs Chair, submitted four 2021 impact statement submissions to national; two of which were included in the national impact statement for their program areas (finance and food safety).

Cheryl also actively promoted the Living Well Month materials in Maryland and attended several community events to promote FCS programming in our state. She attended the 2021 virtual PILD conference and represented Maryland at the Public Affairs Committee meeting at the 2021 NEAFCS Annual Session.

- **Awards & Recognition:** In addition to state and regional awards winners, our affiliate members were also recognized at the 2021 NEAFCS national awards ceremony. A team lead by Dorothy Nuckols (Money Master Volunteers) and Michael Elonge (Housing) were national winners in their program areas. Our new Awards & Recognition Committee Chair, Alex Chan, recruited and prepared nominations for our four state affiliate awards. Elections and winners of these awards were announced at our fall meeting.
- **Professional Development (PD):** In 2021, our affiliate awarded one recipient \$300 of the Affiliate's Professional Development Support Fund to attend a virtual conference. Crystal Terhune, our PD Chair attended the Professional Development meeting at the 2021 NEAFCS Annual Conference and encouraged our members to offer a session through "NEAFCXS Webinars and consider volunteering to be a reviewer for conference proposals.

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

The Affiliates goals in 2022 include:

- 1) Increasing professional development activities for members
- 2) Changing the affiliate's meetings to spring and early fall to better accommodate our members schedules
- 3) Review our current procedures for collecting membership dues and informing members of the benefits of affiliate membership (awards eligibility, access to professional development funds, etc.).

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

1. Due to the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, educators in some of our counties cannot reach/teach their audiences in- person. Reestablishing in-person programs and reconnecting with those audiences will continue to be a struggle in 2022.
2. Availability of funding (especially county funding) to support in-person programs may also be a challenge.
3. Currently, we have several FCS positions (PT, FT, and tenured-track) that became vacant prior to and during COVID-19. It has been a challenge recruiting qualified people for these positions

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

The NEAFCS Board has been outstanding in communicating to the affiliates. We do not have any suggestions at this time.