



FLASH



August 15th, 2022

The 2022 National FCE Conference has come and gone. What a great time those attending had renewing fellowships and meeting new FCE members. The weather in Portland was on the warm side but the air conditioning in the hotel was working to cool us.

The 2022 national board and conference committee worked hard to put on a memorable National FCE conference.

This flash is going to recap some of the things that took place at the national conference and announce new things that will be taking place in 2023. Please watch our website nafce.org for updates.

A **tour of Portland** was offered to all that wanted to board the bus on Thursday, July 14, 2022. We learned that Portland is a city of bridges and many roads that connect the different sections of the city together. That evening all attendees were invited to learn how to make Iris Paper folding cards and some Easy Origami which was taught by Bonnie Teeples. Many hands were seen grabbing for bags of jewelry that evening.

Friday morning July 15th found us gathering for the **annual meeting**. There were 8 first timers honored, and the state presidents/delegates and the board were introduced before the conference was called to order.

As we all know finding officers or members to serve on the national board are hard to find, so a **Bylaw Amendment** was introduced at the state presidents/delegates meeting on Thursday morning, July 14th and then voted on at the annual meeting where it passed unanimously. The new wording under Article V, Section 2, Item C now says that a candidate shall be serving or have previously served as an appointed or elected office of her/his state affiliate or have served on the FCE board. This eliminates the requirement that candidates had to serve on the National FCE Board in the past 8 years. Hopefully, this will help those on the nominating committee to find candidates to fill vacant positions.

3 new FCL lessons were presented:

Know When to Say No – this Public Policy lesson will educate families and communities about scams and how to protect ourselves against harmful practices involving our money!

Rabies-Facts and Fears – An Issue Analysis and Resolution lesson was developed because of a resolution announced at the ACWW 2019 Triennial asking that there be zero tolerance of rabies by 2030.

Positive Leadership Traits of Birth Order – What does our Group Process of birth order say about the first-born, second-born, youngest, and only child. Explore this lesson and learn how birth order makes sense most of the time for a vast majority of individuals.

General Sessions presented on Saturday morning were :

Past, Present, and the Future of FCE; Food Waste – A World in Crisis; and ACWW – changes, 2023 World Triennial and the upcoming CWC/USA meeting.

2 new Hearth Fire lessons and a session on the **Fabulous FCE Forms** were presented on Saturday afternoon.

Someone in the Family is...Passing Family History to the Next Generation – Collecting family memories of your life today and of the past as well, can be a challenge.

Someone is Saying HAH-Health and Humor – Recognize the physical, emotional, and holistic benefits of humor and laughter.

Fabulous FCE forms – the national FCE board presented new and revised program forms:

Community Service Award criteria was reviewed, and the changes were made that any member, club, council, unit, district, or state will be able to submit this form. The need for a brochure was eliminated. Entries will be sent to their state president and headquarters by April 15th.

Outstanding and Superior Unit Awards have been combined into a new form called **Recognition Certificate**. More details on how this form will be implemented will be presented shortly.

The **4th grade essay and artwork contest** was amended to allow the essay to be written on a computer and the artwork can be done using colored pencils. The **2023 theme is “Caring”**. All the details can be found on the website nafce.org. The 2022 winners of the Essay and Artwork contest can be found on our website. There is a video, copy of their essay and artwork to view. What a great job these 4th graders do. Check it out!

The **program award book** has been suspended for 2023 to allow it to be reviewed and revamped.

The **National FCE Program/Project Report** form has been redone allowing more room for all of the great things that are being done. This form will be posted on the website shortly.

The **Family Choice Media** program will be offered this year again. This will be a tune out social media day on April 5th. Pledge sheets will need to be filled out with individuals that will commit to not using their cell phones, computers, TVs, for a day. The pledge with the most signatures will receive \$100.00. The winner for 2022 was Ethel DeHaven from Maryland.

We learned about the women who made a difference in Oregon; a memorial service was held for deceased National Presidents, State Presidents, and advisors to FCE; sharing time was held where many of the attendees shared what they have doing in their state and e special programs that are being working on. Conference concluded with a moving installation and goodbye lunch.

Thanks to all that attended the 2022 national conference. We missed those that were not able to attend and hope we get to see you at the **2023 national conference** to be held in Erlanger, Ky at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport from August 3, 2023, to Sunday, August 6, 2023.

Attached to this flash are the **membership** form and associated forms plus instructions.

The **legacy information** has also been attached. Your organization can use your help in staying sustainable which can be done by donating funds to the legacy fund of which we can use a percentage of the interest raised on the principal amount that is in the fund. Another way you can help is to donate to the general fund for the everyday expenses of maintaining our office. Either of these amounts can be sent in with your membership form. Your help is appreciated, and we hope you are able to give generously.

Your **2023 National Board** is listed below, and their contact information can be found on the website.

Judy Fullmer – President
Peggy Martens – Vice President for Program
Jean Purich - Secretary
Susie Martell – Treasurer
Faye Spencer – Program Coordinator
Linda Hanberry – Program Coordinator
Emily Gordon – Public Policy Coordinator
Kristin Walker – Public Policy Coordinator

National is always looking for ways to acquire new members and retain them after they become a member, so attached is an **article** submitted by Scott Teeples referring to this situation.

The following **thank you** was received from Carolyn Ropp, a past FCE national president. She asked that it be sent to all of the membership.

To FCE Friends,

Thank you so much for all the cards and notes of sympathy after my husband Don passed away in May. As many of you mentioned, Don was a great supporter of FCE work. He also was a good caretaker of me as my physical disabilities increased. Keep up the good work for families and communities through FCE programs.

Fondly,
Carolyn Ropp, past FCE President.

If you have questions about any of the information in this flash, please let us know.

I have enjoyed being your national president these past few years and appreciate the support you have given our organization.

Hugs and Prayers for Everyone to Stay Safe and Healthy!

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