

2021 NEAFCS Hall of Fame

Madam President, Illinois nominates Carol Schlitt, MS for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) 2021 Hall of Fame. Mrs. Schlitt has been a member of NEAFCS since 1991. Her service to the Illinois affiliate is remarkable; serving as President, 1995-1996; Treasurer, 2004-2006; Southern Region Director, 1998-2002; Southern Region Secretary, 1999-2010. Her commitment to service led her to seek national offices including Historian, 2014-2020, President, 2006-2007; President-elect, 2005-2006; Central Region Director, 2001-2003; Secretary, 1998-2000. Schlitt is one of only seven Illinois affiliate members who have served as NEAFCS President.

She has served as mentor, advisor, and source of all things Extension to the many NEAFCS members from Illinois and all across the US who sought her advice. Besides the many IEAFCS and NEAFCS leadership roles she has filled, Schlitt has also served as President and President-elect (2006-2008) of the Joint Council for Extension Professionals. She has also provided leadership for her Illinois Extension colleagues by serving as team leader for the Nutrition and Wellness educators (2002-2004), and as an interim associate regional director (2008-2010). Schlitt provided assistance and guidance to staff striving for excellence and seeking promotion by serving on the Southern Region Peer Promotion Review Committee (2000-2010).

Mrs. Schlitt has proven her excellence in programming and collaboration over the years through the many awards she has received including the Distinguished Service, Continued Excellence and National Community Partnership Awards with NEAFCS. She has also been awarded numerous Outstanding Team awards and Outstanding Educator award with Illinois Extension.

Her commitment to the mission and values of NEAFCS is evident by her long years of leadership. During Schlitt's tenure NEAFCS saw many changes, she embraced them and lead the organization to new levels. In her "retirement" Schlitt took on the role as NEAFCS historian, serving six years. She made the history of NEAFCS and Extension come alive in the stories she shared. Schlitt even researched the local history of annual session sites to make attendees experiences all the more rich. Sitting in on a Carol Schlitt history session was both educational and entertaining—she always found interesting tidbits of local lore to share with her audiences, making history come alive!