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WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

WVAFCS 2019-2020 Board Members

ELECTED OFFICERS

President…………………………………Beth Newcome (beth.newcome@att.net) (2018-20)
President-Elect…………………………………Rachel Beach (Rachel.Beach@pierpont.edu) (2019-20)
Treasurer…………………………………Linda Schmidt (lleellee@frontier.com) (2018-20)
Secretary…………………………………Judy Matlick (judy.matlick@mail.wvu.edu) (2019-21)

Nominating Committee (Number of years remaining in position tenure)
Susan Rickards (rickardssm@gmail.com) (2017-2020)
Fonda Hawley (fonda.hawley@pierpont.edu) (2018-2021)
Dr. Elaine Bowen (epbowen@mail.wvu.edu) (2019-2022)

President of Student Organization………
Past President………………………………… Elaine Bowen (epbowen@mail.wvu.edu)

DIRECTORS
Membership, Officer and Member Orientation….. Judy Matlick (judy.matlick@mail.wvu.edu)
Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual……Susan Rickards (rickardssm@gmail.com)
Communications and History……………………
Public Policy and Education……………………
Standards, Awards and Scholarship………………
Alliance Organizations (Ex-officio members)……
MISSION OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

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.

The Association of Family and Consumer Sciences is a scientific and educational association of professionals which functions on local, state, national, and international levels. It supports and promotes the mission of the profession of family and consumer sciences, which is to improve the quality of life for individuals and families. Specifically, the Association shall:

1. Provide systems for establishing high standards of professional conduct and service for those engaged in the study and/or practice of family and consumer sciences;

2. Provide for a continuing exchange of knowledge in the field of family and consumer sciences by means of publications, seminars, symposia, conferences, and other similar activity;

3. Alert members and the public to social, economic, and technological changes having implications for family and consumer sciences programs;

4. Encourage discussion and debate, both professionally and among the public at large, on issues relevant to family and consumer sciences;

5. Promote liaison with other agencies and organizations on specific societal issues affecting individuals and families;

6. Promote research in the problems affecting individuals and families, and make the results of such research available to government agencies, educators, and the public at large;

7. Develop conceptual leadership for the projection of long-range goals and practices in family and consumer sciences; and

8. Provide channels for communicating and analyzing public concerns on family issues to AAFCS members.

The Association serves the public by offering:

--Access to the expertise of AAFCS members;
--Leadership in areas of family issues and concerns; and
--Qualified and competent professionals with an ethical concern for the well-being of families.

The Association offers its members:

--Opportunities for continuing professional growth and development;
--Mechanisms for unifying and multiplying the efforts of individual professionals; and
--Networks for the exchange of ideas, conceptual frameworks and information, and for the critique of professional practices.
MISSION*

WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

The mission of the West Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences is to provide support to family and consumer sciences professionals who work to assist individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

*Approved by the West Virginia Association of family and Consumer Sciences March 2014

Services and/or Core Values of the WVAFCS include:

- promote professional growth and development
- encourage members to act on current and emerging issues that impact individuals, families, and communities
- provide research-based knowledge about family and consumer sciences topics
CODE OF ETHICS

Preamble

These principles are intended to aid members of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences individually and collectively in maintaining a high level of ethical conduct. They are guidelines by which a member may determine the propriety of conduct in relationships with clients, with colleagues, with members of allied professions and with various publics.

A member of the family and consumer sciences profession and of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences shall:

-- Maintain the highest responsible standard of professional performance, upholding confidentiality and acting with intelligence, commitment, and enthusiasm,

-- Fulfill the obligation to continually upgrade and broaden personal professional competence;

-- Share professional competence with colleagues and clients, to enlarge and continue development of the profession;

-- Support the objectives of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and contribute to its development through informed, active participation in its programs;

-- Advance public awareness and understanding of the profession of family and consumer sciences; and

-- Maintain a dedication of enhancing individual and family potential as a focus for professional efforts.

* Approved by the Assembly of the American Home Economics Association, June 28, 1984
West Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Bylaws
(Updates from AAFCS, 2005)
(Updates from AAFCS, 2008)
(Revision 2011)
(Minor Revisions 2018)

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the West Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, hereafter referred to as the WVAFCS or the Association, formerly known as the West Virginia Home Economics Association.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND MISSION

The purposes of the WVAFCS are stated in our Articles of Incorporation. The mission of the WVAFCS is in agreement with that of the AAFCS in that we will strive 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 in their effort to achieve their optimal quality of life.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP, DUES, FEES, AND PRIVILEGES

The WVAFCS shall adopt the criteria for membership, the amount of dues and fees, and the privileges of membership as determined by the AAFCS.

ARTICLE IV

AFFILIATE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The West Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, a state association, is an affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and therefore,

(a) has incorporated its bylaws the purposes and mission of the AAFCS and

(b) does require its members to hold membership in AAFCS.

Section 2. WVAFCS, as an affiliate association, shall be composed of individual members. Affiliate members shall pay dues to AAFCS, a portion of which shall be returned to WVAFCS.

Section 3. WVAFCS shall be represented in the AAFCS Senate by its president or designee, and by at least one additional duly authorized delegate.

Section 4. WVAFCS and other affiliate associations shall be collectively represented on the AAFCS Board of Directors by the Director of Affiliates.
ARTICLE V

PURPOSE, ELECTION AND COMPOSITION AND FUNCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The WVAFCS in order to affect its purpose shall have a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall act as the legal representative of the Association, set Association policy, provide leadership, and manage the affairs and funds of the Association.

A majority of the currently serving members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held in-person or by means of telephone or other technology-assisted options. All Directors participating in the meeting need to be able to communicate with each other.

Section 2. Election of officers of the WVAFCS shall be in accordance with election procedures adopted by the Board of Directors and published in the Policies and Procedures Manual. Election shall be by majority of the votes cast at the Annual Conference during the Association’s business meeting.

Section 3. The Board shall consist of the following members.

Elected positions are:
- President (2-year term)
- President-elect (2-year term)
- Treasurer (2-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term)
- Chair of the Nominating Committee (1-year term)
- President of the Student Organization (1-year term)

In addition to the above positions, Past-President will serve on the board.

The remaining board members, appointed by the President, are:
- Director of Membership, Officer and Member Orientation
- Director of Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual
- Director of Communications and History
- Director of Public Policy and Education
- Director of Standards, Awards, and Scholarship
- Alliance Organizations (Ex-officio members)

ARTICLE VI

COMMUNITIES

The WVAFCS membership shall have the opportunity to participate in AAFCS Communities that serve as a conduit of professional action, dialogue, and promotion of mission.
ARTICLE VII

UNITS

The WVAFCS membership shall have the opportunity to participate in the AAFCS Units that coordinate, strengthen, and promote the AAFCS programs as determined by the Board of Directors. Units shall consist of official representatives of groups within the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

There shall be an Annual Conference of the Association at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine. No Annual Conference shall be held at a time that will shorten or lengthen the term of any elected officer by more than six months. The conference shall be open to all members, and only members may vote on business matters. Business shall be transacted by a majority vote of the members in attendance. In the case of an emergency, the Annual Conference can be canceled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

NEWSLETTER

The Association shall publish a newsletter at least once a year. The Director of Communications and History will produce the newsletter.

ARTICLE X

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the WVAFCS shall be January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by action of the Board of Directors and by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present at the Association’s business meeting held during the Annual Conference, provided that a copy of the proposed changes be communicated to the membership by mail or electronically assisted technology at least thirty days prior to the Annual Conference.

Section 2. In the event of an emergency as determined by the Board of Directors, the Bylaws may be amended by mail or electronically assisted ballot by a majority vote of the members.

ARTICLE XII

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

Section 1. This Association is a non-profit corporation. No part of the net earnings of the Association
shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized or empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions to further the purposes and mission set forth in Article II of the WVAFCS Bylaws.

No substantial part of the Association's activities shall be invested in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Association members shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office in the name of the Association.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions in the Articles of Incorporation, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any future U.S. internal revenue law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any future U.S. internal revenue law.)

ARTICLE XIII

DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or termination of the WVAFCS, the Board of Directors shall, after paying all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the objectives of the Association in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes and at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any future U.S. internal revenue law) as the Board shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of proper jurisdiction exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, which the court shall determine.

ARTICLE XIV

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except as otherwise provided in its Bylaws and Standing Rules, the Association shall be governed in its proceedings by Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
HISTORY OF REVISIONS OF BYLAWS

- 1988 Bylaws used as starting point for revisions
- Significant revisions made in 1994 to reflect the national organization’s major changes.
- Minor revisions focused on national organization name change and subsequent state organization name change in 1995.
- Minor revisions in 1996
- Minor revisions in 2000
- Minor revisions in 2005
- Major revisions proposed in 2009 to reflect the national organization’s major changes made in May 2008 but not approved by the board
- Major revisions proposed and approved in August 2011 to reflect major changes made by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in May 2008.
- Minor revisions 2018
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES
(Ref: Bylaws, Article V)

PRESIDENT

Term of Office: Two years. Term begins at the end of the State Annual Meeting.

Eligibility: Current or former member of the WVAFCS Board of Directors and have active membership

Member: Chairs Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Vacancy: Vice President of Program and Research shall fill the unexpired term.

Duties:

1. Serves as executive officer of the association. Gives general supervision and leadership to organization, policies, and programs.

2. Acts as a liaison between WVAFCS and AAFCS.

3. Serves as chairperson at the WVAFCS Board of Directors' meetings.

4. Serves as presiding officer for all Board of Directors' meetings and at the Annual Meeting for the opening general session and for the adult business session.

5. Calls meetings of the WVAFCS Board and Executive Committee as required.

6. Serves as senior WVAFCS delegate to the AAFCS Annual Meeting; attends AAFCS State Affiliates' meetings during the AAFCS Annual Meeting. The president receives monetary support from WVAFCS for AAFCS Annual Meeting expenses. Prepares a written report in consultation with other WVAFCS delegates of AAFCS Assembly of Delegates and other Annual Meeting proceedings.

7. Appoints replacements to fill unexpired terms of the WVAFCS Board of Directors, for both elective and appointive offices, with the exception of the president-elect.

8. Appoints all committees not otherwise specifically provided for.

9. Serves as deputy treasurer in case the elected treasurer is unable to fulfill his/her duties.

10. Appoints a committee at the fall board meeting to audit the treasurer's records.

11. Completes reports required by AAFCS such as: the official delegate roster for the AAFCS Annual Meeting, the names and addresses of current officers and chairpersons within the state association, and the names of people recommended for national office and committee
work.

14. Writes letters of endorsement to accompany state nominations for AAFCS New Achievers and Leaders Awards.

15. Supports the president-elect on the development of the four year program of work.

16. Assists the vice-president in planning the WVAFCS Annual Meeting.

17. Assists the president-elect in planning the WVAFCS Professional Development event.

18. Writes thank-you notes, prior to Annual Meeting, to all Board members who are completing their terms. Requests board members to bring all materials developed during his/her term of office to Annual Meeting to pass on to the next person who will fill that Board position.

19. Writes letters of congratulations to all award winners.

20. Attends major functions sponsored by WVAFCS.


22. Cleans out, organizes, and updates the president's files at the end of his/her term. Files are passed on to the new president at the Annual Meeting and historic materials are passed on to the Director of Communication and History.
PRESIDENT-ELECT

Term of Office:  One year. Term begins at the end of the state Annual Meeting.

Member: Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Program of Work Committee. 
- Chairs Planning Committee

Vacancy: President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

Duties:
1. **Assists the President.**

2. **Develops the Program of Work.**
   Chairs a four-year Program of Work Committee using AAFCS guidelines. Implements the Program of Work by:
   a. Presenting the proposed Program of Work for approval at the fall board meeting.
   b. Sending the approved Program of Work to the newsletter editor for publication in the fall newsletter.
   c. Working with the Annual Meeting Planning Committee to incorporate the plan’s goals into the Annual Meeting program.
   d. Working with the president to assign tasks in the Program of Work to WVAFCS members.
   e. Periodically checking with members of task progress.

3. **Leads the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.**
   a. Solicits ideas for Annual Meeting program theme and speakers during the summer.
   b. Presents program ideas to WVAFCS board members at the fall board meeting.
   c. Secures a date and location for the Annual Meeting.
   d. Selects WVAFCS members in September to organize Annual Meeting workshops, field trips, panel presentations, lectures, etc. These individuals then contact and work with speakers on specific program content as delegated by the Vice-President.
   e. Selects key speakers with the approval of the planning committee; contacts speakers regarding meeting time, date, place, format, expenses, etc. (or delegates this job to other members).
   f. Prepares Annual Meeting budget according to the approved budget line item, and in consultation with the planning committee, the Finance Committee, local arrangements chairperson and others; the registration fee established should cover all Annual Meeting expenses.
   g. Announces tentative Annual Meeting plans in the fall WVAFCS Newsletter.
   h. Submits program agenda for board approval.
   i. Mails program announcement and registration forms with costs and deadlines to WVAFCS membership and related FCS professionals during January-February.
   j. Works with the past president to obtain PDUs for members attending the Annual Meeting.
   k. Submits detailed Annual Meeting agenda and articles about speakers to WVAFCS Newsletter editor for the spring newsletter.
   l. Completes plans for Annual Meeting program.
   m. Selects, contacts, and confirms presiders, recorders, and facilitators for each
session of Annual Meeting.

n. Makes and confirms final arrangements with speakers, including rooms, meals, travel, program time, and audio-visual needs.

o. Solicits vendors and exhibitors for the Annual Meeting. Determines and collects appropriate fees, provides display and program information, assigns facility space, arranges for audio-visual/electrical needs, writes thank you notes, etc. Forwards funds collected to treasurer with appropriate records.

p. Arranges with immediate past-president for recognition of current president at the Annual Meeting banquet or luncheon. Plaque is appropriate and should be included in the budget for Annual Meeting.

q. Coordinates awards with section chairpersons for presentation at banquet or luncheon; initial contact with chairpersons needs to be made in January and awardees confirmed in February. (NOTE: Winner's Choice, Fairmont, WV, 363-4754, has provided the awards for several years and has the AAFCS logo on file for engraving/silk screening purposes.)

r. Works with the public relations chairperson on pre-meeting publicity and media coverage during the meeting.

s. Receives registrations for Annual Meeting and records membership status, e.g., adult member, adult non-member, student member, and student non-member, and amounts paid. Writes a receipt for each registrant and sends to local arrangements chairperson prior to Annual Meeting for inclusion in registration packet.

t. Evaluates Annual Meeting by preparing an evaluation form, distributing it to meeting participants, and analyzing results; submits results to the board.

u. After the Annual Meeting wrap up the details, including: writing thank you notes to all speakers, coordinating Annual Meeting financial reports with treasurer, and writing Annual Meeting report for historic file.

4. Serve as WVAFCS Delegate at AAFCS Annual Meetings or trainings
   a. Serve as the second delegate, attending the state affiliate meetings or trainings, in coordination with the president. The vice president receives monetary support from WVAFCS for AAFCS meeting expenses.

5. Prepares for Term as President
   a. In coordination with the president, plan for a transition into the role as president. This includes selection of board of directors. Announces the new Board of Directors when the president hands over the gavel at the Annual Meeting.

Updated 2/2019
SECRETARY

Term of Office: Two years. Term begins at the end of the state Annual Meeting following the election.

Member: Board of Directors, Executive Committee, if elected by the Board of Directors.

Vacancy: President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

Duties:

1. Takes the official minutes of all WVAFCS Board of Directors' meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and the adult business session at Annual Meeting.

2. Responsible for getting the minutes typed and circulated to members of the Board of Directors within one month of meetings.

3. Responsible for making corrections on the official minutes for the permanent files of the secretary, the president, and the archives. Sends corrected copies of the minutes to all Board members.

4. Conducts correspondence directed by the WVAFCS governing bodies.

5. Passes on the official secretary file to the new secretary within one month of the WVAFCS Annual Meeting.

Updated 1/2019
TREASURER

Term of Office: Two years. Term begins on January 1, although elected at the state Annual Meeting. (January 1 coincides with the AAFCS fiscal year).

Member: Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Chairs the Finance Committee which should include the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Student Scholarship Chair, and AACFS Foundation Representative.

Vacancy: President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

Duties:

1. Opens a checking account in a bank of his/her choice:
   
   a. uses the state dues reimbursement received from AAFCS following Annual Meeting for initial deposit; outgoing treasurer will forward the AAFCS check to incoming treasurer as received.
   
   b. lists the president or member appointed by president as authorized to make withdrawals and deposits from the account. The president (or designee) serves as deputy treasurer in case the elected treasurer is unable to fulfill his/her duties;
   
   c. transfers checking account funds from outgoing treasurer's account to incoming treasurer when audit is completed.

2. Is bonded by an insurance company (currently Nationwide) for two years for $20,000 per year.

3. Determines, with the Finance Committee, the recommendation on how reserve assets will be held and deposits all monies accordingly.

4. Keeps accurate, complete, and up-to-date records of all financial transactions of WVAFCS.

5. Sends student dues reimbursements to the Pre-professional/Graduate Student Section Treasurer as determined from the monthly AAFCS membership reports. Sends payment promptly when the AAFCS check arrives.

6. Provides expense forms to members of the Board of Directors and informs them of the use of the Direct Pay Permit Number and the Tax Number if the Association qualifies for them.

7. Prepares a proposed budget with the consultation of the Finance Committee annually for the WVAFCS fiscal year, January 1 to December 31.
   
   a. providing a request form for each board member.
   
   b. request returned by winter board meeting.
   
   c. presents a tentative budget at the winter board meeting.
d. presents the proposed budget for approval at the adult business session at Annual Meeting; provides each member in attendance with a copy.

8. Prepares a treasurer's report annually--providing each member a copy for approval by membership at the adult business session at the Annual Meeting.

9. Prepares and files appropriate income tax reports to the Internal Revenue Service as needed.
   a. Tax-exempt status was applied for and approved in January 1982.
   b. The employer identification number of 83-3510639 issued 2019.

10. Places monies collected at Annual Meeting in the appropriate account.

11. Prepares the treasurer's records for audit annually. Arranges transfer of audited records to incoming treasurer when the outgoing treasurer's term of office ends.

12. Meets with the incoming treasurer to review files and responsibilities.

13. Calls AAFCS if assistance is needed: 703-706-4600 or 1 (800) 424-8080.

Updated 10/2019
ROTATING MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Term of Office: Three years. Term begins at the end of the state Annual Meeting after election. Senior member of the committee serves as chairperson.

Member: Board of Directors.

Vacancy: President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

Duties:

1. Reviews WVAFCS Bylaws and Handbook to become familiar with the role of each WVAFCS office, length of term, and qualifications for each elected office.

2. Has access to current list of members for verification of membership, eligibility, and contact information; requests names of potential nominees from board members at the fall Board of Directors meeting; verifies eligibility prior to official publication of the officer slate.

3. Contacts members during October, November, December, and January to obtain consent to be the one nominee for each specific office on the ballot. Each nominee should be clearly informed about the duties and costs of the position.

4. Publishes the slate of one nominee for each position along with each of their biographical sketches in the fall/winter WVAFCS Newsletter.

5. At the business meeting of the Annual Meeting, presents the slate of nominations, opens the floor to receive additional nominations, finalizes the slate, conducts an election by the members of the Assembly, and announces the results.

6. Informs new officers that they should submit a black and white glossy photograph of themselves to the public relations chairperson; a news release will be submitted to the local newspaper of each new officer and to the WVAFCS Newsletter by the public relations chairperson.
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND THE PAST PRESIDENTS' GROUP

Term of Office:  One year.  Term begins at the end of the state Annual Meeting following term of office as president.

Member:  Board of Directors and Executive Committee, if elected by the Board. Chairs Past Presidents' Group.

Vacancy:  President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.  
(Select from Past Presidents Group in order of most recent service).

Duties:

1. Serve as adviser to the current president and other officers, as needed.

2. Serves as liaison between past presidents and Board of Directors.

3. Serves as liaison between AAFCS and WVAFCS members regarding certification issues, and informs membership of certification policies, opportunities to earn PDUs, proper procedures for reporting PDUs earned, etc.

4. Secures plaque for outgoing president; presents plaque to president at Annual Meeting luncheon or at such time as deemed appropriate. Coordinates plans for this recognition with the Vice President.

5. Adds personal letter relating to term of office to Past Presidents' Notebook.

6. Solicits manual revisions annually from Board members. Updates the WVAFCS Manual as governance changes are mandated, and revisions are submitted by Board members. Provides the latest edition of the handbook to all Board members annually.

7. Coordinates the WVAFCS HUGS program to sponsor the membership dues and provide mentoring for college students.

8. Coordinates the WVAFCS Past Presidents' Scholarship Fund by soliciting and distributing funding to support college student attendance at the Annual Meeting.

9. Performs other functions as directed by the Board of Directors.

Updated 2/2019
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROFESSIONAL SECTION DIRECTORS

Director of Membership, Officer and Member Orientation
Director of Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual
Director of Communications and History
Director of Public Policy and Education
Director of Standards, Awards, and Scholarship

Term of office: One year. Term begins at the end of the state Annual Meeting.

Member: Board of Directors.

Vacancy: President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

General Duties of All Directors:

1. Attends all WVAFCS Board of Directors meeting as the representative of the section.
2. Attends the professional section meetings at the AAFCS Annual Meeting, if possible.
3. Serves as the section liaison between section members and the WVAFCS Board and between WVAFCS and AAFCS.
4. Works cooperatively with the public relations chairperson to publicize section activities and provide information to the public.
5. Provides links and communications with member and partner organizations as determined by the WVAFCS Board of Directors.
6. Suggests speakers for inclusion in state programs.
7. Operates within budget limits; submits bills to WVAFCS treasurer for payment; submits budget requests to the treasurer for the following year no later than the winter board meeting or as requested by the treasurer. Budget requests are to be based on anticipated needs for the section during the next fiscal year; outgoing chairpersons should submit budget requests for incoming chairpersons.
8. Promotes AAFCS/WVAFCS membership in his/her section to eligible family and consumer scientists.
9. Submits a written report to the secretary regarding activities for inclusion in the general business session minutes at Annual Meeting. A copy of the report also should be given to the president; a third copy should be placed in the folder to be passed on to his/her successor.
10. Supports the awards program for student and member recognition.

11. Belongs to appropriate local, state, and national organizations and serves as liaison between these groups and WVAFCS.

12. Works with the Board of Directors to identify and develop cooperative working relationships with Association related goals.

13. Provides input to the legislative committee chairperson on legislation of concern to the section.

14. Promotes research by section members.
ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICULAR PROFESSIONAL SECTION DIRECTORS

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP, OFFICER AND MEMBER ORIENTATION

1. The Director of Membership works closely with AAFCS membership chair and keeps an updated membership roster.
2. The Director of Membership is charged with contacting members with lapsed membership with a personal hand written note or a phone call (not an e-mail) to invite them to renew their membership.
3. The Director of Membership is charged with leading the charge of recruiting and sustaining membership, recognizing there are many reasons people join and leave an organization. The Director works to target and select appropriate promotion materials to distribute in a variety of formats.
4. The Director of Membership coordinates and leads in the development of an annual plan for membership promotion and renewal.
5. The Director of Membership seeks to develop and maintain district/area communications and supports professional update and networking experiences as possible across the state.
6. The Director of Membership maintains contact with student membership representative to aid in student membership promotion.
7. The Director of Membership identifies and invites anyone meeting the criteria for special membership recognition to the WVAFCS annual meeting.
8. The Director of Membership provides for recognition of members each year with members being recognized every five years for their years of service beginning with five years of membership.
9. The Director of Membership invites and recognizes any member any member with 50 years or more of membership in AAFCS during the Annual Meeting and provides an article and photo for the WVAFCS newsletter.
10. The Director of Membership prepares news items for WVAFCS newsletter promoting membership and recognition of membership.
11. The Director of Membership provides one professional development experience each year targeting emerging professionals, primarily students, providing them with useful professional preparation, information and skills, helping to inform them of the wide variety of resources available through WVAFCS and AAFCS to support their professional development.

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**DIRECTOR OF BYLAWS, POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

1. The Director of Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Manual notifies WVAFCS Officers, Board members and members of AAFCS bylaw changes.

2. The Director changes WVAFCS bylaws to comply with AAFCS by-laws, presents the changes to membership to be voted upon for approval. Voting can be done through emails to membership. By-law changes can be presented to membership by email or through the newsletter.

3. The Director works with the WVAFCS Board of Directors on state bylaw revision as needed and also keeps the state WVAFCS Handbook updated as needed.
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND HISTORY

1. The Director of Communications and History works closely with the WVAFCS Board of Directors to:
   a. Communicate with the membership of WVAFCS as well as current and potential partnership organizations and collaborators of WVAFCS.
   b. Prepare relevant communications and shares these with relevant outlets.
   c. Organize and maintain records of past WVAFCS history; contributing to records as noteworthy events occur, and
   d. Provide guidelines for storing WVAFCS documents in the WVAFCS President’s file and the WVAFCS Archives in the Cultural Center in Charleston, WV.

2. The Director attends WVAFCS Board of Directors meetings and the WVAFCS Annual Meeting and compiles newsworthy items including these in the WVAFCS Newsletter and other relevant communication venues.

3. The Director takes photos or makes arrangements for photos to be taken at the Annual Meeting and shares these photos to include in the newsletter.

4. The Director works with Vice-President of Research and Programs to promote the WVAFCS Annual Meeting and inform all members.

5. The Director makes a general request for newsletter submissions, sets deadlines for submission, and follows-up as necessary.

6. The Director organizes the newsletter and distribution of at least one newsletter a year.
   a. Edits submissions and prepares materials for newsletter.
   b. Obtains membership list from Director of Membership, Officer and Member Orientation.
   c. Emails newsletter to all members with email addresses and distributes hard copy as necessary.
**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AND EDUCATION**  
*(Extension, University, Adult and Secondary)*

1. The Director of Public Policy and Education communicates with and represents members and targeted institutions and organizations in West Virginia responsible for the education of individuals and families.

2. The Director of Public Policy and Education works with members, AAFCS and partner organizations and institutions to collect, analyze, interpret, and distribute information about issues and concerns that affect individuals, families and communities in West Virginia, including pending legislation that relates to all areas of family and consumer sciences. The Director disseminates the information to members, groups and the public, as appropriate, via multiple communication resources available.

3. The Director of Public Policy and Education collects, analyzes, interprets, and distributes information about family and consumer sciences programs and members in West Virginia to decision making bodies for the purpose of communicating the expertise of members and facilitating informed policy making and legislation.

4. The Director of Public Policy and Education works closely with the Director of Standards, Awards and Scholarship to solicit, prepare and submit nominations for available awards, scholarships and grants related to education and public policy. The awards, scholarships and grants may include those available through state government, partner organizations, institutions, AAFCS and WVAFCFS.
DIRECTOR OF STANDARDS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIP

1. The Director of Standards, Awards, and Scholarship works closely with the Director of Public Policy and Education to solicit, prepare and submit nominations for available awards, scholarships and grants related to public policy and education to honor and recognize outstanding professionals who have provided leadership and vision to the Family & Consumer Sciences Profession. The awards, scholarships, and grants may include those available through state government, partner organizations, institutions, and AAFCS/WVAFCS.

2. The Director of Standards, Awards, and Scholarship works closely with select university or college faculty in schools that offer any form of Family & Consumer Sciences educational programs. In addition to advertising and providing applications, the Director will receive the mailed applications, copy and distribute for evaluation all the applicants’ submitted materials to two volunteer members along with individual evaluation forms and the group summary form. The Director and the volunteer reviewers will consult on the final summary and final decision on the scholarship recipient. The Director will announce the recipient’s name at the business meeting of the WVAFCS Annual Meeting. The Director will also notify in writing the: 1) recipient, 2) financial aid/scholarship office of the recipient’s university and 3) and WVAFCS Treasurer.

3. The Director of Standards, Awards, and Scholarship works closely with the Director of Public Policy and Education to promote the state Teacher of the Year competition, to receive the nominees’ applications and materials, to choose a state TOY winner, and to notify the winner that WVAFCS will provide financial support to defray some of the expenses of attending AAFCS national meeting as a state winner in competition for the national Teacher of the Year.

4. The Director of Standards, Awards, and Scholarship provides information to members and institutions regarding the availability of professional credentialing and the opportunities this affords the individual and the institution. Certification is based on individual mastery of knowledge common and essential to all FCS Professionals as verified by a minimum BS Degree and successful completion of the National FCS Examination.

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**AAFCS COMMUNITIES**

By using an online forum that offers innovative tools like discussion boards, wikis, and shared event calendars. AAFCS Communities enable members to join forces and take action on topics relevant to the mission of AAFCS. Are you interested in joining a Community, but feel you need more information? Email cct@aafcs.org for more information on Communities.

The following Communities are available for members to view and join online:

- Elementary, Secondary and Adult Education
- Colleges, Universities, and Research
- Family Relations and Human Development
- Global Perspectives
- Non-traditional Careers
- Apparel Design and Textiles
- Nutrition, Health, and Food Management
- Family Economics and Resource Management
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- History and Archives
- Quality of Living
- Extension
- Partners in Home and Community
- FCS Teacher Educators in Higher Education
- Public Awareness
- Building Leadership Capacity in AAFCS

AAFCS members are encouraged to join together for action in as many of these Communities as they like. Contact the Communities Coordinating Team at cct@aafcs.org for information on starting a new Community!
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HISTORY
Of The
West Virginia Home Economics Association
1922-1942

By Lena Charter

Scattered written records of the West Virginia Home Economics Association date back to November 17, 1922, the date of the meeting in Charleston, when the decision was reached to seek affiliation with the American Home Economics Association.

Lena Charter recalled that there was some sort of organization for a few years previous to this date, but no written records were found. She remembered a meeting held in Fairmont about 1918 or 1919 at which Rachel Colwell presided and at which Adelaide S. Baylor, Agent for Family and consumer sciences Education of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, spoke. Charter wrote that Rachel Colwell served as president at meetings held in connection with the State Education Association in 1920 and 1921, and that Isabella Wilson of Marshall College was elected president in 1921 and conducted the 1922 meeting in Charleston.

At a meeting in Charleston, the application for affiliation with the national group was approved. Officers elected were: President - Rachel Myers, Athens; Secretary - Katherine Kearney, Charleston; Treasurer - Virginia Gaskill, Fairmont; Councilor - Isabella Wilson, Huntington, and Alternate Councilor, Rachel H. Colwell, Morgantown.

The application for affiliation states that the number of paid members of the Association was then forty. However, at the Wheeling meeting in November 1923, the vote revealed that only eleven of the members were present. The group extended an invitation to the American Home Economics Association to hold its 1924 convention at White Sulphur Springs, but the invitation was declined by the national group.

From the beginning, it was the policy of the Association to hold an annual one-day meeting in connection with the State Education Association Convention. At first it was difficult to get a notice of this group meeting into the printed program, but as soon as those responsible were convinced that family and consumer sciences was really an educational subject, no further problem had to be met in that connection.

At the Annual Meeting in October 1934, the Association voted in favor of "an additional meeting to be held in the spring". Consequently, the first spring meeting of the Association was held at Jackson's Mill the following May, and was held about the same time each succeeding year, until 1943. Travel was so disrupted by war that no meeting was held that year. A rather set pattern developed for the spring meeting which always started with dinner on Friday evening and ended with a banquet with a speaker and entertainment features on Saturday evening. After the establishment of the spring meeting, practically all the business of the Association, including the election of officers, was conducted at the spring meeting.

In the beginning, according to Charter, the membership in the Association was made up entirely of high school and college teachers in family and consumer sciences. Later, home economists with Agriculture Extension became members, followed by home economists in business, and then those...
working with such agencies as the Resettlement Administration, Farm Security Administration, Works Progress Administration, and finally the Homemakers Group made up of women with training in family and consumer sciences employed in their own homes.

The policies of the American Home Economics Association were a potent influence in leading the State Association to recognize the importance of including all groups working in any way in education for home and family life as members of the Association. It was not until the National set the example that qualification for membership were set up by the State. The first reference to a Credentials Committee is found in the Secretary's Record for May 1941. At that time, in compliance with the national plan requiring candidates for membership to submit credentials, a membership Credential Committee, headed by Ruth Noer, made a report at the 1941 meeting as follows: "The Committee agreed to accept recommendations of the Executive Committee of the American Home Economics Association which was -- that until some better list of approved colleges and universities with four-year family and consumer sciences courses is available, the United States Office of Education Bulletin 16, 'Accredited Higher Institutions, 1938' be used as a guide in determining eligibility of members."

The picture of the financial condition of the Association in its early years is a story of extreme poverty. While the application for affiliation stated that there were forty members paying dues, the treasurer, elected at the meeting on the date of affiliation, showed in her report for the first year that she received five dollars and fifty cents from the outgoing treasurer and that only twenty-one members paid dues for the fiscal year.

By the close of the fiscal year 1927-28, the state treasurer has sufficient funds on hand to pay $140 on the national assessment for the Ellen H. Richards Memorial Fund. It was estimated that after all bills were paid, there would probably be a balance of $100, but at the meeting a year later the balance reported was $138. The fact that the organization was "out of the red" with a comfortable balance on hand justified the appropriation of $50 to help defray the expenses of a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the American Home Economics Association in Chicago the following summer. Nor further reference to travel for the State Councilor is found until 1934 when $25 was appropriated to help defray the expenses of a delegate.

For years there was a constant confusion as to the membership status of those paying dues at the fall meeting. Were these dues for the current year or for the fiscal year that started at the last meeting? The matter was cleared up by the appointment of a committee which in 1938 offered a motion to the effect that the fiscal year of the state association be made to coincide with that of the national organization.

Just a few years later the State Education Association provided convention speakers to represent family and consumer sciences, not only in the meeting of this group but on the general program, a service that meant much to the growth of family and consumer sciences in the state. This cooperation made it possible to bring leaders in family and consumer sciences to the state where expenses could not be met by the family and consumer sciences group and at the same time to reach the larger group of educators.

From the first, the State Association was always able to attract an audience of home economists but not members. The number of professional "hitch-hikers" was probably the thorn in the flesh that led to a discussion at the spring meeting in 1939 as to the desirability of members paying a registration fee. A committee was appointed to study the problem of financing state meetings. The next year the committee reported that at the meeting then in progress, there were 200 in attendance but that fifty members had financed it. The Association agreed to the recommendation of the committee to collect $1 registration fee.
from each non-member attending all sessions of the spring meeting or a fee of 25¢ from non-members attending a single session.

In 1936, the president divided the State into a series of districts, including from four to six counties, and appointed a member from each district to serve on the membership committee. One of these districts, which had never had more than one member, came in with a 100% enrollment in the Association.

Constitutional revision has been another long-lived perennial constantly in the foreground. The original constitution was a queer jumble of constitution and by-laws, inadequate for even its day. The next was a little better. Much of the confusion and tensions endured at council meetings over a period of years could have been avoided by a well-framed constitution and set of by-laws.

Through the stimulation given by the "Suggested Constitution of A State Family and consumer sciences Association" provided by the American Home Economics Association and the vision and efficient work of Nell White of the Department of Home Economics Education of West Virginia University, a new constitution was adopted in October 1928.

Student Clubs, as local high school organizations, ante-date the West Virginia Home Economics Association. The date of their affiliation cannot be fixed through the records at hand but sources report a meeting at Wheeling in 1923 and another at Clarksburg in 1926. At the latter meeting, a committee was authorized to work out plans for the affiliation of Student Clubs with the State and National Associations.

In 1927, affiliation dues were set at $3 for each high school club and $4 for each college or normal school club. For that year, the treasurer's report gave credit for twenty different clubs.

In December 1922, the State Supervisor issued the first number of the Home Economics News Letter, a mimeographed publication prepared primarily for the small group of teachers who at that time were teaching in vocational departments. As a matter of courtesy, copies were sent to all the members of the Association. Little by little, the Association came to regard the publication, which was maintained as a service to teachers for fifteen years, as its own project although no financial aid was given by the Association. The News Letter continued to publish such material as requested until the time when the cost to the Division of Vocational Education became prohibitive.

The first printed publication in the nature of a news letter was published under the head of "West Virginia Home Economics Association, Volume I, Number 1, May 1935". This was a four page affair given over to the forthcoming spring meeting at Jackson's Mill and included the program. It is believed that this issue, the first and last of its kind, was the product of private enterprise and was financed by the advertisers who claimed three-eights of its printed space.

The next significant item appearing in the records with reference to a news letter was in 1939 when a committee reported, "... no money for news letters".
THE WEST VIRGINIA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION 1943 to 1962
Gertrude Hall, Historian

Data available in the 1943 Newsletter shows evidence of war years. No meeting was held in that year. A Food Conservation School was held to give instructions particularly in drying vegetables and use of the pressure cooker. Courses were adjusted to meet war-time needs under such titles as Red Cross Nutrition, Exhibits for Consumers, Care of Equipment, Clothing Renovation, Clothing Clinics, Food Conservation, Budgeting, First Aid, Red Cross Sewing, Short Courses in Dairying, Gardening and Poultrying.

That year the Association purchased four War Bonds of $18.75 each. The following home economists became life members: Rachel Colwell, Lena M. Charter, Virginia Gaskill and Katherine Kearney.

The West Virginia Home Economics Association suggested that the state be divided into sixteen divisions due to difficulty of travel. The sixteen divisions were comprised of three to five counties in each region with a chairman appointed for each region by the council.

Attendance at the regional meetings varied greatly ranging from five to ninety and included members and graduate home economists holding all types of positions. Everywhere transportation was a problem to contend with, but rotating meeting places from county to county seemed to help overcome the hardship. Overcrowded schedules were listed as second in difficulties for the home economists.

In March 1944 a group of interested adults met in Chicago to discuss the advisability or forming a national organization of high school homemaking students. Catherine Campbell who at that time was at West Virginia University attended the meeting as the representative from West Virginia.

Miss Campbell spoke to delegates at the State convention of the Home Economics Association in May 1944 at Oglebay Park and in June of the same year she gave a similar talk to delegates at the convention of the Federation of Future Homemakers of West Virginia. She explained tentative plans for the organization and girls were in favor of having such as an organization.

A meeting of student representatives was held in Chicago in June 1944 and Betty Lou Henshaw of Charles Town, the only student from the State who attended was elected national chairman. The group at that time decided to call themselves the National Organization of High School Home Economics Clubs.

The West Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of America was chartered on September 20, 1945. The first annual State conference was held at Jackson's Mill on September 21-23, 1945.

Delegates from fifty-two affiliated chapters attended the conference and formulated a constitution and made a program of work for 1945-46.

In Spring 1947, the first meeting of the West Virginia Home Economics Association was held following the war. There was a renewal of old friendships and welcoming of many new home economists at that meeting. Cleo Gray of Marshall was the president. She had held the Association together and was able to start anew after its long adjournment.

"Home Economics Lights the Way" was the theme from the 1948 Spring Meeting. The Northern
Panhandle group had a Smorgasbord for the Saturday night banquet. Members were greeted by members in native costume and a dining room with Swedish travel posters.

Nell Nesbitt and Erbie Allbright were added as life members in 1949.

Two or three years previous to 1950, the West Virginia Home Economics Association assumed obligation of raising a quota of $3,000 toward the permanent housing fund to buy headquarters for the American Home Economics Association in Washington. This goal was reached ahead of the majority of the states through the cheerful and persistent effort of Helen Tucker Waters.

An event of interest also was the new state camp for Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America near Ripley. This was authorized by the 1950 legislature.

In 1952, the much used word "security" crept into the theme "Security in a Changing World". Many new physical improvements were begun in college departments. A widening variety of careers in home economics became evident. The School Lunch Program was begun.

Visitors from foreign lands began to appear in 1952 with five educators from Japan. Housing shortages were acute, dishwashers were gaining acceptance and the emphasis in home economics education became family-centered.

A Loan Fund Committee consisting of Ruth Noer, Reva Belle Neely and Rachel Ferguson set up the plans for a student loan fund in 1953. In brief, students of good scholastic standing could borrow from $50 to $500 at 3% interest and were to pay it back within three years after graduation. The note was to be co-signed by a mature, responsible person. The money was accumulated in various ways but the most conscious one was by passing the hat at state meetings.

From 1953 until 1959 the West Virginia Home Economics Association met jointly with the West Virginia Dietetics Association.

Dr. Sara Ann Brown of West Virginia University received a Fulbright Award to lecture in Denmark. Some progress was noted on the camp at Ripley.

"Keep to Better Living" set the theme for the 1955 meeting with greetings from five happily retired home economists: Eva Compton, Katherine Kearney, Erbie Albright, Jean Richmons and Lena Charter.

In 1957 mention was made that men may train for professions in home economics. Esther McAllester reported the next year that Mr. Frantz Dengler graduated in 1958 from West Virginia Wesleyan College with a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics with a dietetics emphasis.

1958 stands out as a red-letter year in Home Economics. The International Congress met at the University of Maryland with 1044 representatives from fifty-nine countries. Delegates were proportioned to states on basis of membership. Dr. Sara Ann Brown was a collective-member delegate. Seventeen members from West Virginia were able to attend to fill the quota plus the unfilled quotas of some of the more remote states. Prior to the Congress at least one bus-load of visitors representing all the continents came to Northern West Virginia to visit schools, camps, and industries. Many of the members of West Virginia Home Economics Associations had responsibilities in guiding tours, conducting discussion groups and making plans for the tour.
Dr. Sara Ann Brown, newly elected president, called the council together in August of 1958 at Mont Chateau to plan for the two years she would be in office. One of the problems emphasized was that of a more effective public relations program, particularly for recruitment in the home economics profession and membership in the American Home Economics Association. The membership at that time consisted of 167 paid members.

In Spring 1961 came the announcement that the loan fund had passed the $1,600 mark. The College Clubs were recognized for the many ways they had contributed for many years and were very much in evidence that year. The first Home Economists in Homemaking Section in West Virginia was organized in Charleston with twenty-nine members. The second group was formed in Huntington with twenty-one members.

The 1962 News Letter announced that the West Virginia Home Economics Association was the first state association to agree to cooperate with AAFCS in conducting a nationwide census of home economists. The theme for the Spring Meeting was "Home Economics in the Space Age". Concern was expressed for survival from effects of fallout, need for keeping abreast of new developments, and for children and youth.
Membership for 1962-63 was reported as 249 members, including students and graduating seniors. It was noted that twenty-four counties has no members in the Association. New membership dues of $20 were announced for 1963-64.

At the 1963 Annual Meeting, Pauline Stout reported that 152 FHA Chapters had a membership of 6,735 and the $50,000 had been contributed to the Craft House at Cedar Lakes. At that meeting it was also voted to mail written ballots to members thirty days prior to the spring meeting and that more than one member be listed for each office. A suggestion was also made that the NEWSLETTER be sent thirty days before the meeting and include constitutional changes.

In 1964, a contribution of $100 was made to the AHEA Foundation, entitling WVHEA to charter membership in the Foundation. West Virginia was one of the thirty states so qualifying.

A Low Income Workshop was sponsored by WVHEA at Cedar Lakes in November 1965. It was evaluated as being very effective in promoting the two Visiting Homemaker Services in the State, one in Morgantown and the other in Wheeling. The executive committee complimented Carole Allen on the clever theme, "Progress and Promise", she had selected for the state meeting.

Records indicate the Consumer Interests Committee of WVHEA held a two-day Consumer Education Conference in August, 1966 at West Virginia University. The NEWSLETTER reported the cost of 'only' $10 which included room, meals and registration fee.

The year 1967 was to be the last that WVHEA would meet at Jackson's Mill. The membership voted acceptance of a motion by Betty May Ferrell that the Association consider moving from Jackson's Mill to an urban area for the 1968 spring meeting.

Barbour County initiated the first adult home economics program in the fall of 1967 under the direction of Marie Kittle, former Vocational Home Economics teacher at Philip-Barbour High School. Over 100 women were enrolled in the fall session.

June D. Pitcher, Home Economics teacher at Morgantown Junior High School was selected by CTA as the outstanding teacher of the year (1967) in Monongalia County.

In 1968, for the first time in many years the Annual Meeting was held at a place other than Jackson's Mill. Two-hundred sixteen persons registered (196 of whom were members) for the 1968 WVHEA Spring Meeting at Charleston House, Charleston with Ruby Foose presiding. At that meeting, it was decided that the loan fund also be made available to West Virginia residents desiring to borrow from the fund for graduate study in home economics.

An announcement was made in 1970 that West Virginia home economists had pledged $5,521 toward the $1.5 million goal for the new AHEA headquarters in Washington.

The April 1971 NEWSLETTER reported membership of 490. Three West Virginia home economists were appointed to national offices: Helen Waters was name Program Advisor in the Human
Resources Section to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin; Dr. Ruth Hughes was a candidate for the office of Vice President for Operations of the AHEA; Hortense Bell was appointed Chairman of Education for HEIB.

The WVHEA, West Virginia Dietetics Association and the West Virginia Vocational Association co-sponsored a Legislative Seminar in Charleston in December 1971. The objective of that meeting was to increase awareness of the legislative process.

The Spring 1972 WVHEA Meeting at The Greenbrier was called to order by President Reva Belle Neely. The NEWSLETTER noted that the hotel had agreed to special student rates of $29 and single room rates for members of $35.

Wanda Mawhinney and Elinore Widman attended the International Federation for Home Economics Congress in Findland that year.

The first WVHEA annual Home Economics Teacher of the Year Award was bestowed upon Edna Foster, home economics teacher at Franklin Junior High School, at the 1975 spring meeting. President Hortense Bell appointed Rebecca Meyer, Emma Lee Fish and Marilyn Lackey to the Public Relations Committee. They were successful in obtaining a proclamation from then Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., proclaiming March 16-22, 1975 Home Economics Week in recognition of the profession’s concern with strengthening family life.

The 1976 West Virginia Home Economics Teacher of the Year was Lee Ann Williams. Jeanne Taylor was given the same honor in 1977 followed by Mary Dean in 1978. The TOY Committee name Sue Lacy to this honor as the 1979 winner. Sandra Garrett Lutz was the 1981 recipient. The West Virginia Home Economics Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored nationally each year by AHEA and FAMILY CIRCLE MAGAZINE, is based on innovative and creative programs developed and carried out by the teacher.

Gertrude Humphreys was honored as a 50-year member of AHEA. WVHEA contributed $250 to the AHEA Foundation in her honor for her life long support of the profession. She served her entire professional life from 1919 to 1965 with the WV Cooperative Extension Service. In a letter to Kate Clark, WVHEA President, Miss Humphreys wrote, "It had not occurred to me that I am a 50-year member of the WV Home Economics Association - but, it seems I have belonged to AHEA "forever" - at least I belonged while still a student at the University of Illinois - and have received the Journal since 1918. At the University of Illinois it was taken for granted that home economists belong to their professional organizations - and so I did then, and have continued to do so."

Seven secondary education teachers introduced a new home economics course, Adult Roles and Functions, in 1978. The course was designed to help combat pressing family and societal problems and was aimed toward eliminating sexism from the high school program. Interest was high and a year after its introduction, the course was field tested by twenty-eight teachers from all parts of the state. The program was actively supported by WVHEA.

President Anita Ellis announced in the April 1979 NEWSLETTER that several West Virginians were filling roles at the national level. They were: Carole Vickers, AHEA Chairperson of the Regional Home Economics Defined Conference; Martha Lee Blankenship, Chairperson of the AHEA Teacher Education Section; Martha Hill, Mideast Regional Director of American School Food Service Association; Anita Ellis, Chairperson of the Nutrition Standards/Nutrition Education Committee of American School Food Service Association; Mary Meeks, past Secretary of the National Extension Home
Economists Association; Margaret Meador, Northeast Regional Director of NEHEA; and Emma Lee Fish, member of the Education and Professional Development Committee of HEIB.

Carole Parsons, home economics teacher at Buckhannon-Upshur High School, received the 1980 Teacher of the Year Award. Later that year she became the first West Virginian to receive a plaque and $1,000 as an AHEA National Merit Winner. She was recognized at the Dallas meeting of AHEA for her innovation in developing a curriculum geared to present needs of the family.

Dorothea Vieweg, a leader in education, community activities and church organizations, was honored in 1980 for her over fifty years of membership in AHEA and WVHEA. In honor of her fifty year membership, the WVHEA contributed a sum of $250 in her honor to the AHEA Foundation Fund.

Martha Dean Phillips was named 1982 West Virginia Home Economics Teacher of the Year. On June 28, 1982, at the AHEA meeting in Cincinnati, she was awarded a plaque and $500 for being selected a National Merit Winner. That evening, approximately 54 of her colleagues and friends from West Virginia met at Mecklenberg Gardens to celebrate her accomplishments and those of Kate Clark, who was elected Secretary of the Textiles and Clothing Subject Matter Section of AHEA, and Robin White on her selection as a candidate for President Elect of WV Vocational Association.

The March 1982 NEWSLETTER announced with great pride that for the first time ever, A West Virginian, Dr. Carole Allen Vickers was a candidate for President Elect of AHEA. Carole has served AHEA in a number of capacities dating back to 1972 when she served as Vice Chairman, College and Universities Section. From 1975-77 she was Chairman, Family Economics and Home Management Section and From 1976-1977 was a member of the Executive Committee and Finance Committee. She was Chairman of the Home Economics Defined Committee in 1977-78 and was again selected as a member of the Finance Committee in 1980-81.

Five women were honored at the 1982 Annual Meeting held at The Greenbrier as outstanding Home Economists in Business, in Extension, in Higher Education, in Homemaking and in Human Services. They were Dora Dallas, Kate Clark, Melba Hess, Mary Virginia Lowther and Joann Gutherie respectively.

The year 1983 was an exciting one for Fairmont State College student Karen Romain, who was selected Chairperson of the AHEA Student Member Section. She presided at the Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. Robin White was hired as State Supervisor of Home Economics to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Yvonne Ferguson. Yvonne assumed a newly created position in the State Department as Director of Adult Education.

The October 1983 NEWSLETTER was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martha Lee Donohoe Blankenship, WVHEA President (March 17, 1983 to July 27, 1983) who passed away at her home in Kenova on July 27th. "With her death, the West Virginia Home Economics Association lost its state president, a leader and innovator in teacher education, a devoted friend, and an exemplary professional." Martha Lee was loved and respected by all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

The Board of Directors, at its Fall 1983 meeting, appointed Dr. Patricia Stealey to continue serving as both President and President Elect until the state convention. At that time, she will be installed as President assuming her original term of office.
1984 was the 75th Anniversary of the American Home Economics Association (AHEA). History was at the forefront that year. The March newsletter was totally dedicated to WVHEA history. The President was Patricia Stealey. The annual meeting was held in Charleston. While at the annual meeting home economists were able to investigate the legislative process with a visit to the State Capital where they were able to conduct a mock session of the legislature. Past-presidents of WVHEA were honored at a special reception and outstanding home economists in each area received awards. For Higher Education, the recipient was Dr. Carole Vickers, Extension was Dr. Roma Adkins, and in Business Nancy Hillen.

At the 1984 AHEA Annual meeting Carole Vickers and Robin White received honor certificates as “75 Leaders and 75 New Faces to Watch” respectively at a special reception. Karen Romain, student at Fairmont State College presided at several student programs in her office as national SMS Chairman. In the fall of 1984, Yvonne Ferguson was given the prestigious award of “outstanding Home Economics Educator” at the annual AVA Convention held in New Orleans.

The “Goals and Program of Work for 1984-1988” were (1) Influence the development and implementation of policies and, or legislation at the local, state, national and international levels as they relate to individuals, families, and the home economics profession. (2) Articulate the mission, scope, contribution, and importance of Home Economics to the membership, other professionals, employers, policy makers, and the general public. (3) Provide opportunities for professional growth and development of members, and (4) Encourage research, which will contribute to the knowledge base for Home Economics and which will provide information for the improvement of the quality of life of individual and of family.

The 1985 annual meeting was held in Harpers Ferry at the Cliffside Inn on March 29-30. Patricia Stealey was president. The theme was “Commitment, Challenge, Change.” Mary Kay Harrison was named Teacher of the Year (TOY). At the AHEA Annual Meeting held in Philadelphia in June, Mary Kay was a 1985 National Merit Winner for her program entitled “Good Food Feelings.” This program was designed to help elementary students in grades one through four form positive attitudes toward food, which will result in improved eating habits and wise food choices. Dr. Carole Vickers received the 1985 AHEA Commmemorative Lectureship Award.

The 1986 annual meeting was held at the Greenbrier on March 14-15. The theme was “Our Quest for Excellence.” The President was Mary V. “Ginnie” Lowther. The awards for Outstanding Home Economists were presented: TOY was Vicky Risinger, Extension- Dr. Shirley Eagan, Higher Education – Margaret Walls, and Business – Dixie Copley. Vickie Risinger was a Top-Ten Finalist in the AHEA TOY Program.

On October 25-26, the “Martha Lee Blankenship” Seminar was held at Marshall
University. The theme was “Issues in Aging: A Family Focus.”

This was the year that the certification of home economists was presented and approved at the AHEA annual meeting. During the period of December 16, 1986 to October 31, 1987, active and supporting AHEA members were able to apply to become chartered as Certified Home Economists (CHE). Many WVHEA members took advantage of this grandfathering program and became CHEs.

The 1987 state convention was held at the Holiday Inn Gateway in Huntington March 27-28 with the theme “Managing Our Personal and Professional Lives.” The president was Sybil Miller. The Outstanding Home Economist awards were presented to: TOY – Pat Hubbard; Extension – Margaret Meador; Business – Emma Lee Hite; and Home and Community – Barbara Pavel-Alvarez.

Anita Hardesty, home economics teacher at Keyser Primary/Middle School was named “West Virginia Teacher of the Year” in all curriculum areas. She was presented the award at the Cultural Center in Charleston in November 1987.

The 1988 Convention was held at the Sheraton Lakeview Resort and Convention Center in Morgantown on March 18-19 with the theme “Professional Involvement.” The President was Shirley C. Eagan. Professional Development Units (PDUs) were introduced for those CHE members who needed to recertify. The Outstanding Home Economist Awards were presented to: TOY – Karen Sue Hawkins; Extension – Mary Nell Godbey; and Business – Ann J. Casey.

At the AHEA Annual Meeting, Dr. Carole Vickers was awarded the “Distinguished Service Award.” Dr. Joanne Guthrie, Associate Professor at WVU, was inducted into the elite AHEA Leaders’ Circle.

Back in Charleston in 1989, the annual convention was held at the Charleston Marriott on March 17-18 with the theme, “Global Connections – You Are A Link.” The President was Robin White. Outstanding Home Economists recognized included: TOY – Lucy Sullivan; Business – Ruth Watkins; Extension – Debbie Shriver; Home and Community – Margaret McKenzie; Human Services – Sandra Daubman; and Higher Education – Nora McDonald. At the national level, Betty Jo Jordan was honored as one of the AHEA New Achievers at the annual convention.

As a co-sponsor of the 1989 Women’s Day at the Legislature, WVHEA made an important step in becoming more visible and politically active. By participating in this activity, members laid a positive foundation for ongoing contact with state legislators and future cooperative ventures with other groups and agencies sharing common goals with WVHEA.

1990 saw the convention at the Greenbrier on March 30-31 with the theme, “Home Economics, Visions of Opportunity.” President was Nancy Hillen. Awards were presented to: TOY – Doris Jean Keller; Business – Dixie Copley; Extension – Lorella Nelson-Mitchell; Higher Education – Marion Liddell; and Human Services – Helen Hardman.
The WVHEA Strategic Plan 1990-1995 goals were (1) To increase membership and member services, (2) To strengthen WVHEA’s relationship with other professional groups and coalitions as a means of promoting quality parenting education, and (3) To increase the awareness of home economics within West Virginia.

In 1991, the Annual Convention was held in Parkersburg at the Blennerhasset Hotel on March 22-23. The President was Betty Jo Jordan. TOY for this year was Audrey Neale. Other awards for Outstanding Home Economists were: Higher Education – Pat Stealey; Business – Hortense Bell; Extension – Kathryn Shaffer. Two professional day opportunities were held—one in March and one in October.

Betty Jo Jordan, President, was named in 1991 by the Vocational Home Economics Teachers as a very special person to Vocational Home Economics and the FHA/HERO Organization in WV. Betty Jo was also honored with the “National Future Homemakers of America Foundation’s Golden Circle of Friends Tribute.”

In 1992, the Annual Convention was held in Martinsburg at the Sheraton Martinsburg Inn on April 3-4. The President was Mary Kay Harrison. Theme for this year was “Families and Changing Technology.” Three options were provided for members related to professional development. TOY was Pamela C. Hamilton. Outstanding Home Economist in Business was Nancy Hillen; Extension was Yvonne Nicholson; and Higher Education was Lillian Halverson.

The 1993 Annual Convention was held at the Radisson Hotel in Huntington on March 26-27. The President was Dottie Rauch and the theme was “Focus on the Family.” Professional Day activities were canceled due to lack of registration. Kathy Yost was TOY representative and a top-ten finalist at the AHEA convention held in June of 1993. Outstanding home economist in business was Betty May Ferrell Kelley and Extension honoree was Patricia Pinnell.

On October 21-23, 1993, 100 invited participants convened in Scottsdale, AZ to position the profession of home economics for the 21st Century. Robin White, WVHEA Legislative Chair, attended this meeting. The unifying focus of the recommended Family and Consumer Sciences profession (new title) was an integrative approach to the relationship among individuals, families, and communities and the environments in which they function.

1994 was the year of change. The AHEA changed its name to American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and a new logo using the traditional Betty Lamp was introduced. WVHEA also started changing. A big project for this year was revising the WVHEA bylaws to coincide with the changed AAFCS bylaws. Dottie Rauch was president. We met at the Greenbrier for the Annual Convention on March 25-26 with the theme, “Valuing Family Diversity in the International Year of the Family.” Awards for Outstanding Home Economist were: TOY – Lorne Frye; Business – Sandra Daubman; Extension – Linda Bull; Home and Community – Shirley Randolph. Dr. Jane Vickers assumed her duties as State Supervisor of Home Economics Education and State Advisor of FHA, October 1, 1994.
Robin White, Mary Kay Harrison, and Maudie Karickoff had an article published in the 1994 Yearbook of Education and Technology Section of AAFCS. The article was titled “Basic Skills, Attitudes, and Experiences: One Curriculum, Multiple Delivery Systems.” It detailed the BASE curriculum and its delivery modes in a variety of school settings.

WVHEA moved into the age of technology this year with its first interactive television conference. The conference was designed to provide members with the opportunity to discuss the implications of the changes in the name of the profession and the conceptual framework as suggested at the Scottsdale Conference. The program for the WVHEA conference was presented by Dr. Carole Vickers, Robin White, Pat Vannoy, Dr. Wanda Montgomery, Sandra Daubman, and Dr. Sue Linnenkohl. Dr. Maudie Karickoff moderated the discussion. The interactive system allowed participants to both see and speak to those in all other sites. Twenty-eight members participated in four sites: Charleston, Clarksburg, Princeton, and Wheeling. Martinsburg was to have been the fifth site, but technical difficulties prevented about 10 members from being able to enter the discussion.

On March 24-25, 1995, the annual Convention was held in Morgantown at the Lakeview Resort and Conference Center. The theme was “Shaping Our Future, What’s Next on the Horizon?” A “Discover Internet” workshop was held as a pre-conference activity on the WVU campus. Maudie Karickoff was President. Fonda W. Hawley was TOY; Outstanding Extension Home Economist was Susan Gianato; and the awardee for Home and Community was Dee Brown.

Susan Bigelow, Home Economics Teacher at Westwood Middle School in Morgantown, received the award for “The Outstanding Vocational Consumer and Homemaking Department in WV” for 1995. This was presented at the Vocation Conference in Charleston in August.

Janice I. Yeager, Associate Professor of Textiles and Apparel Merchandising and Interim Director for the Division of Family Resources at WVU was named “Fellow of the International Textiles and Apparel Association” at the ITAA Conference in Pasadena, CA.

Fonda W. Hawley, Mannington Middle School FCS teacher was presented the 1995 “WV Task Force on TEEN Pregnancy and Parenting Local Program” award for her program, “Girl’s Stuff – Boy’s Stuff.”

1996’s Annual Convention was held in Beckley at the Beckley Hotel and Conference Center. The year’s theme was “Invest in Families: Focus On Children and Youth.” Professional development in the form of a “Nutrition Update,” emphasizing diabetes was offered prior to annual conference. Dr. Beth Thorne was president. Our name was officially changed to West Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Science (WVAFCS).

The year 1997 was the 75th Anniversary of the WVHEA/WVAFCS organization. Linda Bull was president and Judith Kreutzer was vice president. The annual meeting was held at the Blennerhasset Clarion Hotel in Parkersburg on March 21-22, with the theme, “YOU: The Resource for Building Strong Families.” A “Food Safety” update was offered prior to the
conference as a professional development activity. TOY was Carolyn Young. Outstanding FCS in Higher Education was Judy Radcliff and the Outstanding Extension FCS was Elaine Bowen. The Student Scholarship winner was Julie Allen Snider, a junior at WVU.

This year, many Family and Consumer Science teachers joined with the Bell Atlantic Telephone Pioneers to make “Hug-A-Bears.” The bears are placed with police, fire, ambulance units, hospitals, medical centers, etc. and are given to children at a time when they are facing a frightening experience or trauma. “A friendly bear to help them through.” Some 121 schools participated in making the bears for this service project.

Senate Bill 300 was introduced and much discussion and research was done as to how to implement FCS studies if the bill was passed. Senate Bill 300 involved changing the curriculum so the student would be better prepared for work/career. Electives may be in danger of being eliminated from the school programs and this could affect FCS.

The International Textiles and Apparel Association recognized Becky Ruth, a senior at WVU, for outstanding research. Ruth’s paper, “Therapists’ Knowledge of Fashionable, Functional Apparel for Persons with Disabilities,” placed first in the ITAA’s undergraduate student Research Competition. WVAFCS also recognized student, Julie Allen Snider, junior at WVU, as the recipient of the 1997 WVAFCS Student Scholarship.

The 1998 convention was held at the Greenbrier on March 20-21 with the theme “Pieces of the Past: West Virginia Heritage, Family Tradition, Professional Development, Culture, Lifestyle.” Glenda Lowry was president and Barbara Pavel-Alvarez was vice president. Carolyn McBee was named TOY. Outstanding FACS members included: Beth Thorne for Higher Education and Judith Bragg for Extension. The WVAFCS Scholarship winner was Kristi Michele Johnson, a WVU student majoring in Textiles, Clothing, and Fashion Merchandising.

The 1999 Annual Meeting was a joint meeting of the WVAFCS and the WV Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The meeting was held at the Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center on March 19-20. The theme was “Invest in Families: Maintaining Healthy Lifestyles.” Mary Lou Schmidt was president and Susan Gianato was vice president. Karol Jean Bradshaw received the TOY award. Outstanding FCS awards were Extension - Gwen Brown; Colleges and Universities – Lillian Halverson. The FCS scholarship was presented to Christina Danielle Smith of Fairmont State. The keynote address at the luncheon “Strong Women Stay Young” was given by Miriam T. Nelson, PhD, from the Jean Mayar USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University and author of Strong Women Stay Young and Strong Women Stay Slim.

With the death of Mary Lou Schmidt in April 1999, WVAFCS lost a visionary and dedicated member and leader. Mary Lou had just completed her term as President of WVAFCS and was an extension agent with the WVU Extension Service. She was very involved in a statewide effort to bring cooking schools for diabetics and their caregivers to the people of West Virginia. Mary Lou’s friends and colleagues established a memorial fund with the WVU Foundation. The fund is used to support professional development opportunities related to
diabetes education and to provide a partial scholarship for a freshman student in family and consumer sciences at WVU, from which Mary Lou had received two degrees.

The President for the year 1999-2000 was Barbara Pavel-Alavarez; Vice President was Kerri Keech. The annual meeting of the WVAFCS was held at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont March 17-18, 2000. The theme was “Coming of Age in the New Millennium.” A feature of the conference was “An Evening at High Gate” where dinner, awards, and special historic textiles and costumes were exhibited. Catherine Leatherman received the TOY award.

President for 2000-2001 was Judith Rae Kreutzer and Vice President was Carol Lucas. The annual meeting was held in Charleston at the Charleston Marriott, March 23-24, 2001 with the theme, “The Sweet Rewards of Family and Consumer Sciences.” Carol Lucas was TOY winner. Outstanding FCS members were: Pat Gruber, Extension; Marilyn L. Maher, Human Services. At the National AAFCS meeting, Melva C. Hess, retired Professor Emeritus of FCS at Fairmont State College was honored as a 50-year member. Also, at the National Meeting in Providence, Carol Lucas was recognized as one of Top Ten Teachers of the Year for her classroom program, “Everything Counts.” The project had three main divisions: ATV Safety Counts, Caring Counts, and Every Bite Counts. All three were co-curricular projects with FCCLA and Every Bite Counts, a nutrition project, was national FCCLA runner-up for Families First, and students presented the project at the national FCCLA meeting in Anaheim, CA.

The president for the 2001-2002 was Deborah S. Shriver and Vice President was Shirley Layne. The annual meeting was held at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown, March 15-16, 2002, under the theme, “Investing in Our Profession and Community.” Teacher of the Year was Margaret Drvar; Outstanding Extension FCS member was Judy Matlick and for Colleges and Universities Pat Stealey was honored. The Student scholarship was awarded to Fairmont State student Deborah Whoolery.

President for 2002-2003 was Karol Jean Bradshaw and Vice President was Mary Courtney-Collins. The annual meeting was held at North Bend State Park, April 4-5, 2003, with the theme, “A Potpourri of FCS Visibility.” Two Professional Section awards were presented: Sue Miles received an award for achievement in Extension and Dottie D. Rauch for accomplishments in the Colleges and University category. Pat Gruber was notified that she was one of the winners in AAFCS’ recruitment campaign for 2003. She received a fully paid registration to the AAFCS annual convention. Also the WVAFCS web page was established and became operational. Beth Newcome spearheaded the drive to get the web page developed. It will be up to the Board and members to keep the site updated.

West Virginia was one of the seven states that applied for and received funding from AAFCS Public Policy Committee and the Kettering Foundation to host a community-based National Issue Forum on Health Care. As a member of this national committee, Sue Miles worked with WVAFCS Legislative Chair Shirley Eagan to carry out the forum. National issue forum facilitators were trained for a workshop held in Morgantown in Feb. 2003. WVAFCS partnered with 26 organizations to plan and conduct this successful community-wide event.
A membership assessment was conducted during April – June 2003, with professional section chairs assisting the committee chairman Shirley Eagan to gather data. Only 24 members responded, but several ideas were suggested for annual meeting, membership, and WVAFCS involvement. Summaries were distributed at fall 2003 board meeting and via the newsletter.

President for 2003-04 was Sue Miles with Donna Jarrell as vice president. A combined spring meeting was held with WVAFCS, WVAE4-HA, and WVEAFCS at the Stonewall Jackson Resort near Weston, March 25-27, 2004. The theme for the event was “Uniting for Life, Learning, and Leisure.” Receiving Outstanding FCS awards were Barbara Pavel-Alvarez for Colleges and Universities and Miriam Leatherman for Extension.

For the first time, WVAFCS newsletters were sent electronically to those members with email; others were mailed copies. Work progressed to update the website and include the officer handbook, policy and procedures, bylaws, etc.

**WVAFCS History**

2005-2012
Historian, Donna Jarrell

AAFCS Annual Meeting was held June 23-24, 2005 in Minneapolis, MN. Sue Miles coordinated the selling of china (sketch of Lake Placid) and a previously owned building on Dupont Circle in Wash., D.C. WVAFCS President Sue Linnenkohl and President – Elect, Donna Jarrell attended the AAFCS Fall Leadership Workshop in Indianapolis.

A combined spring meeting with WVAE4-H and WVEAFCS was held April 7-9, 2005 at Blackwater State Park. Keynote speakers were Don Bowers and Robin White. AAFCS Headquarters decided not to move to Knoxville, TN., instead remaining in D.C. Members were encouraged to sponsor student members as HUGS, paying their dues of $60 per year. Recommendation was to extend President’s office to a two year term, requiring a change in the WVAFCS by-laws. Mary Lou Schmidt Scholarship Fund was initiated during 2005, providing a $500 scholarship to F&CS students. Donna Jarrell was recognized as Outstanding Professional of College and Universities. Charlie Rickman was recognized as Outstanding Professional in Extension. Student Scholarship Winner was Robin Contin, FSC student. Retiring from Extension Service were Carol Winland, Judith Bragg, Patricia Kisner, Barbara Loudin and Sally Summers. Donna Jarrell and Sue Miles attended the 2005 AAFCS Annual Meeting and the only resolution passed was to delay the increase in dues. The major issue was the re-organization of AAFCS.

“An Era of History and New Beginnings”, was the theme of the 2006 WVAFCS Annual Meeting held at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown, March 30-April 1. Keynote speaker was Dr. Sharon Nichols, who spoke on history and future of AAFCS. Pat Gruber was named Interim State Leader of WVU Extension’s Families and Health Unit. Conversation Café was held at FSC, October 2006 to discuss ideas for a plan to re-organize AAFCS. The WVAFCS Past Presidents Fund, to support the Student Scholarship Fund, was changed to Dorothea Vieweg Pre-Professional Development Fund. Newsletters began arriving to members via email. WVAFCS nominated Senator John D. Rockefeller and his wife, Sharon as AAFCS Friends of the Family Award. Helen Graves was recognized as Outstanding Professional in Extension.
In early 2007, records indicated that WVAFCS student membership was declining. Forty-two undergraduates had not renewed their membership, 2005-2007. The WVAFCS Annual meeting, “The Kaleidoscope of America’s Families”, was held April 12-14, 2007 at the Blennerhassett Hotel, in Parkersburg. WVAFCS President Sue Miles and President-Elect Vikki Toothman attended Fall Leadership in Indianapolis. WVAFCS 2007 Plan of Work included supporting F&CS members in their work with families and community, influence development of policy and direction of social changes by improving family conditions, utilize resources/expertise to provide education, and continue to develop research base of F&CS and provide quality professional development for F&CS members. WV was one of 16 states that increased their membership by 5%. WVAFCS began their preliminary plans for the AAFCS Centennial Celebration coming up in 2009.

President Sue Miles thanked the WVAFCS Board of Directors for nominating her for the AAFCS Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Miles helped to coordinate a reception at FSU to honor Dr. Judith Kreutzer upon her retirement from FSU. The WVAFCS commissioned a commemorative plate with AAFCS/WVAFCS Logo to be made by Homer Laughlin Co. The plate was sold at AAFCS Annual meeting and to members of WVAFCS.

Membership Chair, Deborah Shriver continued to work on a regional membership project in effort to recruit new members, provide professional development and support F&CS members. Linda Waybright and Deborah Shriver, both retired from WVU Extension in 2008.

The 2008 WVAFCS Annual Meeting, ‘Evolving Technology- The Impact on Individuals, Families and Communities’, was held April 12-13, 2008 at Harper’s Ferry. Keynote speaker was AAFCS President, Bonnie Braun. Dr. Braun described changes in the national association and its affiliates made through the recent re-structuring process. She cited many signs of rebirth at 100 years. The official AAFCS Centennial kick-off took place in Wisconsin. The AAFCS Archives housed at Cornell University officially opened October 5, 2007.

Celebrating the AAFCS Centennial, the WVAFCS Annual Meeting was held April 17-18, 2009 at the Stonewall Resort in Weston. “Celebrating the Past, Sustaining the Future”, was the theme. Keynote speaker was Pam Curtis Swallow, cousin to Ellen Swallow Richards, three generations removed. She spoke on her current project, “Green Pioneer: The Life of Ellen Swallow Richards”.

In 2009, WVFACS was officially 87 years old. WVAFCS provides a $500 scholarship to undergraduate students to be used in undergraduate studies. Fifteen Pioneers (retired F&CS professionals) attended the AAFCS Centennial Celebration at Stonewall Resort.

President Vikki Toothman called the WVAFCS meeting to order at Tygart Lake State Park, May 1, 2010. Barbara Alvarez reported that there is a strong movement for students to get a two year degree through community colleges and then proceed to finish a four year degree. Newsletter Editor, Ginnie Lowther officially stepped down as newsletter editor and her husband, Dwayne officially stepped down as WVAFCS’s photographer.

Work began on revision of WVAFCS by-laws. AAFCS showcased their new logo.

Due to low registration, no annual meeting was held in Shepherdstown during 2011. Members of the board teamed together to write new job descriptions for board positions; Director of Standards, Awards and Scholarship, Director of Membership, Officers and Member Orientation, Director of Public Policy and Education, and Director of Communications and History.

Susan Rickards was elected President of WVAFCS at the annual meeting held, March 24, 2012 in Fairmont. At the summer board meeting held in Shepherdstown, President-Elect, Christine Weiss was asked by President Rickards to attend the AAFCS Fall Leadership Workshop, October 2012 in
Arlington, VA. She will also attend the Pre-Conference Leadership Session at AAFCS, June 26-28, 2013. AAFCS officially showcased their new logo.

WVU Fall “Make A Difference Day” will be held October 2012 at Erickson Alumni Center, WVU Campus. F&CS professionals are encouraged to attend. WVAFC will sponsor a display table at the event. The WVAFC Annual Meeting will be held March 2013 in the north central region.
WEST VIRGINIA "FIRSTS"

1935 -- First WVHEA Annual Spring Meeting, Jackson's Mill

1958 -- Frantz Dengler, West Virginia Wesleyan, first male to graduate from a West Virginia college with a Bachelor's Degree in home economics; emphasis in dietetics.

1964 -- WVHEA became charter member of AHEA Foundation.

1973-74 - John Schultz becomes the first male president of WVHEA.

1986-- Thomas Lucas, a student at Barboursville High School, was the first male to be elected as national president of Future Homemakers of America. His adviser was Carol Lucas. Thomas transferred to Milton, and Lucy Sullivan became his adviser.

1995-- First Annual meeting for newly named WVAFCS. Name change occurs after a unanimous vote to follow the national lead for name change to Family and Consumer Sciences.
WEST VIRGINIA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION
1935-1995
Annual Meeting Locations & Themes (as known)

1935 -- Jackson's Mill, First Annual Spring Meeting
1936
1937
1938
1939
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1941
1942
1943 -- 1946 No meetings due to World War II
1947 -- Jackson's Mill, First meeting after the war
1948 -- Jackson's Mill, "Home Economics Lights the Way"
1949
1950
1951
1952
1953 through 1960 Met jointly with the WV Dietetics Association
1959 -- Weston, Jackson's Mill "Golden Keys for the Future"
1961
1962 -- Weston, Jackson's Mill, "Home Economics in the Space Age"
1963 -- Weston, Jackson's Mill "From Hearth to Space"
1964 -- Weston, Jackson's Mill "Focus on the Family"
1965 -- Weston, Jackson's Mill "Our Challenge as Home Economists"
1966 -- Weston, Jackson's Mill "Progress and Promise"
1967 -- Weston, Jackson's Mill "Roots of Home Economics" (Last year to meet at Jackson's Mill)
1968 -- Charleston, Charleston House "Happenings in Home Economics"
1970 -- Morgantown, Hotel Morgan "Forecast for the Seventies"
1971 -- Charleston, Heart O'Town Motor Inn "The Home Economist's Role in Today's Environment"
1973 -- Huntington, Frederick Hotel (No Theme Listed)
1974 -- Morgantown, Lakeview Inn & Country Club (No Theme Listed)
1975 -- White Sulphur Springs, The Greenbrier (No Theme Listed)
1976 -- Charleston, Charleston House "WVAFCS in the Bicentennial Year"
1977 -- Wheeling, Oglebay Park "Our Challenge - Meeting Special Needs"
1978 -- Huntington, Holiday Inn (President Kate Clark) "Adolescent Parenting"
1979 -- White Sulphur Springs, The Greenbrier "Untapped Natural Resources. . .Our Potential"
1980 -- Morgantown, Ramada Inn "Energizing Your Future"
1981 -- Pipestem "Visions and Decisions: Home Economics for the 80's"
1982 -- White Sulphur Springs, The Greenbrier "Our Image, You Make the Difference"
1983 -- Wheeling, Oglebay Park "Home Economics: 17 Years to 2000 A.D."
1984 -- Charleston, Charleston House "Working Together for Progress"
1985 -- Harper's Ferry, Cliffside Inn "Commitment, Challenge, Change"
1986 -- White Sulphur Springs, The Greenbrier "Our Quest for Excellence"
1987 -- Huntington, Holiday Inn Gateway "Managing Our Personal and Professional Lives"
1988 -- Morgantown, Sheraton Lakeview "Professional Involvement"
1989 -- Charleston, Marriott Hotel "Global Connections - You Are A Link"
1992 -- Martinsburg, Sheraton Hotel "Families and Changing Technology"
1993 -- Huntington, Radisson Hotel "Focus on the Family"
WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
ANNUAL MEETING LOCATION AND THEME
1996-2019

1996 – Beckley, Beckley Hotel- “Invest in Families: Focus on Children and Youth”
1997 – Parkersburg, Blennerhassett Hotel- “Youth Resources for Building Strong Families”
1999 – Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center- “Invest in Families: Maintaining Healthy Lifestyle”
2000 – Fairmont Holiday Inn, “Coming of Age in the New Millennium”
2001 – Charleston, Marriott Hotel
2002 – Morgantown, Ramada Inn
2003 – North Bend State Park- “A Potpourri of FACS Visibility”
2004 – Roanoke, Stonewall Jackson Resort- “Uniting for Life, Learning, and Leisure” (Combined meeting with WVEAFCS & WV 4-H)
2006 - Ramada Inn, Morgantown, WV- “An Era of History and New Beginnings”
2007- Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg, WV- “The Kaleidoscope of America’s Families”
2009 - Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV- “Celebrating the Past, Sustaining the Future”
2010 - Tygart Lake State Park, Grafton, WV- "A New Century for FCS: New Challenges, New Solutions"
2011 - No Annual Meeting; meeting cancelled due to low registration.
2012 - WV Room, Fairmont, WV- “Eye on the Future”
2013 - Pierpont Community College, Fairmont, WV – “Connecting Professionals and Touching Lives”
2014 - Pierpont Community & Technical College, Fairmont, WV – “Global Gateway To Healthy and Sustainable Families”
2015- Shepherd University- Shepherdstown, WV – “Advancing Family and Consumer Sciences Using New Technology”
2016 – West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV – “Connecting Professionals…Touching Lives”
2017- WVU Jackson’s Mill, Weston, WV –“Financial Fitness: Trends, Innovations & Impacts”
2018 - Pierpont Community and Technical College, Fairmont, WV—“Cultivating a Shared Professional Focus”
2019 – Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV- “Yes to FACS”
1920-22 - Rachel H. Colwell*
1922-24 - Rachel Myers*
1924-26 - Katherine Kearney*
1926-28 - Erbie Albright*
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1931-32 - Genevieve Thompson*
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1938-40 - Virginia Gaskell*
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1942-44 - Nell White
1944-46 - Cleo M. Gray*
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1950-52 - Rachel Ferguson
1952-54 - Lucille Hudkins*
1954-56 - Edna Hall
1956-58 - Lucille Hudkins*
1958-60 - Sara Ann Brown*
1960-62 - Wanda Ewing (Sprout)
1962-64 - Mary Rose Jones*
1964-66 - Hortense Bell (Butler)
1966-68 - Ruby Foose*
1968-70 - Carole Vickers
1970-71 - Betty May Ferrell (Kelley)
1971-72 - Reva Belle Neely
1972-73 - Betty Crickard (McCartney)
1973-74 - John Schultz
1974-75 - Hortense Bell (Butler)
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1980-81 - June Rose Simmons
1981-82 - Judith Radcliff
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1983 - Martha Lee Blankenship*
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1985-86 - Mary V. "Ginnie" Lowther
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1994-95 - Maudie Karickhoff

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WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
PAST PRESIDENTS

1995-96 – Beth Thorne Newcome
1996-97 – Linda Bull Schmidt
1997-98 – Glenda Lowery
1998-99 – Mary Lou Schmidt *
1999-00 – Barbara Pavel -Alvarez
2000-01 – Judith Kreutzer
2001-02 – Deborah Shriver
2002-03 – Karol Jean Bradshaw
2003-04 – C. Sue Miles
2004-05 – Sue Linenkohl
2005-06 - Donna Jarrell
2006-07 - C. Sue Miles
2007-08 - C. Sue Miles
2008-09 - Vikki Toothman
2009-10 - Vikki Toothman
2010-11 - Kathy Corpus
2011-12 - Kathy Corpus
2012-13 - Susan Rickards
2013-14 - Susan Rickards
2014-15 – Susan Rickards
2015-16- Elaine Bowen
2016-17- Elaine Bowen
2017-18- Elaine Bowen
2018-19 - Beth Newcome
2019-20 – Beth Newcome

* deceased
WEST VIRGINIA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION
PAST PRESIDENTS
OF
STUDENT MEMBER SECTION

1979-80 -- Joyce Beeman, West Liberty College
1980-81 -- Michele Zollner, West Liberty College
1981-82 -- Lois Hanger Lipscomb, West Virginia University
1983-83 -- Karen Romain, Fairmont State College
          AHEA Student Member Section Chairperson
1983-84 -- Lois Lipscomb, West Virginia University
1984-85 -- Karen Nobbs, Fairmont State College
1985-86 -- Sandy Lowe, Marshall University
1986-87 -- Beth McDonald, Shepherd College
1987-88 -- Susan Chiavari, West Liberty College
1988-89 -- Flora Tharp, West Virginia Wesleyan
1989-90 -- Dena Zetty, Fairmont State College
1990-91 -- Sarah Smith, Marshall University
1991-92 -- Peggy Humphries, Shepherd College
1992-93 -- Lisa Clouse, West Liberty College
1993-94 -- Cathy Brewer, Fairmont State College
1994-95 -- Kari Safford, Marshall University
2014-15-- Ryan Chelf, Shepherd University

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WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL/GRADUATE STUDENT SECTION

1995 -96  Beth Thompson, Shepherd
1996 -97  Terri Fitzpatrick, FSC
1998-98  Corrine Pearce, Marshall
1998-99  Susanne DelRio Cubick, Shepherd
1999 -00  Chelsa Kolb, Fairmont State
2000 -01  Valerie Barnes, Shepherd
2001 -02  Valerie Barnes, Shepherd
2002 -03  Joy Vandvender, Marshall
2003 -04  Joy Vandvender, Marshall
2004 -05  Angie MacDonald, Shepherd
2005-06  Wendy Hottle, FSC
2006-07  Ashley Cota, Marshall
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AMERICAN HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION AWARD RECEPIENTS

AHEA Distinguished Service Award
1988 -- Carole Vickers

AAFCS Distinguished Service Award
2008 -- C. Sue Miles

AHEA Leaders
1984 -- Carole Vickers
1984 -- Yvonne Ferguson
1988 -- Joann Guthrie

AHEA New Achievers
1984 -- Robin Trimble White
1987 -- Vicki Risinger
1989 -- Betty Jo Jordan

AHEA Outstanding Dissertation Award
1994 -- Beth Lucas (Thorne) Newcome

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS

1972 -- Finland - Wanda Mawhinney
         Elinore Widman
1992 -- Germany -- Dee Brown
1994 - - England - - Beth Thorne Newcome

SPECIAL MEMBER HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1954 -- Sara Ann Brown, West Virginia University, received Fulbright Award to
        lecture in Denmark.

1983 -- Carole A. Vickers, Marshall University delivered AHEA Commemorative Address
        Fairmont State College student Karen Romain presided over the Student Member Section as
        national president.

1995 -- Judith Kreutzer, Fairmont State College, received a Distinguished Alumni
        Award from the University of Wisconsin – Stout
2001 -- Melva Hess, AAFCS 50 Year Member
2001 -- Past President’s Scholarship Fund becomes the “Dorothea Viewig Pre-Professional Development Fund”, in her honor.
2007 -- Joann Nesselroad inducted into WVU Human Resources and Education Hall of Fame
2008 -- Jacqueline Reddick-Scherger, AAFCS 50 Year Member
2010 -- Kate Clark, AAFCS 50 Year Member
2018 -- Melva Hess, Fairmont State University, Homecoming Parade Marshall

WEST VIRGINIA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1983 -- Pat Turley, West Virginia University
1983 -- Pat Medvick, West Virginia University
1984 -- Rosemary Lynch
1984 -- Kristal Koenig
1984 -- Rebecca Wolf
1992 -- Angela Slover, Marshall University
1993 -- Bonita Jackson, West Virginia University
1994 -- Lisa Capage, West Virginia University
1995 -- Sarah Wilson, West Virginia University

WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES ASSOCIATION
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1996 -- Jacqueline Williamson
1997 -- Julie Allen Snider, WVU
1998 -- Danielle Smith, FSC
1999 -- Jean Marie McCuean, FSC
2000 -- Kristie Michele Johnson, WVU
2001 -- Deborah Whoolery, FSC
2002 -- Jodi Brock, FSC
2003 -- None Awarded
2004 -- Catherine A. Stephens, WVU
2005 -- Robin Contin, FSC
2006 -- None Awarded
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2008 -- Emma Bullock
2009 -- Amanda Gill
2010-2012 None Awarded
2013 – Katherine Ross, West Virginia University (4 year)
    Joseph John Falcon, Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College (2 year)
2014 -- Taylor Coleman, West Virginia University (4 year)
2015-- Morgan Carper, Shepherd University (4 year)
2016 – Madeline Collins, West Virginia University (4 year)
2017 -- Shiloh Wamsley, Pierpont Community and Technical College (2 year)
    Katelyn Walker, West Virginia University (4 year)
2018 – Katelyn Walker, West Virginia University (4 year)
2019 – Andrea Ewers, Shepherd University (4 year) $500
    Kelsi Ann McComas, Pierpont Community and Technical College (2 year) $500