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Please return this form by December 31st of each year to your Regional Director (<u>bwollan@iastate.edu</u>) and a copy to the National Office. This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.

State/Territory:	Indiana	Date:	12/6/2024
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- National Representation Marcia Parcell (VP of Professional Development) and Caroline Everidge (Chair of Diversity Committee). We also had an educator run for National office (VP of Member Resources).
- Implemented new Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee at the state-level.
- Indiana educators received 5 regional awards.
- Affiliate received "Honorable Mention" in the Creed Contest.
- Affiliate participated in 90th Anniversary Activities.
- Affiliate received NEAFCS Endowment to support 90th Celebration event.
- Updated and approved bylaw changes.
- Continue to support the Dean Don Felker Award. The affiliate Finance/Funding Committee pursued fundraising opportunities and a dues increase was voted on to ensure ongoing support.
- Continue to have new educators joining NEAFCS and the affiliate is well-represented at Annual Session (22 attendees)

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

- Continue officer retreats, updating affiliate action plans.
- Increase member representation on state & national committees.
- Increase award applications.
- Encourage members to present at Annual Session.
- Encourage members to submit articles to JNEAFCS.
- Encourage members to be engaged and involved to reap benefits of NEAFCS.
- Present poster presentation at JCEP ELC regarding 90th Celebration Event.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences face in your state?

- Ongoing Extension restructuring
- Employee turnover (recruiting new members, vacancies)
- Funding for professional development (especially attending Annual Session)

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address:

• Encourage members to participate in professional development opportunities outside of annual session.