

Central Region Update

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Central region leaders met via zoom in late June, with an opportunity to get a little bit acquainted with each other, learn how each state has engaged with the 90th Anniversary celebration (every state has been different), and most importantly, go over all the steps we need to take together in preparation for our annual session. It was terrific to be able to discuss all that in person, so we could clarify as needed and answer questions.



On August 22, all Central members who will be first-time attendees at the national conference are invited to a zoom gathering where they can ask questions and meet some people ahead of time. That way, they will find some familiar faces when they get to Tucson!

Highlights from our states:



Because SIX of the original 13 NEAFCS affiliates were states in the Central Region, we have enjoyed reading the "Past-Present-Future" articles that began running in the newsletter in April as part of the 90th-anniversary focus on history. We've seen input from Michigan, Illinois and Ohio, and I understand Missouri will be coming soon! Getting to know some of our Central Region colleagues from three different generations has been such fun!

✓ Wisconsin leaders are planning to survey members to learn more about what members most value in the association, especially regarding activities within the state.

- ✓ Indiana has been able to purchase copies of "The Secret History of Home Economics" for all members, with plans for book discussions in the months ahead!

Preparations for the 2025 Annual Session in Grand Rapids are quietly moving forward, with committees forming and all states finding ways to contribute. You will start hearing more about Grand Rapids during our time together in Tucson!

Please contact Barb at bwollan@iastate.edu with any questions or concerns.