

The FAN Letter

Florida Affiliate News



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2022—2023
Board of Directors

President's Message



It is with mixed feelings that I write this, my last president's message. On one hand, I have been very honored to serve as the Florida Affiliate president the last two years, doing my part to help navigate our association through the pandemic and a variety of internal changes. I have learned so much from our board as well as all the meetings and trainings that have been available to me through AAFCS. On the other hand, there were so many things I wanted to initiate within our affiliate that I just did not get accomplished, two of them being the implementation of a series of virtual professional development opportunities for

members and the building out of our affiliate website. However, I plan to make these my focus as I serve as Immediate Past President.

I would like to thank all of our affiliate board members for their continued dedication and service to our association. As we continue to struggle to find members willing to serve in leadership roles, the people on our board continue to step up to keep our affiliate active and running. Without this group, the Florida affiliate of AAFCS would not be what it is today.

There are three women in particular to whom I would like to give a special shout out. **Betty Mann McQueen** has been an active and dedicated member of our association for over 50 years. Her energy and enthusiasm have helped shape our affiliate and helped usher us into more modern modes of operation. **Sha Pate's** experience, knowledge, and willingness to lend her time have all had far-reaching, positive effects on not only our affiliate, but the national association as well. Her recent election to the AAFCS Board of Directors is a great reflection on her stellar reputation and abilities as an FCS professional. **Marilyn Swierk** is getting much-deserved recognition this year as one of three national Distinguished Service Award recipients. Her lifetime of achievement in FCS will be recognized at the AAFCS conference. Please join me in congratulating her.

As I pass the baton on to Judy Corbus as our new Florida affiliate president, I know the association will continue to be in good hands. It has been my pleasure and my honor to serve as your president these last two years and I look forward to seeing our affiliate continue to strengthen and grow into the future.

Samantha Kennedy, M.S. FAFCS President, 2022-2023

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July 8, 2022.

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2022 Year-End Business Meeting

Submitted by Samantha Kennedy

We will be having our annual affiliate business meeting on **Saturday, June 4 from 11am to 2pm ET via Zoom**. I do not anticipate the meeting taking the full three hours, but I wanted to make sure that we had plenty of time to close out affiliate business and recognize award winners. There is no charge for the meeting, but you **MUST** pre-register in order to get the link to the meeting. The registration link for the annual business meeting is: <https://go.ufl.edu/6975867>. Once you complete the registration, you will receive an email with the Zoom link to the meeting. I hope to see all of you on June 4!

International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)

Submitted by Joyce Cotner

IFHE World Congress Registration

Please view the official XXIV IFHE World Congress [flyer](#) - Congress is Hybrid! Registration offers Early Bird rates. September 6-10, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia (USA)

Gather on an international stage in Atlanta to share expertise, explore ideas and connect with colleagues from across the globe.. OR Join virtually to present, learn and grow professionally.

Visit the [website](#) and follow the link to the Congress website.

The Host Hotel is Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

I modified my reservation search for the Hyatt and YES, -- I have a confirmed reservation at the conference rate of \$154.00/night (plus taxes & fess) for Mon, Sept 5 - Sat, Sept 10 at the Host Hotel, Hyatt Regency Atlanta.

Check out page 4 for more IFHE News - information on the McManus Development Fund Event on June 24, 2022 at the Orlando DoubleTree Hotel!

2022 AAFCS Annual Conference

Submitted by Samantha Kennedy

Going to AAFCS? Then we need YOU!

If you are attending the AAFCS Annual Conference in Orlando this year and would like to lend a hand to help things run smoothly, we would love to have you as a conference volunteer! Volunteer jobs include: Registration Setup - Assemble Conference Packets and Name Badges; Conference Packet Assembly - check-in process and assemble name badges; Work Registration Desk; Welcome Reception; General Session - light the Betty Lamp, greeter at the door, seating, behind the stage support, room count, handouts, etc.; General Session – Speaker Introduction; Educational Session: greeter, introduce speaker, room count, handouts, etc.; The Hub - set-up/take down, Exhibitor support, FCS Fast Talks, door prizes, etc.; SuperSession - greeter at the door, seating, behind the stage support, room count, handouts, etc.; Salute to

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Excellence Awards Reception; and Signage Placement. Some of these jobs will be needed before and/or after the conference, so please select jobs that fit your travel schedule.

We need all hands on-deck. As the host affiliate, I would love to see a strong showing of volunteers from Florida. Any help, large or small, would be greatly appreciated. The national office will be holding a Zoom orientation for volunteers soon, so stay tuned!

To sign up to be a volunteer, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/3FPljxC>.

Disaster Donations Desperately Desired

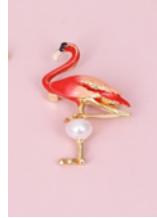
Submitted by Samantha Kennedy

The Florida affiliate will be collecting disaster preparation/disaster recovery items at our affiliate table in the EXPO/Hub at the AAFCS conference in Orlando. Help us spread the word so we can gather as many supplies as possible, which will be donated to a local disaster relief organization after the conference to help those who may be affected by a disaster. For a list of the types of items we will be collecting, please visit: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html>.

Public Relations

Submitted by Wendy Lynch

Submissions for the next FAN newsletter are due July 8, 2022. Share your stories and photos of your favorite moments at this year's AAFCS annual conference.



Planning to Attend the AAFCS Conference in Orlando?

Submitted by Donna
McGrew

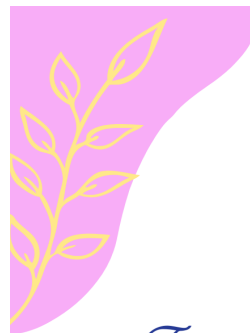
If so, please let me know! I'm bringing Florida identity lapel pins for everyone. Enid Lapham likes to display hers on a lanyard; I attach mine to the name tag. How will you wear yours? Let me know that you're coming so that I have one for you.

Just email me:

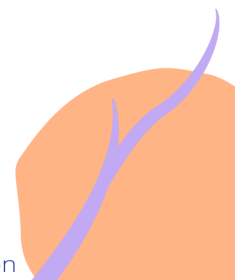
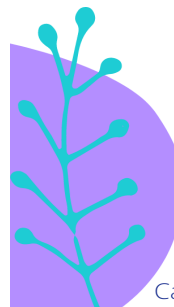
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Thanks, Donna McGrew

Image: Donna McGrew



*Teaching is the
profession that
teaches all of the
other professions.*



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McMANUS DEVELOPMENT FUND EVENT
DoubleTree Hotel – SeaWorld
FRIDAY, June 24, 2022
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Check AAFCS Program for Room Assignment.

Registration for this in-person event is:

- \$50 – with \$40 as a tax-deductible contribution
- Special Student Registration Rate – \$10

Light refreshments will be served during the event.

The contribution portion of your registration will be used to support the IFHE-US Disaster Assistance Partnership (DAP) to assist with establishing a Home Economics Program at Aishalton Secondary School in Guyana, South America.

The program for the Cultural Evening will share the development and progress of the Aishalton School Home Economics Program. Dr. Audrey Jones-Drayton, IFHE member from Barbados has worked closely with the project and will coordinate the presentation. We will also have the Aishalton Home Economics teacher, Ms. Vickey Smith, join us. You will learn what has happened and what the current needs are to support and advance the program.

E-mail your registration by June 13, 2022, to marykmerwin@gmail.com so that we can plan for adequate refreshments and handouts.

Payment:

Checks payable to IFHE-US Development Fund

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Credit Card at www.ifheus.org and select Sharon McManus Cultural Event

If you will not be able to attend the AAFCS Conference in Orlando, FL, you can still participate in this event. It will be provided by Zoom later. Please register to receive the Zoom link for the event by sending your name and e-mail address to marykmerwin@gmail.com. We hope that you will be able to make a tax-deductible contribution that will be used by DAP Fund for the Guyana project.

Save the Date
June 24
Orlando, Florida



2022 IFHE-US McManus Cultural Event

Friday, June 24, 2022

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Orlando DoubleTree Hotel

Make your travel plans for Orlando so you'll arrive in time to attend!!

IFHE Disaster Assistance Partnership (DAP) has recently taken on a new project to assist with furnishing the Aishalton Secondary School Home Economics program in the Rupununi Region 9 in Guyana, South America, an indigenous community deep within the Amazon Savannah.

The Home Economics program started twelve years ago and has been developed from scratch. Recently, space inside the school has been added but due to lack of funds, it is lacking equipment and other resources to provide a complete Home Economics program.

At this year's McManus Cultural Event, you'll hear from individuals in Guyana who are involved in developing the program and others who have been fortunate to visit the School. The majority of this event will be presented by Zoom but there will be time available for Q&A. As details are finalized, we hope to provide this virtually for those unable to be in Orlando for the AAFCS Conference.

Details will be coming soon about registration for this event, as well as the opportunity to donate to the Disaster Assistance Partnership and/or the IFHE-US Development Fund.

2022 Awards

Submitted by Kendra Zamojski

Congratulations to our 2022 Award Recipients

Business Professional: Dr. Ginger Phillips



What Makes Dr. Ginger Phillips Outstanding?

Dr. Ginger Phillips, Founder and CEO of Arden Solutions, has built a successful business on empowering others to be successful. Check out her association management company website and her team. Her clients, including AAFCS, are an awesome representation of organizations. She and her staff promise to produce results, and they do.

Those of us who participated in the first AAFCS completely virtual national conference in 2021 saw the evidence when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the world. Ginger's team supported the virtual general sessions for that awesome experience. Talk about responding to a short turn-around time in pulling together a something-for-everyone package of programming for 600+ world-wide participants. Mind boggling! There are not enough adjectives to describe the positive energy generated in that new-to-us experience.

But it was not a new-to-Ginger experience. A visionary, she saw the possibilities for distance learning and meetings due to a fast-growing technological world. Her curriculum vitae and workplace experience resume are an incredible list of a diverse components of technology and continuing education and supports a totally virtual company where everyone works from home, even before the pandemic.

Needing her expertise as an idea and an action professional, she was invited to serve on the FAFCS Board. Although she had a full schedule, she said yes. Being a generous person, she has given freely of her time, talent, and treasure (including her staff) to produce the 2021 FAFCS annual conference, providing technological assistance and expertise when needed for virtual board and committee meetings, and serving on the Florida Affiliate host committee for the 2022 AAFCS annual conference.

Ginger received her Bachelors of Science in Home Economics Education from Mansfield State University in Pennsylvania and her Masters of Education in the same field from Pennsylvania State University. The University of South Florida awarded her a Doctorate in Education.

In addition to being a business owner with a current specialty in event planning, professional association management, and team building, she is an educator, a writer, a

grant writer, and a peer reviewer. Her study and work experience encompasses international programs, having hosted continuing education study abroad and, at one time, was a college advisor for the International Peace Corps Program.

Ginger is an outstanding example of a successful business owner and a family and consumer sciences professional. This is only a portion of her accomplishments and her team's business expertise available through Arden Solutions. We are so fortunate to have her as a member of the Florida Affiliate of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Extension Excellence: Dr. Michael Gutter



Dr. Michael Gutter, Associate Dean for 4-H Youth Development, Families and Communities, is a proven advocate for family and consumer sciences. He is a visual and articulate face and voice for innovative programs. A practical visionary who sees beyond boundaries, he has a way of seizing available resources to connect and build collaborations with family and consumer sciences as the provider for programs and services for the current needs of society.

Dr. Gutter has been an integral part of connecting UF/IFAS Extension family and consumer sciences agents with a variety of innovative programming opportunities, including a collaboration with UF Health to provide patients with a local place to meet with their healthcare providers via a private, secure telehealth connection at the local Extension office, saving them a trip to Gainesville or other onsite UF Health locations that may be far from their home.

Two other innovative programs Dr. Gutter has helped bring to family and consumer sciences include the Our Community, Our Health grant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which focuses on gathering community opinions regarding immunization and providing educational information about preventative measures for common, widespread illnesses such as influenza; and a financial counseling program that specifically targets cancer patients and their families – a program that connects FCS financial educators with patients to help them navigate the financial challenges they may face during and after their cancer treatment.

He became a working part of the Florida Affiliate in 2017 when he accepted the invitation to serve on the annual conference committee. Working closely behind the scenes with the conference chair, he was a major contributor to the success of the conference held on the University of Florida campus. He encouraged and inspired, without making it mandatory, for his staff to be actively involved. He used resources within his authority to provide financially affordable meeting space. He also was a panel participant, rep-

representing Extension Services, in addressing the current status and future possibilities for family and consumer sciences. As usual, his contributions were global. With this kind of thinking, experience, ability to provide action plans, networking base, and wonderful sense of humor, he was asked to serve on the FAFCS Board, which generously accepted – a role he will continue to fill into the near future.

He is a family and consumer sciences success story, having started his journey in the sixth grade. His areas of expertise are personal finance and behavioral economics, both of which he has honed throughout his education and professional career, sharing his knowledge with students and Extension agents alike in order to help as many people as possible across the communities, state, and nation.

Dr. Gutter has been an ardent supporter of family and consumer sciences and an integral part of the UF/IFAS Extension system for over a decade. His enthusiasm, expertise, creativity, and generosity have made many innovative FCS programs possible across Florida and continue to serve as areas of encouragement and success for agents and professionals across the state and beyond.

Leader of the Year: Samantha Kennedy



Good leaders often become so, not of their own accord, but by answering the call when asked. Samantha Kennedy answered that call and has fulfilled her duties as our president for the past two years. I am grateful to her, and wish to honor her with the FAFCS Leadership of the Year Award.

Good leaders influence others by setting a good example. Sam is passionate about our organization and demonstrates it by accepting leadership roles and encouraging others to do the same.

Sam has been active in different districts, serving and working on a variety of district and state offices. During her term as president she has understood the need for continuous change. She tried a new approach for our 2021 annual conference—holding the meeting “virtually” via the zoom platform.

This year, she has interacted tirelessly on our behalf with national leaders to put together the AAFCS National Conference in Orlando.

Samantha Kennedy has many leadership qualities including: integrity, accountability, commitment, creativity, vision and purpose.

AAFCS 2022 Distinguished Service Award

Submitted by Betty Mann McQueen, CFCS

Congratulations and Thank You, Marilyn Swierk, CFCS

It was my honor and privilege to nominate Marilyn Swierk for the AAFCS 2022 Distinguished Service Award. And it is my joy and pleasure to join in the celebration that she has been selected as one of the 2022 Distinguished Service Awardees. Congratulations, Marilyn, and thank you for your dedication for showing us how to keep our profession vital and a visible presence in such a variety of settings.

If you haven't had the privilege of meeting Marilyn in person, take the opportunity to do so by attending the 2022 Annual Conference in Orlando, June 25th to 27th. If you haven't met her—and even if you have—I would like for you to meet this incredible person as seen through my eyes.

It is a wise decision that any application to acknowledge Marilyn's achievements, such as the Distinguished Service Award, has page limitations because the documentation of her many credentials, awards, contributions, and continued service to our profession would fill volumes of paper! But no human will ever be able to document the ripple effect of how many lives have been empowered by her innovative teachings of the wisdom, concepts, and principles inherent in our multi-faceted profession of family and consumer sciences.

Marilyn reminds me of Thomas Weaver's *The Butterfly* who asked the breeze, "What makes you chase the river toward the ocean?" And the breeze said the most amazing thing, "I'm simply made up of the currents in the air that start from the movement of your wings. Your tiny butterfly wings." That butterfly is Marilyn. That breeze is family and consumer sciences.

Marilyn has started so many ripples in the currents of FCS, that the persons receiving the benefits of her contributions have no idea of who to thank other than those of us who quote her, use her materials, and are energized by her enthusiasm. Too often her name gets lost in the process. She is open-hearted, giving opportunities with an open-hand to anyone who is ready for ideas of how to make the world a better place for all. She is dedicated, loyal, and passionate to our profession, always flying under the AAFCS umbrella, regardless of her audience.

Florida is so fortunate that in 2006 Marilyn decided to flutter her wings with the breezes following over the rivers from Rhode Island to the oceans and waterways of Florida. Our members feel her ripple effect even if they have never met her. Already active on the national level in leadership roles, she became, and continues to be, a

mentor for many of us in Florida, an encouraging voice, sometimes a persistent voice, when she targets one of us to take the next best step in becoming more involved to create a stronger FCS presence. But she doesn't stop there. She teaches and gives us the tools in how to do it, often one-on-one, and is always open to presenting her fast-paced, stimulating, and inspiring in-service training for FCS professionals.

I've met and worked with numerous FCS professionals in my 62 years of AAFCS membership. I've never met one to match Marilyn in resiliency skills. Using her well-honed organization skills, she continues her high level of involvement in our profession, including AAFCS and connecting with various affiliates, regardless of the adversities of her personal and family life. Rather than using those personal experiences as excuses to not complete a commitment, she uses them as teaching experiences to showcase the importance of FCS skills for developing sustainable families.

Marilyn is an impressive representative to be added to the Hall of Fame of the AAFCS Distinguished Service Awardees. Paraphrasing the words from *The Butterfly*, "Marilyn is a family and consumer sciences butterfly, powerful and strong. We're grateful for the way she always hurries us along. When she flaps her wings to stretch herself, it might seem small to her, but she changes the world with everything she does and then asks herself, 'What more can I do?' And then, she always gives more!"

And speaking of giving, we have the opportunity to pay back or pay forward in support of Marilyn. Donations can be made in her honor either electronically or with a check using the following form.

Those of us with over 50 years membership were given the financial gift of a \$199 registration fee for the annual conference this year. What a bargain! What an opportunity!

The Florida Affiliate has a large percentage of us "seasoned members." As my thank you, I'm going to use some of that saved income and make a donation to support Marilyn as a Distinguished Service Awardee. Again, congratulations and thank you, Marilyn, for touching my life with so many positive experiences!

Interested in Celebrating Excellence with a gift to the 2022 DSA Honorary Fund? You have an opportunity to support AAFCS' strategic priorities: Advocacy and Collaboration; Education and Recognition; and Research and Innovation. For more information on ways to contribute, please see page 11.

Yes! I want to Celebrate Excellence with my gift to the 2022 DSA Honorary Fund, supporting AAFCS' strategic priorities: Advocacy and Collaboration; Education and Recognition; and Research and Innovation. **Return this remittance slip with your check payable to AAFCS and mail to:**

AAFCS PO Box 79377 Baltimore, MD 21279

☐ Check # _____ **My total gift of \$_____ is in honor of:**

\$ _____ Beverly Card, CFCS

\$ _____ Barbara George, CFCS-Retired

\$ _____ Marilyn Swierk, CFCS-Retired

Donor Name _____

Member ID Number _____

Address _____

Donor email for electronic acknowledgement.



FAFCS Honors Membership Milestones 2022

Submitted by Nancy Hamilton, CFCS, VP of Membership

The Florida Affiliate of AAFCS (FAFCS) is proud to recognize the following members for reaching these Membership Milestone Anniversaries:

Doris Hanson	District F	70 years	Jessie Warden	District B	65 years
Judy Henne	District D	60 years	Patricia Erikson	District G	55 years
Dr. Barbara O'Neill	District C	50 years	Lina Ingraham	District D	50 years
Diann Douglas	District B	40 years	Judy Corbus	District I	30 years
Gerry Poling	District F	30 years	Anna-Francis Apap	District A	30 years
Dr. Barbara Allison	District E	30 years	Donna McGrew	District F	30 years
Judith Darby	District F	25 years	Kathy Kay	District C	20 years
Sandra Brock	District H	20 years	Michael Gutter	District C	5 years
Heidi Radunovich	District C	5 years	Eula Goolsby	District F	5 years
Kim Griffin	District B	5 years	Kendra Zamojski	District B	5 years

This is also an appropriate time to recognize our FAFCS First Year Members! We hope that you will continue your membership and service to the profession.

Gesulla Cavanaugh	District G	Mimi Cooper	District D
Anne Morgenthal	District C	Dr .Rosemary Cohn	District J
Gretchen Thornton	District B	Miko DeWald	District I
Shardelle Goshay	District F	Tiffany Camacho	District F

NOTE: For purposes of this report, Milestones are determined by the number of years reported on the AAFCS roster AND the "paid through" date. That means that this list may include some whose dues have lapsed and may also include those who will meet their milestone later in the year. Apologies to anyone who was forgotten!

FAFCS Bylaws and Policy Changes

By Betty Mann McQueen, Chair Bylaws and Policies

Committee Members: Sue Sinclair, Arnell Waldron, Linda Cook, Sha Pate

The AAFCS requires that affiliate bylaws be in compliance with AAFCS bylaws. Although according to both AAFCS and FAFCS bylaws, compliance issues do not require a vote of the FAFCS membership, all changes were reviewed by FAFCS Board of Directors and were approved by a majority vote of its 20 members.

All the bylaw changes except Article IX are compliance issues. Article IX, Section 2 gives the Board of Directors the authority to “re-define the geographic boundaries from time to time when such action would facilitate the work of the districts within the Association. Consider revamping districts.” After considering various options, the Board voted to combine the nine districts into the three regions as outlined in the Policies Handbook, page 19.

If any FAFCS member has an objection to or questions the rationale behind any of the changes, please feel free to contact me at mcqueenbm@aol.com

Red are additions. Yellow are deletions.

Bylaws of the Florida Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, hereafter referred to as FAFCS.

also known as

Florida Affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Article II

PURPOSES, MISSION, AND DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

Section 1. The purposes of FAFCS shall be the same as those of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (hereafter referred to as AAFCS) as stated in the bylaws.

Section 2: The purposes **of the Association are (1) to further improve and strengthen education and science in family and consumer sciences, (2) to encourage and promote full and fair explanation of pertinent facts affecting family and consumer sciences, and (3) to promote liaison and other cooperative activity with groups having related concerns as family and consumer sciences.**

Section **2 3**: The **purpose mission** of the Association is to provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

Section 4: The FAFCS celebrates, embraces, and respects the value of every person. Our commitment to diversity, equality, inclusion, and social justice is demonstrated through our work to improve the well-being and quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.

Article V

FUNCTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICEERS AND STAFF

(a) (First sentence only.) The **president** shall be the executive officer of the Association, shall preside at meetings of the state association, shall chair the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and shall serve as a **Senator to the Assembly of the AAFCS Annual Conference voting member of the AAFCS Leadership Council** or shall appoint another member to attend and serve in their absence.

(b) (First sentence only.) The **president-elect** shall become familiar with the workings of the Association in preparation for assuming the duties of the president for the following year, and shall serve as a **Senator in the Assembly of the AAFCS Annual Conference voting member of the AAFCS Leadership Council** or **the president shall** appoint another member to attend and serve in their absence.

Article VI

GOVERNING BOARDS

Section 2. The **Board of Directors** shall consist of the Executive Committee, nominating committee, standing committee chairs, **professional section chairs, division chairs, community chair(s), district region** chairs, and liaisons to AAFCS.

Article IX

DISTRICT REGION ASSOCIATIONS

Section 1: The Association shall be organized into **districts regions** of the state as determined by the Board of Directors. The purposes of the **district region** organization and requirements for membership shall be the same for FAFCS and AAFCS.

Section 2: The Board of Directors may re-define the geographic boundaries from time to time when such action would facilitate the work of the **districts regions** or the Association. Consider revamping **districts regions**.

Section 3: **Districts Regions** shall present a written report to the president and an oral report to the Assembly at the Annual Conference.

Section 4: The **districts regions** shall be defined by the following geographic county boundaries:

Region 1: **District A** Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, **District B** Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, **District C**

Columbia, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Gilchrist, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Levy, Putnam, Marion, Citrus, Sumter, **District D** Baker, Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. Johns **District I** Holmes, Jackson, Washington, Bay, Calhoun, and Gulf.

Region 2: **District F** Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, **District H** Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee.

Region 3: **District E** Volusia, Lake, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Brevard, Flagler, **District G** Indian River, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, **District J** Miami-Dade, and Monroe.

Florida Affiliate Handbook 2018-2022

The Handbook documents the policies of the Affiliate. **Article VI** of the Bylaws states that “The Board of Directors shall act as the policy-making body,” hence the following policy changes do not require a membership vote.

Policy Handbook, page 17, V, B: **Eliminate FAFCS’s Home and Community** which is defined as a liaison to AAFCS’s Partners in Home and Community. This is a compliance issue as it is not one of the current 20 AAFCS Communities.

Policy Handbook, page 18, first paragraph, last line: “They (AAFCS Liaisons) attend all Board of Directors meetings &/or participate in conference calls and attend the annual business meeting. **For reporting purposes, but do not have a vote.** This is a compliance issue. Bylaw Article VI, Section 2 gives AAFCS Board Liaison positions voting status.

Future Policies Issues to Address

1. The reorganization and operation policies for merging Districts A, B, C, D, and I into Regions 1 and Districts E, G, and J into Region 3. We do have a model because Districts F and H successfully merged years ago into which is now Region 2.
2. The reorganization of Communities as represented on the Board of Directors. It is recommended that Judy Corbus, 2022-2023 President, appoint a Communities Task Force with the responsibility of developing a restructuring plan—or at least a reporting plan for member awareness for linking FAFCS with current AAFCS Communities. The chair of the Communities Task Force would be a voting member of the FAFCS Board of Directors.

Anyone who wishes to participate in or give leadership to address policy changes can contact Judy Corbus, 2022-2023 President at jlcorbus@ufl.edu

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