A Note From the President

It has been a year of big things for NYSACCE4-HE, kicked off by hosting the NAE4-HA Conference in Rochester. This was a huge undertaking by many and was an outstanding example of the enthusiasm and commitment of the New York State 4-H Educators. During the year we did many new things to benefit our members. We added the Third Thursday News and Views so that we could communicate more often and share more about our colleagues. We maneuvered through district realignment and refining the role of the District. We formed a committee to review our bylaws to bring us into 2010. This year have been possible without the pledge of your time and the loyalty by each of you to the Association. In this time of change and transition each of you found the time to support each other and grow the 4-H program in New York. The Board also authorized funds for the Professional Development committee to support District level professional development. None of these things would have been possible without the pledge of your time and the loyalty by each of you to the Association. In this time of change and transition each of you found the time to support each other and grow the 4-H program in New York.

I thank each and every one of you for your dedication! The work you do to support the 4-H Youth Development profession is amazing! It has truly been a pleasure to serve as NYSACCE4-HE President.

We Recognize Peer Accomplishments

Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to the following award winners:
- Meritorious Service - Bernadine Wiesen
- Twenty-Five Years Service - Steven Billings
- Distinguished Service - Mark Wittmeyer, Barbara Stevens, Paul Webster
- Achievement in Service - Shawn Tiede, Guinevere Panek
- Special Service - Rachel Williams, Jim Hooper
- Award of Merit - Museum of the Earth, Rob Ross and Trisha Smrecak
- Team Programming - Roger Ort, Patricia Redihan, Jenna Hicks, Cate Sirek
- Excellence in 4-H Club Support - Emily Kidd

Marketing and Information

The following Communicator Award entries were selected as state winners and were forwarded on for regional and national consideration:
- Educational Piece (Individual) - Jennifer Clancey
- Media Presentation – Jessica Spence
- Periodical Publication (Team) – John Bowe
- Personal Column – Jessica Spence
- Promotion Package (Team) – John Bowe
- Promotional Piece (Team) – John Bowe
- Published Photo – Jessica Spence
- Educational Piece (Team) – John Bowe (state winner)
- Published Photo – Martina Yngente (honorable mention)
Committee Reports

Bylaws updated
A committee was appointed in 2010 to review the bylaws of NYSACCE4-HE. Led by Tom Davis, the team consisted of Roxanne Dueppengiesser, Tim Davis, Joanne Richards, Barb Schrimmer, Megan Tifft, Alexa King, and Chrys Nestle. Their main focuses were aligning the bylaws to be consistent with the redistricting of the North Country and enhancing life membership. Following several conference calls, review and approval by NYSACCE4-HE Board of Directors, the revised bylaws will be presented to the membership for final approval at the annual meeting.

Nominating
Members Megan Tifft, Shawn Tiede, Chip Malone and Linda Wegner "met" once over a conference call and compiled a list of nominations.

The slate of officer candidates for 2010: Vice President—Brenda Carpenter, Tompkins County, Secretary-Alexa King, Clinton County and Sarah Shufon, Schenectady County and Treasurer-Steve Billings—Life Member. New Officers will be informed before the conference and an induction ceremony will take place at our Award's Dinner.

~Submitted by Megan Tifft
~Submitted by Shawn Smith

Mentoring
In 2010, the mentoring committee, consisting of Mark Wittmeyer, Katrina Ellis, Guin Panek, Margie Ragosta, Kelly Adams, Peg Lewis, Patrick Ames, Linda Earley, Kelly Parker, Kim Fleming and Linda Gilliland.

- Developed NYSACCE4-HE Mentoring Program Guide that will be rolled out at the annual conference.
- Continually updated new staff/mentor information spreadsheets on committee wiki. This is helping the committee to better track and document educators progress in the mentoring process.
- Implemented ways in which committee members can better establish and foster mentoring relationships within their districts.
- Worked with Mike Duttweiler to find tools that can help evaluate the impact of the mentoring program.

~Submitted by Mark Wittmeyer

Fund Development
Making preparations for the Fall Conference Auction. Have good representation from districts with the following members Nancy Robertson – CoChair, April Winslow-CoChair, Marika Rywak - Secretary, Celeste Carmichael-Treasurer, John Kunz, Amy Rugenstein, Autumn Lavine.

~Submitted by April Winslow

Audit
The Audit committee, Tim Davis, Steve Billings, Angela Northern, and Barb Sturm, met in 2010 both with Association Treasurer, John Bowe, and Capital Days Treasurer, Marilyn Russell. Both accounts were reviewed and found to be in good shape with some recommendations made for the future. The committee thanks both John and Marilyn for their attention to detail and help in the audit process.

~Submitted by Tim Davis

Capital Days
Highlights from 2010:
- 111 attendees representing 36 counties.
- 75th Celebratory Luncheon included presentations by Director Helene Dillard and Assemblyman Pete Lopez.
- Youth observed the Senate and Assembly in session.
- Eat-in dinner and dance new this year, will continue in 2011

~Submitted by Shawn Smith

Professional Development
This committee, consisting of Rachel Williams, Elaine Noble, Linda Brosch, Emily Kidd, Kim Fleming, Jody Maneely and Barb Stevens, has been working diligently to put together a valuable fall conference for 4-H Educators. They also are coordinating requests from Districts for Professional Development grants, up to $285; North Central, Western/Finger Lakes, South Central and South East have applied.
District Updates

Western/Finger Lakes
The Western District of the NYSACCE4-HE met jointly with the Finger Lakes District in 2010 in various locations throughout the districts. Professional development programs included an insider’s tour of the Mount Morris Dam and Recreational Area, and the Lost Ladybug Project with Dr. Leslie Allee from the Dept. of Entomology at Cornell. An upcoming training on alternative energy sources will take place in December. ~Submitted by Holly Harwood

North Central
North Central District has had several successful meetings this year with some great professional development including a program on Ethics with Children by Jutta Dotterweich and Garden Based Learning with Marcia Eames-Sheavely. Both trainings were very informative and helpful! We are currently submitting a professional development grant for workshops on working with special needs youth. ~Submitted by April Winslow

North Country
The North Country 4-H District consisting of Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Essex and Clinton Counties formed in November 2009. We spent the early part of 2010 structuring ourselves as a new District, electing Officers and representation on the NYSACCE4HE Board. Once this was completed we conducted an overnight retreat in April with the focus on learning to know one another; and to work on ways in which we can work together as a District. We conducted our first District Public Presentations together at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. This went so well that we are doing it at the same location in 2011. We have designed a North Country 4-H District brochure that we will begin to use in the next month. We will further our marketing as a District in 2011. We are developing a Maple Education Program that will have culminating events at The Learning Farm in Canton, NY in February and March each year. ~Submitted by Stephanie Graf

South Central
Among many professional development programs this year was a GPS/GIS training given by Chip Malone and Jim Hooper. Discussed developing an agreement to share workload across the district in a mutually beneficial way.

Capital
Capital District enjoyed a training on SET programming and a presentation by Rhoda Meador on NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture) changes.

South East
The South East is hosting a Volunteer Forum November 19-20, 2010 in Kingston. They also had a discussion with their Executive Directors about the trends in 4-H and opportunities for regionalization.
NYSACCE4-HE is the only professional association for 4-H Youth Development Educators in New York. The themes of the 2010 New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators are:

- Work within the Extension system to build a highly competent and motivated 4-H Youth Development staff.
- Identify, build, and maintain positive relationships within the 4-H Youth Development profession.
- Develop and deliver a contemporary and effective image of 4-H Youth Development.

NYSACCE4-HE supports the mission of NAE4-HA, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, to offer Youth Development professionals the best in professional development, an inclusive and supportive network, integration of scholarship, research, and practice.

Highlights!

Historian, Chrys Nestle, along with the History Committee, has published the 2010 History Highlights. They are responsible for keeping the history of NYSACCE4-HE up-to-date including publishing a complete revision every 5 years. It will be available on the web.

Visit [http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/NYSACCE4-HE.aspx](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/NYSACCE4-HE.aspx)