

President's Report 1997

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Major goals stood out for this year: Actively participate in a successful combined Extension Professional Association annual session, maintain active participation in the committee structure, and strengthen the relationship with the Affiliate Association in Puerto Rico and with NAFCE.

Our membership totaled 2883 with affiliates in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam.

Board Meetings included:

Post Board in Providence, RI – September 20, 1996

Winter Board in San Diego, CA – January 23- 25, 1997

Mid-Year Board in Cleveland, OH May 15 – 17 with Awards judging at The Ohio State University

Pre-Board meeting in Cincinnati, OH October 10 – 11, 1997

JCEP Leadership Workshops were held in the following locations:

Southern Region – Memphis, TN February 21 – 22, 1997

Western Region – San Diego, CA February 23 – 24, 1997

Central Region – Cincinnati, OH February 28 – March 1, 1997

Eastern Region – Wilmington, DE March 2 – 3, 1997

I also represented the Association at:

NAE4-HA – October 6 – 9 in Grand Rapids, MI

Epsilon Sigma Phi – December 5 – 7, 1996 in Annapolis, MD

JCEP Galaxy Planning Meeting – January 12 – 13, 1997 in Cincinnati, OH

Public Issues/Leadership Development Conference – April 27 – 30, 1997 in Washington, DC

AAFCS Meeting – June 22 – 24, 1997 in Washington, DC

NAFCE Annual Meeting – July 19 – 21 in Los Angeles, CA

Board Members Included:

Barbara Tricinella – Oklahoma, President

Emily Remster – Indiana, President-Elect

Christine Kniep – Wisconsin, Secretary

Debra Bryant – Pennsylvania, Treasurer

Sharon Blase – New Jersey, Vice President for Awards & Recognition

Ingrid Holmes – Maryland, Vice President for Member Resources

Cheryle Jones Syracuse – Ohio, Vice President for Professional Development

Shirley Barber – Minnesota, Vice President for Public Affairs

Jean Clarkson-Frisbie – Kansas, Central Region Director

Jane Gault – Tennessee, Southern Region Director

Sharon Hoelscher Day – Arizona, Western Region Director

Donna Donald – Iowa, Past-President

Historian – South Dakota, Historian

Ruth Helein – Phoenix, AZ was the Administrator

Denise Rentz – Phoenix, AZ was the Conference Planner

Annual Session: The Galaxy Conference, October 12 – 16, 1997, Cincinnati, OH

This was a unique, exciting, and challenging year for NEAFCS due to changes that occurred in the planning of the first Extension Professional Association Conference. The Galaxy Conference that combined the annual sessions of NEA4-HA, NEAFCS, ESP, and ANREP. NACAA participated in the planning of the conference and had delegates attending, however, they also had their own annual session. Each of the professional associations including NACAA nominated two representatives to the “Galaxy Conference” planning committee. Donna Donald was appointed by JCEP to step in and assist the committee in finalizing the details, policies and procedures for the conference. This required a whole new way of doing business. It was the goal of JCEP to provide at least some of the traditional activities each association had at their annual sessions. This change in format for the annual session meant changes in the way some of the committees conducted their work. For example the awards ceremonies were held by region instead of association. Financial arrangements also impacted the association. Proceeds from exhibits were split according to guidelines developed by the committee.

Galaxy was a big success. There were 2,356 Extension professionals registered for the conference with 900 NEAFCS members attending. Voting Delegates: 160/146 seated. The conference offered a wide variety of sessions and speakers appealing to a broader audience, especially those with dual professional roles.

It was my privilege to be the first NEAFCS President to attend the annual meeting of the Puerto Rican affiliate. The Board had discussed ways to encourage more participation at the national level. I was able to attend their state meeting, address the group and encourage Puerto Rican Members to participate in committees, network with other members, and attend the annual sessions. We discussed barriers to their participation and solutions to those barriers.

The volunteer organization associated with family and consumer science, Extension Homemakers, had been undergoing a name change and other changes at the national level that caused some discord among the various members and states. I was asked to attend their national meeting in Los Angeles, California to speak on behalf of our association.

Our winter board meeting was held in San Diego, California with all board members attending. Much of that meeting was spent strategizing on adaptations we would need to make due to the combined annual session. The spring board meeting was held in Cleveland, Ohio. The regional directors met earlier at the Ohio State University for the judging of awards. Faculty members graciously assisted with that effort.

We also maintained active participation in the Joint Council of Extension Professionals. Donna Donald, Past President, Emily Remster, President-Elect and I attended the JCEP meetings as I served as the Secretary.