

Reflections From The Past: Attending 36 Annual Sessions

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During 33 years of employment with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service/System, and until 2008, I attended 36 Annual Sessions of NAEHE/NEAFCS (1969-2004), as well as the 2008 Galaxy III Conference . . . and I plan to be in Birmingham this year, too!

I have enjoyed crisscrossing the United States, from Philadelphia (1969), to Las Vegas (1981) to Honolulu (1989), and all the cities in-between. Attending Annual Session is a great way to see the country, meet new Extension co-workers, learn about new products and programs in the Exhibit Hall, hear great speakers, and much more.

I served on several National committees during my career and was the Exhibits Chair for the 1998 Annual Session in Rapid City, South Dakota. What an experience! The best way to learn about your association is to serve on committees and as an officer.

Now as a retiree, I still attend Annual Sessions (just not as frequently, because we retirees are so busy you know). I like to see Extension friends, visit new places, and keep up with my profession.