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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
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The NEBRASKA Council of Home Extension Clubs

1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF HOME EXTENSION CLUBS?

The Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs is a state-wide organization to which all the Home Extension clubs in the state may belong, if they choose to do so. This organization helps coordinate group activities related to Home Extension work in the state. The objectives of this organization are:

- (a) Work for the advancement of home and community life in the state of Nebraska.
- (b) Develop leadership and initiative among Nebraska women.
- (c) Serve in an advisory capacity to the State Home Extension staff in formulating and developing the Home Extension program of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Note: See constitution of Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs.

2. WHO MAKES UP THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF HOME EXTENSION CLUBS?

The executive board of the Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs is made up of the elected officers - president, president elect, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, historian and the eight district directors. The State Home Extension Leader, other members of the Home Extension staff and the Chairman of the Home Economics Department of the Nebraska College of Agriculture are ex-officio members.

3. WHEN DOES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET?

The board of directors usually meets three times a year. The new board meets as soon as possible to make plans to carry out the program of work adopted at the annual meeting. The board has a second meeting to make plans for the annual meeting of the State Council and to make suggestions for the next year's Program Work. The third meeting is at the time of the State Council meeting when the board completes its business for the year.

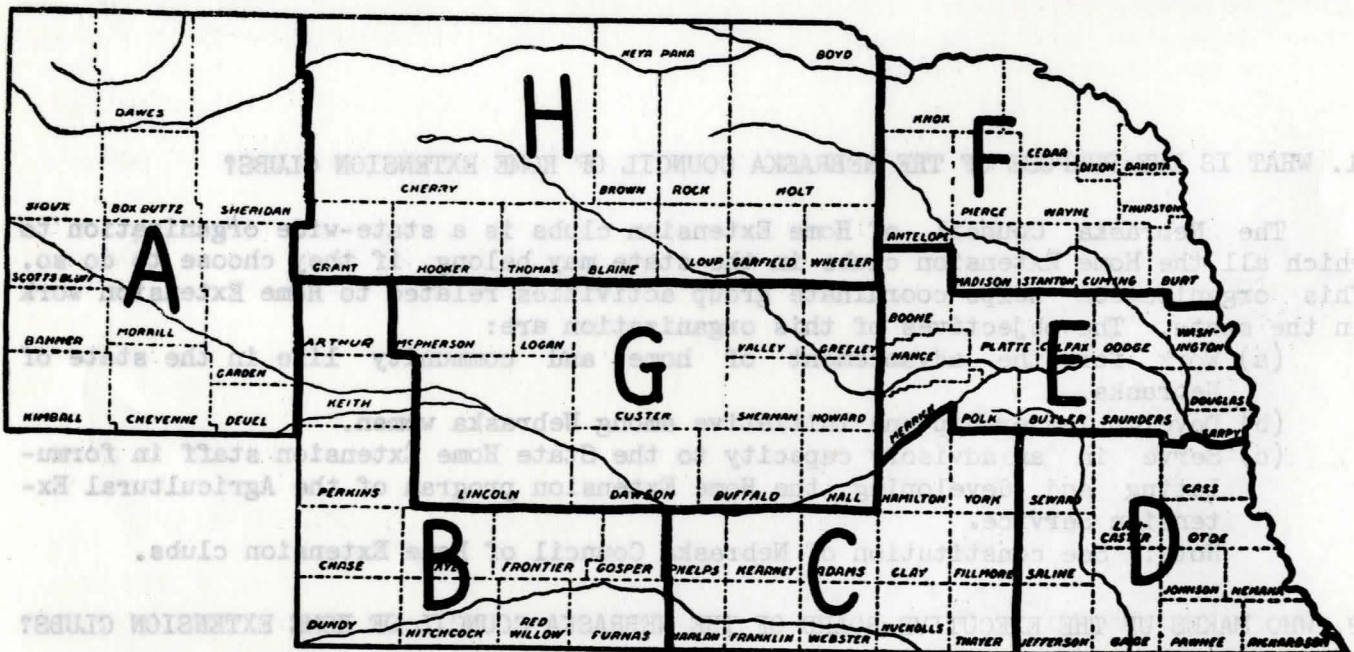
4. HOW IS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED?

At each annual meeting of the Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs, some officers and some district directors are elected. President, vice-president, historian and directors for districts B,D,E,H, are elected in odd years for a two-year term; treasurer, secretary and directors for districts, A,C,F,G, are elected in even years for a two-year term. Candidates are nominated by a nominating committee and presented to delegates at the state meeting. The official county delegates at the state meeting. The official county delegates elect the state officers and directors.

Note: See constitution of Nebraska State Council of Home Extension clubs.

5. WHAT ARE THE DISTRICTS OF THE NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF HOME EXTENSION CLUBS?

The state is divided into eight districts designated by a map attached to the State Council constitution.



6. WHO IS A DISTRICT DIRECTOR?

A district director is a member of a Home Extension club which is a member of the Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs. She represents the clubs of the counties in the designated area in which she lives. She is nominated by the nominating committee and is elected by the county delegates from that area at the State Council meeting. She represents the club members from that area on the executive board of directors. She is available to meet with county councils to speak at county-wide meetings in the different counties in that area, and to explain the purpose and program of the State Council.

7. WHAT IS THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING?

The annual State Council meeting is provided for by the constitution. The meeting place is determined by the board of directors. The purpose of the meeting is to transact the business of the organization, hear reports of the year's work, elect officers and plan for projects to be undertaken in the future. The program is planned to give inspiration and suggestions to home extension clubs and county councils concerning activities and programs which could be carried on locally to enrich county and community home extension programs.

8. HOW MANY DELEGATES MAY EACH COUNTY SEND TO THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING?

"Each county enrolled for Home Extension work with a paid membership of 70 members up to 199 members shall be entitled to two voting delegates. Those having from 200 to 499 members shall be entitled to three voting delegates, those from 500 to 999 members shall be entitled to four voting delegates. Those over 1,000 may have five voting delegates. The first delegate is to be the county chairman and the other delegates are to be selected by the County Home Extension Council or by members in good standing. The number of delegates from a county shall be certified by the credentials committee of which the Treasurer of the Board of Directors is a member." See constitution of Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs.

9. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DELEGATES TO THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING?

The delegates have the responsibility of participating in the business meetings, listening to and discussing reports of council business and electing officers. Provision should be made within the county to give delegates an opportunity to report on the State Council meeting to the clubs which are members, so that they feel they have some return for their membership. There is no registration fee for this meeting. The meeting is an open meeting and any one who is interested may attend.

10. DOES THE NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF HOME EXTENSION CLUBS HAVE A PROGRAM OF WORK?

Every year the Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs develops a Program of Work. A committee from among the executive board is appointed to work on this. Some suggestion from the program of work of the National Home Demonstration Council are discussed and some are adopted for the state program of work. This state Program of Work is approved by the executive board and sent to the county chairman in each county,

11. HOW DO COUNTIES USE THE STATE PROGRAM OF WORK.

The county chairman may present the Program of Work to the county council or county advisory committee. The county council then chooses any part of this program on which it wishes to work, and incorporates these into the county program. At the end of the year the councils are asked to report to the State Council their outstanding accomplishments. These reports are summarized and published. Copies of the state report are sent back to each county council.

12. HOW ARE THE DUES TO THE NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF HOME EXTENSION CLUBS SPENT?

The constitution of the Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs makes certain provisions for which dues may be used. At the beginning of the year the state president appoints a budget committee to draw up a budget suggesting certain expenditures necessary to carry on the state Program of Work. This budget committee presents the budget to be discussed and approved by the board of directors of the council. A copy of this budget and the state treasurer's report is given to the delegates at the annual meeting. Items of expenditures include:

1. Minimum expenses of delegates to Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs and board of directors meetings.
2. Expenses of annual meeting (speakers, meeting place, programs, etc.).
3. Dues to state, national and international organizations.
4. Partial expense of delegate to national meeting.
5. Cost of letters sent by Nebraska Council of Home Extension clubs president, legislative chairman, or committees transacting business of the council.
6. Contributions to scholarships (Mary Ellen Brown, foreign student).
7. Other items as suggested by the Program of Work and involving expenses concerned in the budget.