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President's Message
Debby Mathews (AL), NEAFCS President

Dear NEAFCS members:



Excitement is building about Annual Session. Presenters and award winners have all been notified of their status, and as of May 31 we had filled 83 % of our room block at Big Sky.

As you read this, registration is underway. Please take time to consider the pre-conferences. Both Marsha Goetting and Temple Grandin are highly respected for their knowledge and expertise in their fields.

Speaking of trips...when you see Jody Atkins and Cindy Rosen (our management company staff) at Annual Session registration, please take time to thank them for the skills they applied to getting an excellent discount for shuttle service from the Bozeman Airport to Big Sky.

Now I have two pieces of good news to share:

- 1. Mandi Seaton (TX) has been appointed to the vacancy NEAFCS had on JCEP's PILD Planning Committee.
2. The first two to find the engaged gear last month were: Angela Treadaway, and Joyce Sherrer.

Now, it's time to search for the gear this month and send me an email at matheen@aces.edu its location. Best wishes and enjoy the hunt!

Sincerely,

Debby

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Silent Auction

Tonya Johnson (OR), Family & Community Health Faculty



Greetings! As summer approaches, the markets and community events abound. There may be lots of great local items to pick up at these events and donate to the NEAFCS Silent Auction. Below is a bulleted list of items that are often very popular at the auction.

- Jewelry
- Artisan crafts
- Local items
- Small baskets
- Hand-made items from NEAFC members

Want to donate more than you can carry? Terrific! You will be able to ship your items to Big Sky. The address will be announced as soon as it is noted.

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PILD Reflections Show Extension Value

Glenda Hyde (OR), Vice President for Public Affairs

First time attendees at PILD share reflections of their experience. These reflections show how sharing the value of Extension in your community is so effective.

"PILD provides the opportunity for seasoned Extension professionals as well as newer professionals to learn about the appropriate connections for and by Extension in DC. It helps educate us on the difference between advocating as an individual and speaking on behalf of our organization."
Kylie Ludwig (KS)

Comments from NIFA Director, Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy made a significant impression. Highlighting Extension's role in combatting nutritional insecurity, he labeled as an existential threat to our society. He referenced the fact that science deniers (regarding climate change and other related issues) get tremendous following because they put out a clear and simple message. He said they take the complexity out of the issues and make statements that appeal to the public, even though they're incomplete, misleading and often outright untrue. His message pointed out to me the importance of our role in conveying complex information in the clearest and simplest terms possible, and helping people become comfortable with complexity in order to make informed decisions as individuals and as citizens. Dr. Ramaswamy, as well as several other speakers, drove home the importance of our success stories – both personal/anecdotal success stories as well as aggregated impact numbers. I have a new appreciation for different types of success stories.



I also gained an increased sense of PRIDE in what we do. We sometimes get bogged down in hectic schedules and never-ending workloads, and fail to look at the big picture. A speaker referred to a survey of people who were not familiar with Extension. When that group heard the idea of creating an organization that does what we do, they *loved* the idea. We are still needed in our second

century; we simply need to make sure our stories are told."
Barb Wollan (IA)

"I enjoyed hearing what our volunteers had to say about the conference and what they thought were the important messages that we should share with the government

officials. One of my favorite sessions was *Camping on the Capital: Innovative Ways to Enhance Advocacy and Build Support for Extension*. Tips and resources that are easily replicated to highlight the mission of every state's Extension program were shared. I'm already incorporating them in my work as I meet with county, state and federal legislators." Dale P. Kehr (IL)

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What Shall We Wear in Big Sky?

Kelly Moore (MT), President Elect-NEAFCS Montana Affiliate



It has been said that Montana has four distinct seasons –sometimes all in one day!

"What will Big Sky weather be like September 12-15" you ask? September is a bit of a stretch when it comes to weather forecasting. Historically, average daytime highs reach 68 degrees. Nighttime lows can be a chilly 33 degrees. Temperatures can fluctuate rather dramatically, it's true, but it's definitely not a trip spoiler! With a little mindful packing, you can be prepared for Mother Nature's surprises!

Layers will be your best bet for the week.



A weatherproof jacket, comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, and a variety of lightweight shirts, and sweaters will be perfect casual attire for September in Montana. Don't forget your swimsuit! If it's too chilly for an outdoor swim, there are plenty of Big Sky hot tubs for relaxing in.

Outdoor events are scheduled throughout the conference so if you find yourself away from the glow of the campfire, a lightweight hat and a pair of gloves could keep you extra toasty!

Gold and scarlet mountainsides and a canopy of sapphire blue skies entice you to explore the shops, restaurants, and trails of Big Sky!

If you're wondering about transportation options from the Bozeman airport (BZN) to Big Sky, go to <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/2016-annual-session> where we have information on shuttle options.

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Annual Session Registration Opened June 1

Tara Andrews and Sheila Friedrich (MT), NEAFCS Montana Affiliate Co-Liaisons to the Annual Session Committee

Full Conference

Includes admission to the Monday Welcome Event; Wednesday Regional Meetings and Awards with Breakfast; Wednesday Deli Lunch and Thursday Continental Breakfast; Thursday Evening Regional Dinners following the Awards Ceremony; General Sessions, Concurrent Sessions, Poster Sessions, Exhibit Hall, Exhibitor Forum and Wellness Activities.

Early Bird Registration by July 15 Member: \$425 Non-member: \$525 Guest/Spouse: \$325.

To register go to <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/2016-annual-session>.

Welcome Event - Reserve Your Wagon for the Big Sky Tailgate Parade!

The NEAFCS Montana Affiliate will be hosting a tailgate party for its Welcome Event! Each Affiliate will be given the opportunity to order and decorate a parade wagon in your University's theme and colors. To order your wagon, please complete this form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C62SCD8>. Wagons are 34" Roadmasters and will cost \$50. Each Affiliate will need to sign up for a wagon **by August 1, 2016**. Make checks payable to: MEAFCS, and mail to Joel Schumacher, PO Box 172800, Bozeman, MT 59717. Payments are due August 7, 2016. After the parade the wagons will be donated to local daycare centers.

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Meet the Montana Co-liaison

Tara Andrews, Montana Co-Liaison



Hello, I am Tara Andrews, MSU Extension Agent in Custer County and co-liaison for the 2016 NEAFCS Conference in Big Sky, Montana. I have been asked to tell you a little about myself – so here goes.

This summer I will celebrate (yes celebrate) 25 years with the MSU Extension Service with a split appointment between FCS and 4-H. It has been the perfect job fit for me. I have the opportunity to work with people of all ages, from a variety of backgrounds. In those 25 years I have had the privilege to watch many 4-Hers grow up, graduate from high school and college, and then come home to raise their families. Now I have their children in 4-H!

I have been married for 34 years, and my husband is now enjoying partial retirement. We have two daughters that we are very proud of. Our oldest is a professor at the University of Georgia and has become quite a Dawg fan. She has two children, Tucker and Esme who are the apple of my eye, and I get there as often as I can. Our second daughter manages a restaurant in Missoula, Montana, and teaches yoga at the University of Montana. You would think with her in Montana she would be fairly close but she actually lives 500 miles from us.

In my spare time I love to quilt, garden, read and take our 2 dogs on walks. I am so looking forward to hosting you in Montana.

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Parliamentary Pointers - Main Motions Introduce Business at a Meeting

Janice Strand (NM), Professional Registered Parliamentarian

Is your concern that it takes a long time to conduct business at your organization's meetings? Is there a long, long discussion before a decision is made? Parliamentarians recommend that a main motion be used to introduce business as then the content of the issue is focused and discussion can center on the specific statement of the motion.

A main motion is stated, "I move....." as a meeting participant introduces business at a meeting. A complete main motion includes:

1. The proposed action.
2. Who will follow through on the action; President, Board, Individual, Committee.
3. If the action requires "reporting back" or completion then to whom? when?
4. If money is involved, how much? are funds available: how will it be financed?
5. If a committee is involved, how appointed? how many? Is the committee to investigate, consider, act, plan?

It is recommended that each main motion be written on a motion form, read by the maker of the motion, handed to the presider who restates the motion after it has been seconded. The presider then hands the completed form to the secretary; the motion, as stated, can then be written in the minutes.

The steps in the handling of the motion are:

1. The member seeks recognition from the chair.
2. The chair recognizes the member.
3. The member states the motion.
4. Another member seconds the motion.
5. The chair states the motion (it now belongs to the assembly).
6. The chair asks for debate/discussion; debate/discussion occurs. The maker of the motion is given the first opportunity to speak.
7. The chair "puts the question". "Is there any debate?"
8. The members vote on the motion.
9. The chair announces the result of the vote and the action to be taken if the motion is adopted.

Subsidiary motions are applied to main motions...to amend a main motion, to refer a main motion to a committee, to limit or extend debate on a main motion, etc. Each one of these subsidiary motions can be covered in a future column.

[Information on agenda can be reviewed in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, \(RONR\) pp. 353-375.](#)

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