



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: Minnesota Date: 12-31-2022
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- Celebrated three members' retirements: Lori Hendrickson, Suzanne Driessen, and Kathy Brandt with gifts from our MN Affiliate and an invitation to become life members.
- Communications -The bi-monthly Membership Memo's kept all members informed of the work of the Association, provided valuable resources, celebrated members' accomplishments, and provided an opportunity to get to know some of the life members better through the "Meet/Connect Again with Life Members" articles. View at: <https://neafcsmn.wordpress.com/>
- Awards- Submitted three team award applications in Extension Disaster Education Award, Family Health & Wellness Award, and Innovation in Programming Award with Innovation in Programming selected for third place Central Region. Member, Samantha Roth, recognized as Minnesota's Distinguished Service Award recipient.
- Established an Endowment Fund committee to implement policies, procedures, and a budget process to utilize the affiliate's Quasi Endowment funds to support professional development opportunities for our affiliate and members.
- Public Policy/Public Relations
 - Promoted NEAFCS national campaigns of *Dining In for Healthy Families* in December and *Living Well Month* in March.
 - Created a Minnesota [impact statement report](#) for the national 2022 virtual Public Issues Leadership Development Conference for virtual hill visits by NEAFCS-MN representatives, Suzanne Driessen, and Extension administration.
 - Eight MN Affiliate members submitted a total of [12 Impact Statements, highlighting the great work we are doing across the state.](#)
- Membership
 - All fourteen annual members are actively involved in a leadership position or on a committee! Our 21 life members actively serve as a resource and as judges for awards and our lifelong friends.
 - The committee is actively pursuing new members Going to follow up with the 3 SNAP-Ed educators who expressed interest and will chat with the new FD OneOp Coordinator. Membership chair sent an email to all Regional Coordinators to send information out to educators they supervise.

- Updated bylaws to include National Associate Membership at state level

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

- To engage annual and life members on both the Affiliate and National levels.
- To increase membership by 25%.
- To have 50% of membership to apply for awards
- To have 100% of members contribute to impact statements to submit to National
- To review NEAFCS-MN Affiliate organizational Bylaws

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

- Cooperative Extension is experiencing level or shrinking budgets and less staff to do the work.
- Limited access to broadband internet for clientele.
- Continued need to increase capacity to be culturally responsive in programming, resources and evaluation.

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

- Increase opportunities for life members in the areas of recognition, scholarship, and professional development
- Work with the membership to expand the new Associate member benefits (ability to apply for awards, serve as voting delegates, serve on National committees, etc). Many of our potential Associate members (who do not have a 4-year degree), are SNAP-Ed and EFNEP Educators. This diverse group of staff are members of the BIPOC community and we would like to provide equitable membership opportunities for them.