



Affiliate Annual Report Form

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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: Pennsylvania Date: 12/7/2021

Person Completing Form: Elaine S. Smith

What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

The Pennsylvania affiliate collaborated with the University of Delaware, Rutgers, and Maine Extensions to offer professional development at our virtual spring meeting in June 2021. The second general membership meeting was held face-to-face in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Joint Council of Extension Professionals meeting in November 2021 in State College.

We had numerous award applications resulting in Eastern Region winners and a National Award winner: Amber Denmon for the Eastern Region Past Presidents' New Professional Award; a 1st Place Eastern Region Team Communications Television/Video Award for "Let's Cook at Home" Webinar Series; and a 2nd Place National Winner and 1st Place Eastern Region Team Innovation in Programming Award for Virtual Home Food Preservation Webinars with Engaging Live Demonstrations.

Our VP of Public Affairs coordinated the impact statements with our affiliate mentioned in Food Safety and Community Health and Wellness.

Nineteen Pennsylvania members participated in the virtual NEAFCS Annual Session from Grand Rapids, MI during the November 2021 event.

The affiliate welcomed five new members, and we are working to involve them in committee work with the goal of mentoring them into leadership positions in the organization. We congratulated four members on their retirement. We end the year with a total of thirty-one active members.

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

The affiliate will send an officer to the JCEP Leadership Conference in Kansas City, MO on February 9 – 10, 2022.

The affiliate will hold a Spring Professional Development Meeting in June 2022.

The affiliate will send a delegation to the NEAFCS National Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina in September 2022.

As possible, affiliate regional directors will plan professional development experiences for members across the state and encourage members to apply for national awards.

The affiliate President, President Elect, and immediate past President will be active participants on the state JCEP team. This team will plan the 2022 state JCEP conference and foster communication between the 5 state Extension professional organizations and the state Extension leadership team.

An affiliate member will participate in a course on parliamentary procedure, and professional development on the topic is being considered for the general membership to ensure smooth and proper conduct of member meetings.

The Executive Board will explore strategies for effective fiscal management of our affiliate's financial assets in light of declining membership and the current means of funding membership fees.

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

It is expected that the covid-19 pandemic will continue to pose challenges to face-to-face programming as well as to general community and family life and health. Extension and FCS are in a good position financially with support from the University and the state government.

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

Declining membership in the Eastern Region has impacted future responsibilities related to annual session and the overall look of the organization. We are open to strategies and suggestions for recruitment and retention of members.