



North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

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

2014 Report of Federation Officer: Parliamentarian Trudy Pickett, NCEAFCS

The North Carolina Federation of Cooperative Extension Associations (NCFCEA) unifies North Carolina Cooperative Extension and promotes professional development and communicates concerns and needs of its members. Seven officers representing each association serve as the Federation executive committee. Each association president and president-elect serves on the board of directors. Offices rotate among all associations annually with service from January through December. NCEAFCS President Molly Alexi and President-Elect Sherrie Peeler represent the association on the 2014 board of directors. Federation President Cheryl Mitchell provided information for this report. May 21, 2014— Federation had its spring meeting (via Collaborate) which included the following:

- Reports from each association
- Budget approval for 2014
- Dr. Zublena reported in his *administrative update* that the Centennial Celebration, held on May 19 at the Expo Center at the NC State Fairgrounds, was a phenomenal success. Extension employees, retirees, clients and guests attended the event. Dr. Zublena applauded Extension's unprecedented access to the Legislature on May 20 on "Cooperative Extension Day" and talked about the need to have more frequent access to our legislators within the Legislature. The unveiling of the Strategic Plan of Cooperative Extension is being delayed while details are ironed out relating to programs and compilation of the Employee Satisfaction Survey. The Vision Initiative committee has narrowed the focus of Extension to three areas: Food, Agriculture and 4-H Youth Development. The greatest challenge left to the committee is staffing. Reorganizing within Extension will be necessary to meet budget restrictions. Dr. Zublena reminded the Federation that Administration is open and willing to attending our association meetings, but needs as much advance notice as possible to work into Administration's schedule.
- The Fall Federation Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 13, 1:30-3:30 via Collaborate.
- The 2014 Federation Forum will be on Friday, December 12, 2014 in Union County (Union County Extension Office). President-elect Karee Mackey is responsible for the program and logistics. Questions for the Forum can be submitted at any time to your association's officers.

- October 31, 2014—Closing date for nominations of the NCFCEA Leadership & Service Award. Federation President-elect Karee Mackey (NCCEAPA) will receive nominations at karee_mackey@ncsu.edu. A link to the Leadership & Service Recognition Award is <https://sites.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/ncfcea/awards> The Federation website on Google Sites is <http://sites.ncsu.edu/ncfcea>

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