

HISTORICAL REPORT

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Year: 2003

President's Name: Holmes

Goal for the Year

Encourage and Embrace the changes that NEAFCS needs to survive, grow and prosper.

Strengthen our financial base.

List of Board Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 11, 2002	Post Board Meeting, Kansas City MO
January 15-18, 2003	Fort Lauderdale, FL
May 25, 2003	Conference Call
September 19-20, 2003	Pre-Board Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT

List of Leadership Workshops

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 2-4, 2003	Central Region, Kansas City, MO
February 5-7, 2003	Eastern Region, Albany, NY
February 20-22, 2003	Southern Region, Ashville, NC
February 23-25, 2003	Western Region, Billings, MT
May 4-7, 2003,	Public Issues Leadership Development, Arlington VA/Washington DC

Annual Session Information – Galaxy II

Date: September 21-25, 2003

Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Name of Hotel: Marriott Downtown Meetings held at The Salt Palace

Theme: Exceeding Expectations Through Teamwork

Objectives:

1. Provide opportunities for personal and professional development for all Extension professionals.
2. Provide opportunities for Extension professionals to make scholarly presentations, reporting research and accomplishments of significant programs.
3. Encourage and promote interdisciplinary programming.

4. Share strategies for enhancing the image of the Cooperative Extension System, both internally and externally.
5. Provide an opportunity to explore new tools and technologies.
6. Recognize members for excellence in programming that address critical issues.

Major Accomplishments

President's Annual Report 2002-2003– Ingrid Holmes

My year as president has been marked with many challenges. To start the year, we were faced with budget cuts in non-contractual areas. Many cuts were taken in the areas of board meetings, publications, and officer expense lines. The cuts led to innovative ways of doing business. The printed publications were trimmed to one hard copy of Communiqué prior to annual session and The Reporter. The “e” newsletter was the result of the cut in the publications budget. Board meetings were also cut to pre, post and winter board. Mid-year board was conducted through conference calls.

This is our first year of working with Franklin Management and it has run rather smoothly. Under the new company our web site was re-designed and a members only section was added. There have been challenges with the site working for every member, but each has been addressed, as the company is made aware of problems. Keeping the database accurate has been an ongoing project is improving as the members send corrected data.

The financial state of the extension system in general has been the focus of our Regional Meetings. Most states were facing budget cuts, but this is not news to you. The news is how our membership has dealt with the cuts. Most affiliates made the commitment to send one or more representative to the meetings. This effort showed their professional commitment to the association.

This has been a rewarding year for me. Visiting Mississippi was a highlight. The affiliate members were wonderful hosts. The role of president of NEAFCS is a full time volunteer position. This year I have had two full time positions NEAFCS and the one I get paid to do.

Thank you for your support and continued commitment to the NEAFCS.

Names, position, and home states of board members

President – Ingrid H. Holmes, MD

President-Elect – Sharon Hoelscher Day, AZ

Secretary – Carol S. Miller, OH

Treasurer – Bonita Roberts, GA

VP for Awards and Recognition – Roxie R. Dinstel, AK

VP for Member Resources – Juanita O. Watts

VP for Professional Development – Kathy Dothage, MO

VP for Public Affairs – Jane A. Landis, PA

Central Region Director – Carol C. Schlitt, IL

Eastern Region Director – Karen Thomas, PA
Southern Region Director – Johanna F.O. Hahn, VA
Western Region Director – Patricia (Patty) A. Merk, AZ
Past President – Christine Kniep, WI
Historian – Carolyn Hunt, IL

Galaxy II NEAFCS Representatives: Margaret Viebrock, WA, Galaxy Chair Barbara Tricinella, OK Galaxy Vice-Chair

NEAFCS National Office: Franklin Management; Michele Grassley Franklin, Executive Director, Wendy Grassley Sperkerman, Conference Planner

Other people receiving special recognition this year:

Maytag Extension Educator Award – Donna Donald, IA
Mew Professionals Award – Jennifer Eich, CO

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