



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

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

President's Update
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Greetings to all. Wow, what a great time to be a part of Family and Consumer Sciences. The New Administrative districts are in place, NCEES is rolling out a brand new marketing campaign and the FCS foundation is planning a signature event to continue to strengthen our foundation and the FCS programs it supports.

The Executive Board of the NCEAFCS met during the 4-H Youth and Families Summit to discuss possible changes due to the new Administrative Districts. It was the consensus of this board to propose a change to the membership to align with the new administrative districts in 2009.

I have been corresponding with the District Presidents about some of the suggestions for our changes that will be happening in our association. District Presidents at the spring meetings will be sharing with you a proposed State Officer rotations chart and a voting delegate rotation plan and other new ideas for our association.

The budget committee recently met to come up with suggestions on a dues increase and a statewide distribution plan of the monies as we go into our changing of the district lines. Their recommendations will be shared through the district presidents and treasurers.

The FCS Foundation awarded 5 innovative grants, each at a value of \$1,000 to support FCS programming. These were awarded at the FCS Foundation Board meeting in March. I am serving on the events planning committee, which is planning a BIG event to bring in more recognition and BIG bucks for FCS. I will keep you abreast of what is being planned, so you can participate.

As most of you know Renay, Peggie and I have been in discussion with the 4-H Agents Association State Officers to merge some of our FCS and 4-H efforts, which include the combining of the Annual 4-H and FCS Association Annual meetings and States Night out at Galaxy. The coming together of the Annual meetings will take some planning and we have decided not to move too fast on this. The States Night out will be at the Weber Grill in Indianapolis. We have decided to meet with 4-H, which may make the meal very

reasonable, since both associations receive funding through Marshall to support this event. And the good news is the restaurant is in walking distance of the Hotel (Yea!).

Renay and I had the opportunity to go to sunny Florida in February to attend JCEP. We brought back lots of great ideas for our association to help with fund raising, marketing and celebrating our centennial. So be on the look out for this information.

Whew! I guess that is it and like all good FCS agents it's back to work. Have a great spring and summer programming year! I hope to see you all at Lake Junaluska in August.

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