

HISTORICAL REPORT

By President Mary Ann Lienhart Cross

REPORT OUTLINE

Year 2010

President's Name Mary Ann Lienhart Cross

Goals for the Year

- Working on being very fiscally responsible
- Embracing Technology – Educational monthly webinars, board meeting by Adobe Connect
- Bringing back and updating “Impact Statements”
- Listening to members and designing Annual Session that meet their needs.
- Updated the Strategic Plan for 2009 -2012
- Living Well, More Than a Cookbook – Promoting the profession

List of Board Meetings (include winter, mid-year, pre-board, post-board and video conferences)

Winter Arlington, Texas at Madelyn Crouch Management Company, Dec. 2009

Mid-year to be fiscally responsible the board meet 3 days by Adobe Connect, May 2010

Pre-board Portland, Maine September 18 – 19, 2010

Post-board Portland Maine September 25, 2010

List of Leadership Workshops

JCEP NEAFCS meeting Nashville, Tennessee

Annual Session Information

Date September 20 -24, 2010

Location Portland, Maine

Name of Hotel Holiday Inn by the Bay

Theme Lighting the Way through Education & Outreach

Objectives:

- Engaging in professional development and collaborate with colleagues to address emerging issues that impact individuals, families and communities.
- Exploring new technologies, applied research and program delivery methods.
- Experiencing Maine's unique entrepreneurial spirit, resources and history.

Keynote Special Speakers - John Rebar, Executive director, Cooperative Extension, University of Maine, Forum- Dr. Fred Whitford, Purdue University, The Making of Effective Extension Presentations. Cap note - Kevin Eikenberry, The Kevin Eikenberry Group.

Number of attendees 900 plus any special guests? Dr. Chuck Hibberd, Purdue Extension Director

Major Accomplishments (narrative to be used in written history))

Thank you for the leadership and personal development growth opportunities. Through my term I encouraged members to “Invest themselves” and to know that “Change is Good You Go First”. Serving on the national board was not on my professional and personal development list of opportunities. I am greatly that the administration at Purdue University Extension and Elkhart County supported me. I began my opportunity of serving on the national board when I was asked to run for vice president of Professional Development. Please know that no one was willing to serve in the position. This was unlimited leadership work that provided extra challenges as the association was changing management companies. Serving in this position provided me the big picture of NEAFCS. As I was completing this office I was encouraged by past presidents, board members and members to seek the office of president elect. At the JCEP Galaxy Annual Session in Indianapolis, NEAFCS had a real election with two candidates and I was provided the opportunity to serve as president in 2010.

We as a board had to make tough decisions to help improve the finances of NEAFCS. This was not easy but necessary. We as a board worked hard, had camaraderie, embraced the goals for the year and had a fantastic Annual Session with over 900 members attending. On a personal note I could not have had the experiences I did on the NEAFCS board without the support, assistants, and listening of my best friend and husband Mike.

Challenges: Working through a deficient 75th Annual Session budget, a high maintenance executive director, lack of transparency about the Living Well More Than a Cookbook.

List of Any First Time Events, Activities, Happenings, etc.

Portland, Maine became all about NEAFCS and the city knew the members and association where there. We had events in every hotel and meeting room that was available. We also had events on the water and enjoyed all of the seafood.

Also please send a photo of yourself and your board. Names, position and home states of board members.

President-Elect: Marsha Lockard (ID)

Vice President Member Resources: Judy Kovach (TN)

Vice President Professional Development: Rhea Bentley (GA)

Vice President Public Affairs: Debra Simmons Gray (IL)

Vice President Awards & Recognition: Carol Chandler (OH)

Secretary: Kathleen Olson (MN)

Treasurer: Judy Hetterman (KY)

Central Regional Director: Peg Ehlers (IN)

Eastern Regional Director: Carolyn Wissenbach (PA)

Southern Regional Director: Debby Mathews (AL)

Western Regional director: Chris Koehler (WA)

How many members were in the association this year ?

Dues \$70.00 of which \$10.00 went to awards, and there was \$20.00 life member fee ?

Friend of Extension Winner Linda Kay Benning

Linda Kay Benning was well known for her work as the Associate Director for Extension and Outreach at the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. Linda also served half time as the Executive Director of the Northeast Cooperative Extension Directors.

Before these positions she served as a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate. Before these positions she served as a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate. The focus for her work includes education from to post-secondary, agriculture, environment, energy and welfare. Linda was an Extension Agent for over seven years

