



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

The Professional Association for North Carolina Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Educators

2008 Professional Development Committee Report

The goal of the Professional Development Committee is to:

- Increase knowledge among all NCEAFCS members of the opportunities for professional development through formal study, through workshops and seminars and through distance learning opportunities.
- Encourage exchange of research findings between districts and from state and national levels.
- Encourage attendance at the NEAFCS meeting.

Throughout the year, Family and Consumer Science Extension agents have been notified regularly via the FCS listserv about training sessions, educational meetings and professional development opportunities. These notices have been sent from CES specialists, as well as from agents themselves. The listserv proves to be a very efficient and timely way to communicate with NCEAFCS members about professional development opportunities.

Glennie Daniels, Southwest District VP for Professional Development, reported that Ann Simmons in Iredell County became a certified Health Education Specialist in October 2007. Ann had to pass a national exam through the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

Susan Hamilton, South Central District VP for Professional Development, reported that Molly Alexi in Stanly County received a Master of Extension and Education from NC State University in December 2007. Molly will be recognized with a small gift during the business session at the state meeting in August 2008.

Susan Hamilton reported that the South Central District pays \$300 for the voting delegate to attend the National meeting. This year the South Central District is supporting two members, since the state president is also from the South Central District.

Deborah Womack, Northwest District VP for Professional Development, reported that she had encouraged district members to take various classes and attend professional development conferences throughout the year. Members shared information about the workshops and conferences they attended at both their fall and spring district meetings.

Ann Darkow, Northeast District VP for Professional Development, reported that there are three FCS agents in the Leadership Training for new and aspiring County Extension Directors. They are, Susan Chase, Beaufort Co., Shari Farless, Chowan Co., and Jewell Winslow, Perquimans Co.

Janice Latour, VP for Professional Development from the North Central District, reported that Jane Cubilla, FCS Agent in Johnston County received an FCS Foundation grant in March 2008 which she used to attend training offered by the Affordable Housing Groups to become a certified housing counselor and member of the Association of Housing Counselors.

An email reminder was sent via the FCS listserv reminding all current and future officers to attend the Leadership Development session to be held at the state meeting in Lake Junaluska on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 2:30-5:00 pm.

Denise Baker, VP for Professional Development in the Western District, took the lead on applying for PDU's for the state meeting this year for those with Certified Family and Consumer Sciences (CFCS) status. Denise suggested that guidelines be written for the application process as she learned that it could take as long as six weeks to receive approval. These guidelines would be helpful to those responsible for applying for PDU's in the future.

Committee Members:

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