

Central Region Update

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Greetings from the Central Region! It's time to register for Annual Session. Members of Michigan and the central region affiliates are anxious to greet you in Grand Rapids. You won't want to miss it.

Below are a few updates. Read on to find an opportunity for you to join Minnesota for their Professional Development Day!

Iowa - Sara Sprouse

A virtual Coffee Break and New (Fiscal) Year's Eve Party was hosted by the Iowa affiliate on June 30 @ 9 am. We shared successes from the last year and resolutions for the new year. Twenty were in attendance including Iowa affiliate members of ESP, NACAA, and NAE4-HYDP, and NEAFCS (active and life members), as well as fellow NEAFCS members from South Dakota. We also challenged Iowa NEAFCS members to review Who Should Join in the NEAFCS Membership Brochure and invite a colleague that is not a member, but could be, to join us for this celebration. Very special guest Dianne Gertson, NEAFCS President, joined us as well!

During the event, each association was given time to highlight upcoming events and initiatives. The Iowa affiliate of NEAFCS highlight included: 1) Recognizing two members, Barb Wollan and Cindy Thompson, who are serving as Mentors for the new Leadership Experience. 2) The Leadership Ladder document, designed by Iowa member Mackenzie DeJong, was reviewed and an opportunity to fill an open officer position was discussed. 3) Events planned to promote members' professional and personal growth and development, including coffee breaks, annual spring social event, and, of course, Annual Session. We wrapped up the event by sharing about professional development opportunities currently happening and ones we are looking forward to in the future.

Minnesota - Suzanne Driessen

NEAFCS-MN is holding a Professional Development Day 2021, **Silver Lining and Sifting Through the Pieces**, to be held on August 4, 2021, from 9 am-1pm CDT over Zoom and you are all invited!

Anyone is welcome to attend. Invite your colleagues to attend. There is no registration fee for members and guests register for just \$10. Register here: <https://z.umn.edu/NEAFCSProfDev>

A great line up of speakers will share:

- How to use art throughout our work, the art of storytelling for evaluation and stress relief.
- Camera angles, lighting, and techniques for teaching online classes.
- Engaging games over zoom.
- Virtual lunch to celebrate our Minnesota award winners.

The NEAFCS Minnesota Affiliate's monthly memo celebrates members' successes, shares upcoming events and announcements, and spotlights a member each month. Take time to check this out. (<https://neafcsmn.wordpress.com/>)

