Awards Committee Report
FEAFCS Board Meeting
May 17, 2006

Chair: Stephanie Toelle
Members: Brenda Marty-Jimenez, Maisie Ross, Meg McAlpine, Laura Royer, Glinder Stephens, Terri Thompson, Julie England, Rita Law-McCumber

Thirty-six (36) entries for NEAFCS awards were received by the due date, and 21 were submitted to national. We did a great job getting a number of applications, though little diversity. We’ll work on filling more categories next year.

The call for Florida-only awards has gone out: program of excellence, friend of extension, and outstanding specialist. These awards are traditionally due June 1st, and the latter two (friend and specialist award nominations) are presented to the board for selection. We need to adjust the due date for these next year so that it concurs with the board meeting.

Another discrepancy exists between the national award manual’s application criteria for Continued Excellence and the judging point designation regarding “professional activities.” Professional activities get 40 of 100 points. The judging team on this award felt that it had to do with educational programming, and there is nothing on the award description for CE that relates to educational programming. (Applicants indicated professional activities such as association involvement, professional development, etc.).

The FEAFCS awards guidelines list that a responsibility of committee members is to prepare press releases for award winners within their judging category, and attaching the release to their awards at EPAF. I don’t think this has been done. We would like to take this out of the job description.

Awards will be presented at EPAF with the appropriate pen set or plaque. We do not expect that an awards table at EPAF would be possible since the award winning applications will be at NEAFCS.

New FEAFCS Awards guidelines have been written for consideration and a new alignment of awards and categories recommended so that the state award categories match national.

We would like to make a request by newsletter or email to update/verify our list of winners for DSA, CE, and new professional. The list is used to determine applicant eligibility.

THANKS to the Awards committee members! You’ve done a fantastic job!