

Policy and Procedure Book

This document is the official Policy and Procedure Book of the Missouri Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. (MAFCE). It was prepared for the membership to better understand their organization.

Membership in the Missouri Association for Family and Community Education shall be open to all in accordance with the federal discriminatory laws.

MAFCE offers members an opportunity for personal development and growth in leadership abilities. It makes available a broad spectrum of continuing educational programs relating to family and community. The meetings are in a friendly, unstructured, social environment through which members build helpful, supportive groups. It provides a basis from which to contribute to the betterment of family and community.

MAFCE is associated with the University of Missouri Outreach and Extension in a cooperative effort to provide programs and assistance, to promote personal growth and improvement in the quality of family and community living.

The Mission of the Association for Family and Community Education

Is to strengthen individuals and families through:

- Continuing Education
- Leadership Development
- Community Action

Policy and Procedure Revision Committee

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Membership Guidelines

Regular Member

1. Shall meet regularly at a designated time.

2. Shall be represented at county council meetings, if county has a council.
3. May use programs suggested by the state educational chairman.
4. May attend leadership training and use materials.
5. May be represented at special meetings.
6. May assist in planning educational, social and civic activities for each club member local, county and district levels.
7. May participate in county, district, state and national meetings.
8. Shall pay membership dues to state and national organizations.
9. Shall pay membership dues to club and county (if applicable).
10. Receives *The Messenger and FCE TODAY*.
11. Receives liability insurance for FCE sponsored events.

Associate Membership

1. May attend local, county, district, state and national events.
2. May attend learning sessions and leader training meetings.
3. May participate in county, district, state and national meetings.
4. Associate Club Member must pay dues to club, county, state and national.
5. Associate County Member must pay dues to county, state and national.
6. Associate State Member must pay dues to state and national.
7. Receives *The Messenger and FCETODAY*.
8. Receives liability insurance for FCE sponsored events.

Senior Membership

Senior Membership is an optional membership for an individual who is 80 years or older who shall pay state and national dues discounted by 20% through local club or county. They are entitled to all the benefits of regular membership.

Family Membership

Family Membership is made up of a family having the same address. They receive one copy of *The Messenger* per address.

All the above types of membership include membership in the National Association for Family and Community Education (NAFCE). MAFCE is a dues paying member of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), enabling its membership to have representation in the international organization.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Members shall be persons recognized in their field of endeavor who give unlimited time and talent in the interest of this association and shall have supported its objectives. They must meet the above qualifications and have unanimous approval of the MAFCE board.

Future Memberships

Child/Student of a Missouri Member

1. Must be a child between the ages of birth to eighteen residing with a FCE member.
2. Must pay state membership dues (discounted 50%) to the state organization.
3. May be associated with a club or county. If a club or county member, there may be club and/or county dues.
4. Does not receive any state mailings.

Any Child/Student

1. Must be a child/student between the ages of birth to 18 years.
2. Must pay membership dues to state organization.
3. May be associated with a club or county. If a local or county member, there may be club and/or county dues.
4. Receives *The Messenger*.

Organizational Structure

Club

Individual members form a club within their communities whose purpose is to promote education, develop leadership and improve the quality of living. Each club has officers and is represented on the county council. A club must consist of at least three

(3) members. All club members must pay county, state and national dues to legally use the trademarked names of Family and Community Education or Extension Homemakers and the educational materials produced by FCE.

County Council

The county council consists of elected representatives of clubs within the county. The council interprets the educational need of the clubs. It serves as a link between the local club, the district, and the state. The county council must consist of at least 3 members. All county members must pay state and national dues in order to legally use the trademarked names of Family and Community Education or Extension Homemakers and the educational materials produced by FCE.

District

Missouri is divided into six (6) districts. The county council presidents of that district elect a director for each district. The district director serves as a link between the county councils and the state board. A district meeting shall be held annually in the spring. The district director is responsible for location and other arrangements of the spring meeting with the approval of the executive board. Districts may choose to have a fall district meeting. All arrangements and programs are the responsibility of the district director.

State - Missouri Association for Family and Community Education (MAFCE)

The Missouri executive board and the president of each county council (in good standing) constitute the State Council of the Missouri Association.

Missouri State Council meets annually to transact business of the association, to provide educational information and to become acquainted with local council leaders.

A representative of the University of Missouri, Columbia serves as a consultant to the MAFCE executive board.

Members of MAFCE are dues paying members of the National Association for Family and Community Education, (NAFCE), and

affiliates of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). The state president has voting status within these organizations representing Missouri. A MAFCE member may become an individual member of ACWW by paying individual membership dues to ACWW. These dues entitle the member to attend the triennial convention with the payment of registration fees.

Organizational Duties

State Council

Elected officers, district directors, and presidents of county councils constitute the state council and are the voting delegates. County council presidents (or a seated delegate from the county) are entitled to vote providing county dues are paid to date.

Duties

1. Acts in an advisory capacity.
2. Enacts Policy
3. Meets annually (annual conference) to elect state officers, review reports on committee progress, transact business matters, provide educational programming and become acquainted with local council leaders.

Annual Conference:

Each delegate and member pays a registration fee as deemed necessary. A registration fee is waived for invited members of the press. The annual conference is open to visitors upon payment of the visitor registration fee, but without privilege of the floor.

A majority of seated delegates constitutes a quorum.

State Board

The state board consists of the president, president-elect (when applicable), vice-president for program, vice-president for public policy, secretary, treasurer, six (6) district directors, young family coordinator, university consultant and special appointments. The board shall hold one meeting prior to annual conference. In addition,

the board shall hold at least two planning meetings, scheduled at its discretion.

Duties:

1. Transact business of the association at the annual conference and at any meeting called by the president.
2. Develop policies subject to approval of the voting delegates at annual conference.
3. Develop plans for reaching the objectives of the association. Coordinate plans for district meetings and annual conference.
4. Other duties as deemed necessary for the state board.

Executive Board

The executive board consists of the president, president-elect (when applicable), vice-president for program, vice-president for public policy, secretary, and treasurer, the six (6) district directors, and young families coordinator.

Duties:

1. Approve committee chairmen recommended for appointment by the president.
2. Approve appointments by the president to fill any vacancies that may occur.
3. Other duties as deemed necessary for the executive board.

Executive Committee

The executive committee consists of the president, president-elect (when applicable), vice-president for program, vice-president for public policy, secretary, and treasurer. The duties of the committee are to transact business of the association not requiring the action of all executive board members on an emergency basis.

Elections

A candidate for president-elect must have served a term of office on the state board. President-elect automatically becomes president. Officers serve for a term of three years, or until successor is elected, with the exception of the president-elect who serves for one year.

A candidate for any state office other than president-elect and vice-president shall be serving or have previously served as an elected or appointed officer of her/his county or club or shall have served a term of office on the state board. President, president-elect and vice-presidents are limited to one term. Secretary, treasurer and directors have the privilege of one re-election. No officer shall serve more than two terms in the same office. A candidate shall be nominated for no more than one office at the same election. New officers take office January 1. All state board members may be evaluated for dismissal by the executive board for non-performance of duties.

Using the yearly rotation system, three (3) district directors shall appoint a member from their district to serve on the nominating committee. An executive board member appointed by the president shall serve as chairman.

The names of the nominees and their credentials shall be published in *The Messenger* before annual conference. The nominees will be requested to attend annual conference (at their own expense.) A voting delegate may make additional nominations from the floor at annual conference, provided credentials are presented to the nominating committee chairman prior to the start of the business meeting.

Elections shall be by written ballot. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Exception shall be when there is only one candidate; the president may offer a choice of: a written ballot, a voice vote, or declare the nominee is elected by acclamation.

District Directors

County Council presidents of each district elect the director of their district at the Spring District meetings. A candidate for district director shall be an active or past county council officer or shall have served a term of office on the state board. Candidates submit resumes to the district director preceding the election.

Educational Committees

- Health Issues
- Home and Community Environment
- International
- Leadership Skills
- Youth Education

The chairman of an educational committee shall be appointed every three years by the president with a limit of two (2) terms.

Duties:

1. Work with assigned educational committee on state level projects.
2. Serve as a resource person for county chairmen; work with them in coordinating ideas and program suggestions.
3. Assist in annual conference and other assignments as requested by the president or other officers.
4. Send a copy of the report form, story and evaluation to the state president.

Program Focus

Health Issues

- * *Woman to Women* Hearth Fire Issues
- * Any other health related topic presented or promoted at National Conference.

Home and Community Environment

Cooking/food topics and subjects presented at NAFCE conferences i.e.: Second Hand Smoke and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren plus Hearth Fire Series: Minding their Manners; Buying Safe Food; Planning to Travel; With an Eye for Redecorating; Showing Respect for the Flag; Prepared for a Natural Disaster; What Records Should I Keep; Domestic Violence HF's- Why Should Love Hurt? and Resisting the Deadly Triangle; Courting the Judicial System and Being Green.

International

- India Project
- ACWW Projects
- Designated Foreign Country
- Peace Gardens

Youth Education

- CHARACTER COUNTS!
(includes Essay & Artwork Contest)
- FCE Friends Storybooks/Friends
- Literacy – allows for a broad spectrum
- Books for Newborns

Family Community Leadership (FCL)

Family and Community Leadership Topics

Leadership

Group Process

Teaching Techniques

Issue Analysis & Resolutions

Public Policy

Volunteering and Mentoring

- Hearth Fires such as:
Don't Do It-Delegate
Practicing Proper Protocol

EDUCATIONAL REPORT BOOK AWARDS

1. MAFCE will present first, second and third place Certificates of Award to the winning counties in all educational areas.
2. A county entry to the awards program must be submitted by using information from club reports. An individual club may send a report to state if there is a special need (contact the state president).
3. Entries will be judged according to "Outline and Judging Criteria for Award Book."
4. Any entry postmarked after deadline cannot be judged, but the information in the report will be included in the state report to national.
5. Materials within these award entries become the property of state or national FCE.
6. Award entries may be picked up at the annual conference, but will not be returned otherwise.

AWARD BOOK GENERAL INFORMATION

Only through reporting can our supporters, sponsors, legislators, general public view the impact of members programming and activity. For the most

complete and comprehensive reports, record activities each month rather than waiting to compile the information at the time the report is due.

- Each county may enter an award book in each of the educational categories. An individual club may send reports directly to state if there is a special need (contact state president).
- If there is no county chairman, write at the top of page, "no county chairman."

*Report forms are in the county president's packet or conference book given to each county president at the annual conference.

*For the report, use 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper, enclosed in a folder.

*Do not leave any blanks on the report form. If you do not know an exact number, estimate, or use the symbol N/A meaning not applicable.

*Award books to state chairman must be postmarked no later than March 15. Send to the appropriate chairman listed in *The Messenger*.

OUTLINE AND CRITERIA FOR AWARD BOOK

Page 1. Cover _____ 05 points

Include name of county, district, date, award category and person submitting the award book. Include name of contact person with complete address and phone number.

Page 2. Table of Contents _____ 05 points

Page 3. Report Form _____ 10 points

Enclose the appropriate reporting form for the category in which the book is being submitted.

Page 4. Story

A. Objectives _____ 15 points

1. What led you to select this project?

B. Action _____ 25 points

1. What did members do in guiding and execution of the project?
2. What were the involvement and contributions of other agencies and organizations?

C. Summary _____ 25 points

1. What was the number of members, clubs, participating?
2. What resulted from Public Policy action?
3. What are future plans for the project?

Page 5. Photographs _____ 10 points

Include 1-5 pages of photographs that assist in telling the story. Photographs should be inserted in plastic sleeves with labels on the plastic or they may be attached with small amount of rubber cement. These photographs may be used for publicity or for state reports. They should be in good contrast, with no paper clip marks, writing on the back or labels directly on them.

Page 6. News Clippings _____ 05 points

- Include 1-5 pages of news reports of activities related to project in report.
- Attach the name of the newspaper and the date the article appeared on each clipping.
- With colored hi-lighter, underscore main topic in the article.
 - Attach with small amount of rubber cement

Page 7. Other Related Materials

(optional 1-3 pages)

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

MAFCE is an affiliate of the National Association for Family and Community Education. National FCE is composed of voting delegates from each of the affiliated states and territories. Affiliation is obtained by submitting member's dues with a corresponding state membership list, an application in writing and a copy of the state bylaws. After a review of the bylaws by the executive committee to ascertain that they do not conflict with the national bylaws, it shall become an affiliate of the National FCE.

National FCE is divided geographically into three regions: Pacific, Central, Atlantic. Missouri is part of the Central Region. Other states in the Central Region include Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North

Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

Organized with officers, appointed chairmen and presidents of the member states, National FCE meets annually to transact business and suggest educational materials and programs to affiliated states.

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

MAFCE is a dues paying member of The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). The members contribute generously to "Pennies for Friendship" which constitutes the major part of the income of the ACWW. Members of MAFCE are affiliated with ACWW. To become a Contributing Member, individual dues must be paid. A Contributing Membership entitles members to attend ACWW Triennial Conference by paying a registration fee; receive the ACWW quarterly magazine.

ACWW, the largest international organization of countrywomen, was organized in Stockholm, Sweden in 1933 under the leadership of Lady Aberdeen of England. ACWW strives to build international friendship and understanding to improve living conditions for rural families. It is recognized as a non-governmental organization (NGO) by the United Nations, has an active role in international affairs and speaks out for countrywomen at meetings of the United Nations.

INCORPORATION, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARKS

Name

The name of the organization shall be the Missouri Association for Family and Community Education.

Incorporation

Missouri FCE incorporated April 6, 1977 in Columbia, Missouri and functions as a not-for-profit 501(C)3 charitable organization as defined under the Internal Revenue Code.

Mission

The mission of the Missouri Association for Family and Community Education is to strengthen individuals, families and communities through Education, Leadership and Action.

MAFCE HISTORY

Early Growth and History

In the early 1900's, Farmer's Week at the University of Missouri campus was just for farmers. The wives who attended Farmer's Week decided they wanted programs relevant to the needs of women. With the help of the College of Home Economics, the organization was formed. The State Board of Agriculture printed the programs in detail in their bulletins and the Yearbook. Miss Nellie Nesbit, a lecturer for the Board of Agriculture began advocating the establishment of homemaker clubs. The Smith-Lever Act, requiring matching state-federal funds was passed in 1914 making available the funds for county extension agents and state extension workers. This was the real beginning of extension work as we know it.

Homemaker clubs in each district were being established. Joining a homemaker club meant that the homemaker enrolled in Extension Service programs. These programs, in many cases, included other members of the family who were involved in agriculture or 4-H activities. The Missouri Home Economics Extension Clubs first met in 1928 during Farm and Home Week at the University of Missouri. The State Council was organized in 1936, just in time to be represented at the Associated Country Women's Council (ACWW) that was being held in Washington, D.C.

In 1936, the Campbell-Harrison House had its beginning, open to girls in need, who wanted home economics training. It opened under the name of Home Economics Coop. The clubs made and furnished mattresses and helped contribute other necessities. In 1950, the name was changed to the Campbell-Harrison Home Economics House. In 1953, the house was purchased for \$16,000 with a down payment of \$3,600. The organization contributed \$2,630. In 1955 action was taken to continue financial assistance by making monthly payments of \$225 in June, July and August and to pay yearly taxes and insurance on the house. In

February of 1960, a check was paid for \$10,080.77 to pay the total indebtedness.

State councils across the country organized the National Home Demonstration Council in 1936. Missouri did not join.

The Missouri Home Economics Scholarship Fund was established on September 29, 1938, starting with the sum of \$687.00.

In October 1942, the Annual conference of the National Home Demonstration Council was held at the Power and Light Building in Kansas City with 529 members and 45 potential members. Non-member states represented included Missouri, Washington, Oklahoma and Arizona.

Membership in the homemaker clubs showed a steady increase in Missouri and reached a peak membership of 46,000 in 1948.

Missouri joined the National Home Demonstration Council in 1949 and became the Missouri Home Demonstration Council

In 1966, the name was changed to the Missouri Extension Homemakers Association (MEHA). The association incorporated in 1977.

As the University and Extension Service changed their program emphasis to a much broader scope, MEHA also expanded its program base. It was changed to ten educational areas in 1979 which included: Citizenship and Community Outreach; Cultural Arts; Clothing and Textiles; Family Relations and Child Development; Health, Food and Nutrition; Housing, Energy and Environment; and Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Changes in program development were initiated. County Home Economists became "area specialists." The members could now use specialists in subject matter from the university and other educational resources available in the geographic area. Members were encouraged to assume more of the leadership responsibilities of their organization.

In celebration of America's Bicentennial,

members designed and crafted a needlepoint tapestry, entitled "Impressions of Missouri." It was constructed on 120 squares depicting the life and history of Missouri, and was presented to the Missouri State Museum in the State Capitol in June 1976.

1980's

In 1980-81, Nickels for Young Homemakers Outreach was implemented from the Nickels for Youth. The ongoing project was developed to encourage leadership potential in Young Extension Homemakers (YEH).

In 1981, a statewide project entitled "Sacred Stones and Stained Glass Windows" was begun. MEHA documented the history and building structure of churches in Missouri and made slides of their stained glass windows. The documentation was presented to the State Historical Society of Missouri in 1982.

In 1985, many changes were occurring in the University Extension structure, that would affect MEHA. MEHA continued to lose vast numbers of members. It was decided to conduct a poll to find out who the members are; what age groups we are serving; and provide an opportunity for our members to relate their concerns. At this time MEHA did not have a membership list.

In 1985, several Fiftieth Anniversary projects were begun. MEHA continued the National Oral History Project, which was a documentation of the history of the organization and the role rural women have played during the last fifty years. The cassette tapes, pictures, and written documents were presented to the State Historical Society of Missouri for storage in July, 1986. The first Women in Leadership Seminar was held in October 1985. MEHA was a contributing sponsor.

Other fiftieth anniversary projects included the organization of a statewide chorus, a county banner presentation, and a commemorative cookbook. A Task Force was selected to study the results of the membership survey and to make

recommendations. Using the first generated membership list, the first official publication of the Missouri Extension Homemakers Association was mailed to every member.

In 1987, a new leadership program, Family and Community Leadership (FCL) was introduced. It is an educational program designed to increase the leadership capabilities of women and those who are traditionally not represented in the public decision making process that affect the quality of family life. It was funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and was sponsored by MEHA and the University Extension. Past state board members met together to form an Alumni organization to be a support of MEHA programs and projects. They made plans to meet annually at the annual conference. The Missouri Housing Heritage Project received first place at the national level and was displayed at the National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Bylaw changes included creating two vice-president positions: vice-president for public policy and vice president for program. District boundaries were changed from five to twelve districts. Twelve district directors were elected. A district director was appointed by the president to be chairman of one of the educational areas.

1990's

In 1990, bylaw changes relieved the district directors of their responsibility as educational chairmen and allowed the president to appoint a chairman to each of the four educational areas. Young Extension Homemakers was designated as an MEHA project.

In 1991, the names of educational chairmen were changed to correspond with NEHC Chairmen. They are Environmental; Global; Family Life; Special Community and Cultural Projects; Membership and Public Relations. Current MEHA Projects are Young Extension Homemakers (YEH), Family and Community Leadership (FCL), MEHA Chorus, and Legislative Day.

A new name, The Missouri Association for Family and Community Education was adopted in 1992. The name better represents the organization in today's world, but the mission continues to be the same. Interested members began an effort to establish a foundation for the purpose of being able to receive donations, memorials, grants and other monies, the interest of which would be used to fund programs and projects of MAFCE.

In 1993, the number of districts was reduced from twelve to eight in an effort to streamline the organization. The offices of vice-president were reduced from two to one. The educational emphasis was on Literacy; Environment; and Children and TV.

The National FCE Association voted to raise the national dues to \$12.50 in 1994.

A nation-wide campaign, "Let Our Violence End" (L.O.V.E.) was initiated with positive results. A new Missouri cookbook was published.

The Missouri Foundation for Family and Community Education was organized in 1994 with six directors. Bylaws were adopted, IRS Guidelines were compiled and the 501(C)3 status was achieved. Only interest accrued may be spent in grants awarded to local clubs, counties and to the state for their educational projects.

In 1995, the state board was reduced to 17 members. The educational areas were Literacy; Children & TV and Family Life; Environment, International; Public Policy and Leadership Development. New educational programs are Marketing and Membership; Family Health Issues and Special Projects. Missouri began a concerted effort to gain members. The Marketing/Membership chairman created a program called M&M Mania. This was presented at all the district meetings in Missouri and then at the regional meetings at the National Conference in Tulsa, OK. Missouri won first

place in Marketing/Membership. A new membership brochure was designed. The alumni contributed funds to have the brochure printed. For the first time MAFCE has podium posters to use at state, district, county and club events.

A new university advisor, Dr. Barbara Froke, was assigned to work with MAFCE. Seven members attended the Triennial of the Associated Country Women of the World in Christchurch, New Zealand. MAFCE participated in Child Advocacy Day by making 140 dolls to take to congressmen to encourage them to put the children's welfare first when making decisions that affect the children. Another new project was the Senior Sting, initiated by the Attorney General to help eliminate fraud perpetrated upon senior citizens. A new membership category was approved for Business and Corporations. The Young Families Scholarship was replaced with a MAFCE Annual Conference Scholarship.

In 1996, MAFCE members began the year sorting Senior Sting solicitations for Attorney General Jay Nixon. 180 dolls were made for Child Advocacy Day. The spring district meetings brought education information on children and TV, Marketing MO FCE with a new game, similar to Bingo and information on current happenings on the state and national levels. Members attended the National Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Missouri won second place in the Leadership category of Marketing and Membership. The Missouri brochure was updated and reprinted for 1996. MAFCE, Inc. became a 501(C)3 organization. The FCE Senior Sting will be adapted for a national project and shared at the national conference in Los Angeles in 1997.

The 1996 Annual Conference celebrated the 60th anniversary of Missouri FCE. Eight scholarship winners were guests. 60th anniversary County Banners were made and decorated the walls during the conference. The chorus entertained during special events. Each past president was invited to be an honored guest at the banquet. Past Presidents

attending were Lillie Steury, Hazel Funnel, Neva Dohrman, Alberta Hagerman, Freda Powers, Kay Cain, Mary Borgman, Jo Gressly, Jan Vaughn, Judy Wilfong, Betty Reynolds and Ruth Deckard. The Alumni decorated the ballroom, provided table favors, the 60th anniversary cake and the candlelight service. An embroidered Friendship Quilt and the Alumni Quilt generated funds for the celebration.

The Kottman Memorial Grant was established in 1996 in memory of Joni Kottman, a dedicated member of MAFCE, and her daughter, Cindi (19 months old) who were killed in an automobile accident. District #5 memorialized them with the first substantial donation to the foundation making the dream of a foundation become a reality. The first grant of each year continues to be awarded in their memory.

In 1997, the first statewide FCE essay contest for the 4th grade students writing on the subject of "Why My Family is Important to Me" was held. Missouri received three grants from the National Foundation for FCE for the Sting project, Kids for Character and the Essay Writing contest. Over 200 dolls were made for Child Advocacy Day. The Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and every state legislator received a doll to remind them of the children when voting. They were asked to take their doll to a child abuse shelter, domestic violence shelter, Head Start or a local day care within their own district. Spring district meetings focused on Networking and program materials available to all members. Missouri placed third in the Leadership Category at the NAFCE conference in Los Angeles. The MAFCE state conference was put together entirely by the state board members for the first time. The business/corporate membership was deleted and a family membership was approved.

In 1998, Missouri received two first place National FCE awards, one in Education for the Literacy Project, "Why My Family is Important to Me" and the other in Action for Child Advocacy Day. A HEED grant to

support Child Advocacy Day made it possible to have pre-stamped postcards. Senators and representatives were asked to return the postcards with information as to where the dolls were taken in their communities.

District meetings focused on ACWW and Character Counts. ACWW Triennial was held in Pretoria, South Africa. The Annual Conference theme was "*MISSOURI FCE ON THE MOVE: Reaching, Teaching, Caring, Sharing*". The 1998 Heart of FCE award winner was June Wollenberg of St. Charles County.

"Listening" was the title of the program presented by the district directors and state president for the 1999 district meetings. The 1999 annual conference theme was "*Building Towards the 21st Century.*" The Heart of FCE Award went to Sharon Fickert of St. Charles County. A new award, "Missouri's Outstanding FCE Family" was presented to C.D. and Joyce Smith family. The positions of Vice-President of Program and Vice-President of Public Policy were reinstated.

Missouri initiated a new health program to encourage regular exercising. It was called "Walk and Talk to Burlington, KY." The NAFCE meeting was held in Kona, Hawaii. Missouri received two National Awards: Second place in Education for the focus on "Families Count Everyday" which combined information from Child Advocacy and the Literacy Essay Contest and 3rd place in "Leadership" for the Sting project that promoted consumer fraud awareness.

2000's

Dr. Barb Froke retired and Dr. Robert Hughes became the new University of Missouri advisor to MAFCE.

In 2000, the theme of district meetings was "Flying into 2000 with FCE." The state president and district directors presented the program "Effective Meetings." The year 2000 gave us the Millennium Tree project with Gingko trees being planted in all counties with an active FCE Club. The annual conference

theme was, *“Listening Today, Envisioning Tomorrow.”* Missouri Heart of FCE award winner was Freida Humphries of Laclede County, South Central District. At the National FCE Conference, Missouri received 2nd place for its entry in Leadership featuring the health project, *“Take Good Care of Yourself – Missouri Leads the Way.”* This program focused on journaling, medical genealogy and regular exercising.

Programs Missouri members continued to work with were the 4th grade essay writing contest, *“What a Family Means to Me,”* Child Advocacy Day, Tune Out Violence and the India Project for ACWW.” All Star Clubs were recognized for growth in membership at Annual Conference.

At the annual 2000 MAFCE Conference, those who donated to the foundation received an Oak Tree Pin for the first \$100 and a stone for each \$100 thereafter. Through the generosity of those who have donated money as a Memorial or Honorarium the first grants totaling \$500 were given by the Missouri Foundation for FCE to Missouri FCE Chairmen, Counties and Clubs for the following projects. Build Character-Leave a Legacy (a project supporting 4th grade essay contest,) Books for Newborns, Kids for Character, Global Education and Building Golden Memories (donating Books to Children’s Clinics).

The year 2001 saw MAFCE members busy with many projects. Members made and distributed over 300 dolls on Child Advocacy Day to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and all the legislators to remind them to consider the children of Missouri when they vote. More than 2000 4th grade students entered the contest writing about, *“What a Family Means to Me.”* Keeping in step with today’s technology, one county put its winner on the school’s web page. MAFCE members collected more than 3100 pledges for the April 5th. *“Tune Out Violence Day”*.

The District meetings focused on Membership with a Jeopardy game and by honoring new members. During the Public Policy Session, the members learned *“How a Bill is Passed”* in our government.

The 65th Annual Conference of Missouri FCE was held in 2001 with the theme *“Reaching for Tomorrow with FCE.”* National President, Harriet Steenson, presented a leader training session, *“To Fly with the Eagles, You Have to Get Off Your Nest.”* She also had a presentation, *“The India Project, FCE’s Work with Families in Calcutta.”* In an effort to become more efficient, the bylaws were amended to reduce the districts from 8 to 6. The Global project, the Dutt Memorial Foundation in India, sparked much interest with members contributing over 2600 skeins of embroidery floss, \$518.00 toward the purchase of latrines and \$276.00 for salaries for two doctors for one year.

In 2001, the Missouri Foundation for FCE (MFFCE) awarded 6 grants amounting to \$725 at the MAFCE Annual Conference.

Four MAFCE members were among the 800 delegates from 40 countries who attended the 23rd Triennial ACWW Conference in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The NAFCE Conference was held in Providence, RI with four members from Missouri in attendance. Educational reports were entered in Leadership, Action and Education. The Environmental report, *“Millennium Tree Grows in Missouri”* won 3rd place in the Leadership category. It focused on learning the history of and planting Gingko trees in our counties.

2002 was the 7th year for distributing dolls to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and all the legislators. Thirty-six FCE members from thirteen counties attended Child Advocacy Day in January to distribute 250+ dolls. More than 3400 signatures were gathered by MAFCE members for the **Family Choice-TV Tune Out Violence Campaign.**

The theme of the district meetings was “United and Growing Strong with FCE.” Over 2400 students from 118 schools in 24 counties entered the “What a Family Means to Me” Literacy Essay Contest. The winners were honored at the District meetings.

The 2002 Annual Conference theme was “*Learn from Yesterday-Live Today-Dream of Tomorrow.*” The “Sharing Rich Lives Through FCE” history/memory book was promoted with a skit by all board members dressed in costumes depicting each decade as something was read about that decade from the History book. Vivian Stuber from Webster County was honored as the Heart of FCE winner. The Dortha and Harold Strack family was honored as the Missouri Outstanding FCE Family for 2002. Twenty-three clubs were honored as “All Star Clubs” as they had increased their membership by recruiting a new member.

Thirty-eight Missouri FCE members attended the National FCE Conference held in St. Louis, MO in 2002. For the first time ever, Missouri won National awards in all three categories. In the Leadership category, “All Star Clubs” won 1st place and \$500 to be used for Marketing and Membership. “Water for All,” in the Action category won 2nd place and \$250 for International projects. The Education category on “Kids–Our Passion–Our Purpose–Our Priority” won \$100 for use in Literacy projects.

The Missouri Foundation for FCE awarded seven grants totaling \$1125 in September 2002. Eighteen members were awarded either a pin or stone for their generous contributions. As the Foundation grows, interest accrued increases and more can be given in grants.

The theme of the 67th MAFCE Conference in 2003 was “*Be a Shining Star*”. MAFCE’s Outstanding Family, Gerald and Wilma Kruse won the National Outstanding FCE Family award. The Missouri Heart of FCE winner was Mary Klapproth. Margaret Mai, NAFCE President, presented the

workshop, “Bullies are for Real”.

The Missouri Foundation for FCE awarded 12 grants totaling \$1250 to MAFCE clubs, counties and state for their projects that will make a difference in their communities. Fifteen members were recognized for their contributions to the Foundation.

“*FCE a Hidden Treasure*” was theme for Spring District meetings.

A new International project, Military Mail was introduced. Items were collected at conference and mailed to the military. “A Day in the Life of a FCE Doll” was awarded third place in the Action category at the NAFCE Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Nine members attended.

National dues were raised from \$12.50 to \$13.50.

Dr. Jo Britt-Rankin, replaced Dr. Robert Hughes as our University of Missouri advisor. 4138 signatures were collected for Tune Out Violence. The memory and history book “Sharing Rich Lives Through FCE” was published and made available for sale.

Three leaders from Missouri attended the Mid-winter Leadership Training held in Washington DC. They met at the Capitol with their Missouri Senators and Representatives and enjoyed a tour of the White House.

The CWC (Country Women’s Council) meeting was held in Lynchburg, VA. The Resolutions and Recommendations that were to be voted on at the next ACWW Triennial were discussed.

In 2004, Missouri FCE participated in the National FCE Essay and Artwork contest for fourth grade students. The topic was Trustworthiness from CHARACTER COUNTS!

The National Conference was in Richmond, VA, with 11 attending from Missouri. Heart of FCE winner was Shirley Newman. MO FCE won 2nd place for the Action display board “Missouri’s Buzzee Bee”.

The ACWW Triennial was held in Tasmania, Australia with two from Missouri attending.

"The ABC's of FCE" was the theme of the 68th MAFCE Annual Conference held in Columbia, MO. Each attendee was able to attend all four of the workshops. Eleven grants were awarded in 2004 totaling \$1225 by the Missouri Foundation for FCE. Glowing reports from the past recipients of grants reflect the impact of the work being done to carry out the mission of FCE. Eleven members were recognized for donations of at least \$100 by receiving either an Oak Tree Pin or a stone.

"Imagine the Possibilities" was the theme for the MAFCE State Conference in 2005. A Hospitality Room in memory of Dorothy Landreth was enjoyed as a place to visit and enjoy the snacks. The Missouri Outstanding Family was Jim and Ruth Mellor, East Central District. Mary Klapproth collected the most signatures in MO for the "Tune Out Violence" campaign with Cape Girardeau County collecting 1371 pledges.

The Missouri Foundation for FCE awarded eleven grants totaling \$1365. Eleven members were recognized for their contribution with the Oak Tree Pin or stone(s). Carole Jo Byrd received a completed pin, a gift from her husband.

Eleven MO members attended the 2005 National Conference held in Anchorage, Alaska. Carole Jo Byrd, Southeast District, traveled to Alaska to receive the "Heart of FCE Award." Missouri received second place in the Leadership category for display board on "Preparing for a Natural Disaster." Karen Walker was elected Vice-President for Public Policy on the National Board.

MAFCE is now on the World Wide Web. www.mafce.com is the address.

The theme of the 2006 Conference and the District meetings were *"MAFCE- 70 Years and Still Lighting the Way"*. The conference was held in Columbia. It was decided to hold future conferences in each district in order to make it easier for those living in those districts to

attend beginning with the 2007 conference.

The MO Foundation for Family and Community (MFFCE) awarded eight grants totaling \$1050 at the Annual Conference. Eleven members were recognized for their contributions with the Oak Tree Pin or stone(s).

National dues are now \$16.00.

At the 70th NAFCE Conference in Nashville, TN, MAFCE was awarded \$1300 for display boards and program award books.

"Spice Up Your Life With FCE" was the theme for the 2007 Conference held in Sedalia. MFFCE awarded 7 grants totaling \$1400. 12 members were recognized with an Oak Tree Pin or stone(s). Four certificates were given for a donation of \$100 to the Foundation.

The ACWW Triennial was held in Turku, Finland with our state president attending.

Missouri won 1st place for the program award book in the Education category at the NAFCE Conference held in Omaha, NE. The display board and program award book in the Action category each won 2nd place for a total of \$1350.

In 2008, Child Advocacy Day at the Capitol was held in January and over 350 dolls were distributed to our legislators with a reminder to keep children's issues high in their priorities.

At the National Conference held in Burlington, VT, MO won 1st place for program award book in Education and 2nd place in Leadership for program award book. In Action category MO won 3rd place for program award book and 1st place for display board for a total of \$1800. MAFCE's Essay and Artwork winner, Hannan Troy from Clark County, NE District, won first place in the National Contest.

1968-70	Mrs. Edwin Beasley (Dorie)		
	Lone Jack	Jackson	
1971-72	Mrs. Edward Dorhman (Neva)		
	Chesterfield	St. Louis	
1972-74	Mrs. Erwin Apprill (Kaye)		
	Higginsville	Lafayette	
1974-76	Alberta Hagerman (Mrs. G.B.)		
	Wayland	Clark	
1976-78	Freda Powers (Mrs. Norman)		
	Windsor	Johnson	
1978-80	Kay Cain (Mrs. Don)		
	Essex	Stoddard	
1980-82	Mary Borgman (Mrs. Earl)		
	Wellington	Lafayette	
1982-84	Dorothy Shull (Mrs. Ray)		
	Carthage	Jasper	
1984-86	Jo Gressley (Mrs. Bill Jr.)		
	Bolkow	Andrews	
1986-88	Jan Vaughn (Mrs. James D.)		
	Rolla	Phelps	
1988-90	Judy Wilfong (Mrs. Carl)		
	Patton	Bollinger	
1990-92	Betty Reynolds (Mrs. Lloyd)		
	Anderson	McDonald	
1992-94	Ruth Deckard (Mrs. Gerald)		
	Springfield	Greene	
1995-96	Rita Jacobs (Mrs. Deane)		
	Chula	Livingston	
1997-98	Ruth Mellor (Mrs. Jim)		
	St. Peters	St. Charles	
*1999-2000	Ruth Mellor (Mrs. Jim)		
	St. Peters	St. Charles	
2001-2002	Karen Walker (Mrs. Robert)		
	Kahoka	Clark	

Bylaws amended, the term of office is now 3 years

2003-2005	Betty Schalk (Mrs. Tom)		
	Poplar Bluff	Butler	
*2006	Betty Schalk (Mrs. Tom)		
	Poplar Bluff	Butler	
2007-2008	Lynn Maples (Mrs. Bill)		
	Doniphan	Ripley	
2009-2011	Nancy Richmond (Mrs. Leon)		
	Sedalia	Pettis	

Historical Notes

From its beginnings up to 1974 members were asked by the Extension Service to use their husband's names. As times changed, in 1974, the Extension Service began to encourage members to use their given names.

Originally the Calendar Year was used in determining a term of office. In 1974, the fiscal year was changed to July 1 to June 30 making a term of office split in mid year. In 1992 the fiscal year was changed back to the calendar year.

*In 1998, for the first time in the history of the organization, there was no candidate for the office of president. The incumbent president continued to fill the office until one could be elected. As a result, the incumbent served two terms in the office of president rather than the one term as stated in the bylaws.

*This occurred again in 2005 when there was no candidate for the office of president. The incumbent also served another year (2006).