

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION
COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

Need to be familiar with:

- County University of Illinois Extension Council Structure
- County University of Illinois Extension program and plan of work
- County Home and Community Education constitution, Bylaws, and policies
- IAHCE Guidebook
- County IAHCE Board's agreement with University of Illinois Extension

Work together to:

- Clarify duties of Board members
- Transact general and specific business
- Formulate, approve and record policies
- Select standing and special committees
- Secure and accept programs of action of the Association
- Promote the maintenance and growth of the membership
- Approve the trust agreement with University of Illinois Extension
- Give leadership to unit officers and committee chairmen.

Work with the Unit Leader, Community Leader, Unit Assistant, Extension Council and Committees to:

- Identify needs of all families in the county
- Determine appropriate delivery systems
- Attend Board meetings (let President know if you can't attend)
- Plan Annual Meeting
- Promote IAHCE
- Promote membership
- Plan and hold Officer's Training School
- Turn in bills for approval for telephone and supplies
- Attend County Activities of HCE
- Attend IAHCE District Workshops
- Attend the IAHCE Annual Conference

ASSOCIATION FOR COUNTY HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The County Association for Home and Community Education is composed of individuals that participate as unit members or in other county programs and activities of the association. Types of membership and dues are determined by the county. Membership is open to any individual irrespective of race, color national origin, sex, creed, familial status or physically/mentally challenged.

Programs and activities of the County Associations are planned and developed by the Board and Committees of the Association.

Objectives of the County Association for Home and Community Education Association:

- To bind together the unit and individual members within the county
- To supplement the work of the University of Illinois Extension in home economics and family relationships.
- To promote the well-being of the individual and the family.
- To bring about a better understanding of the relationship of the home, community, state, and nation.
- To speak for and further the interests of homemakers.

SUGGESTED OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN:

- Officers:
- President- ----- Administration
 - First Vice-President- ----- Program Chairman
 - Second Vice-President- ----- Membership Chairman
 - Secretary- ----- Recorder
 - Treasurer (may include
Ways and Means)- ----- Finance/Budget Chairman

- Directors:
- Cultural Enrichment** (Cultural Arts, Heritage Skills, Creative Writing, and Textiles and Clothing)
 - Family & Community Issues** (Family Living, Health, Food and Nutrition and Citizenship)
 - International**
 - Public Relations**

Other Chairmen: As per your Bylaws

Alternative County Structure: Refer to State Bylaws, Article IV – Constituents, Section 2, A-E and the County’s Bylaws.

COUNTY PRESIDENT

1. Serves as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board, of which the other four officers are members.
2. Calls meetings of the Executive Committee.
3. Presides at county meetings of the Association for Home and Community Education Board meetings, Advisory Committee (composed of all Unit Chairmen) and other called meetings. (Includes Annual Meeting and Officer's Training.)
4. Plans agenda for:
 - Regular and special board meetings
 - Scheduled and called meetings of the Advisory Committee
 - Annual business meeting of the membership
 - Makes up a "month by month" agenda calendar
5. Delegates authority but maintains necessary responsibilities.
6. Appoints committees not provided for in the bylaws with the approval of the board.
7. Serves as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
8. Plans training meetings of the county and unit officers with the county HCE board. May invite the IAHCE District Director to assist. Works closely with the State President of IAHCE.
9. Encourages the County Board members to work together on projects and/or educational programs thus making a greater impact within the organization and the community.
10. Keeps unit members informed of county, state, national, and international meetings.
11. Uses parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings.
12. Does follow-up work between meetings with county officers and committee chairmen, and helps members understand their responsibilities.
13. Attends IAHCE District Workshop and IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State President to implement state programs in the county. Shares correspondence and materials from State President with County Board for consideration.
14. As President, you should look at all District Workshop and Annual Conference packets. It is suggested you hold a meeting to share the packets with each other.

15. Evaluate the various programs to determine the need to continue and/or delete based on needs of organization and/or community.
16. Encourages the use of IAHCE Report Forms by board members following programs or activities.
17. Completes the County of the Year Application and sends it to the State President whose name and address is listed on page 1 of this Guidebook. It must be postmarked by January 31st.
18. A plaque will be presented during Awards Night at the Annual Conference to the “County of the Year”.
19. Works with County U of I Extension staff for educational resources and training.
20. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter. Reads the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org).
21. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.
22. Studies and uses the IAHCE County Guidebook. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st Vice President’s possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.
23. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
24. Transfers and explains materials to successor at end of term.

COUNTY FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

1. Performs duties of President if absent.
2. Is a member of the Executive Committee.
3. Serves as County HCE Education Committee Chairman. This committee is made up of all program directors (Cultural Enrichment, Family & Community Issues, International, and Public Relations). 1st-Vice President is an ex-officio member of each sub-committee.
4. May serve as a member of the University of Illinois Extension Council.
5. Works with the University of Illinois Extension Unit Leader and the HCE President to develop a calendar for program planning.
6. Holds as many program meetings as necessary to:
 - a. Assess the program needs of the county.
 - b. Try to incorporate state program issues.
7. Assists HCE Program Committee to relate their programs to the University of Illinois Extension Council.
8. Presents committee's recommendation to the County HCE Board for approval before proceeding with planning. Decisions are made by entire Board, not by committee.
9. Sends out letters to Unit 1st Vice Presidents with program survey suggestion and lesson sign-up sheets. May invite Unit 1st Vice Presidents and County Education Directors to a program planning meeting after survey completion.
10. Compiles the county program book (or works with the U of I Extension secretary) so it is ready for the printer by _____. (Obtains bid if not printed by U of I Extension.)
11. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter and the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org)
12. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.
13. Studies and uses IAHCE County Guidebook as a reference to perform the duties of the job. It is also the responsibility of the County 1st VP to add corrections/updates made by the State Board and share with the entire County HCE Board. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st VP's possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.

14. Attends IAHCE District Workshop and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State 1st Vice President to implement state programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State 1st Vice President with County Board and/or County committee for consideration.
15. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
16. Transfers/explains materials to successor at end of term.

LESSON PLANNING TIMELINE
University of Illinois Extension
And
Illinois Association for Home and Community Education (IAHCE)

January - December

Family & Consumer Science (FCS) team will deliver IAHCE recorded lessons as listed for current January - December recorded lesson schedule.

March

1st Vice President's Workshop at Annual Conference will choose the following year lessons. The IAHCE Extension liaison and IAHCE State 1st Vice President lead the discussion and voting. Two topics that relate to each FCS team will be selected - a total of six.

April – May

The FCS team will agree or disagree to the topics selected. If a disagreement exists, the FCS team will propose a different topic and the IAHCE Extension liaison will bring it to the IAHCE State 1st Vice President for discussion

August

FCS team will send out recorded lesson schedule for following year January - December to be available at the current year IAHCE District Workshops held in August.

November – December

IAHCE State 1st Vice President gets input from County 1st Vice Presidents concerning next year lesson topics. Each county will submit up to three topic requests that relate to each team (Nutrition & Wellness, Family Life and Consumer Economics). Extension liaison will also get input for the next year lesson topics from FCS team.

COUNTY SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

1. Is a member of the Executive Committee.
2. Serves as chairman of the county membership committee (Unit 2nd VP)
3. Meets with Unit 2nd Vice Presidents to set goals and organize plans to increase membership using the IAHCE Membership Plan as a guide.
4. Plans membership drives and promotions. These provide an opportunity to inform prospective members of the educational programs and activities available.
5. Informs County HCE members of their need to actively promote HCE membership. Informs County HCE members of upcoming membership drives.
6. Attends all county board meetings. Getting new members, will take the cooperation of the entire board. Reports recommendations of the membership committee to the board for approval before proceeding with plans.
7. Works with county 1st Vice President to develop innovative delivery methods to new audiences such as: Self-Study Lessons, Mailbox Members, Video Lessons, E-mail/Internet Lessons.
8. Develops target audiences for new members such as: Young Homemakers, Couples Clubs, Single Parents, Widow/Widowers, Physically/Mentally Challenged, Working Women and/or Parents, Newly Retired, Empty Nesters, Special Interest Groups. Suggest these alternative membership options to past members of the organization. Assists with organizing new units.
9. The Year-End Membership Report will be distributed in the 2nd Vice President's Workshop at the District Workshop Meeting. (Please use this form for reporting year-end membership. The State 2nd Vice President will fill in the membership total of your county as of December 31st of the preceding year.) *It is important to work with the County Treasurer to compile Year-End Membership Report so that the numbers match the Treasurer's state dues report.* This report must be sent to your **IAHCE District Director by January 5th**. (Name/address on page 1 of this Guidebook.)
10. Completes the IAHCE EDUCATION AWARD on the IAHCE REPORT FORM. Your county may enter for "Activities" or "Special Activity" in membership. NOTE: The IAHCE Report Form must be postmarked by January 31st and sent to the State 2nd Vice President whose name and address is listed on page 1 of this Guidebook.

11. Completes the County Application for Fifty-Year Membership Certificate and sends to the State 2nd Vice President by January 31st whose name and address is listed on page 1 of this Guidebook. You may also request the State 2nd Vice President to make 25-year certificate and 50+ year certificates for your county members. These requests are due at the same time as the County Application for Fifty-Year Membership Certificates.
12. Responsible for county membership awards and new member recognition at County Annual Business Meeting.
13. Utilizes the County newsletter by submitting articles on a regular basis, including tips for the units on increasing membership and encouraging recognition of new members. Reads the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org)
14. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.
15. Studies and uses IAHCE County Guidebook as a reference to perform the duties of the job. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st VP's possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.
16. Attends the IAHCE District Workshop meetings and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Sharing information and ideas with other Illinois Counties might help to generate new members in your county. Assists State 2nd VP to implement state programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State 2nd VP with County Board and/or county committee for consideration.
17. Keeps file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
18. Transfers/explains material to the successor at end of term.

Summary:

Membership is the responsibility of all members of the county organization. New members bring new ideas, fresh perspectives, and broadens the scope of our organization. HCE offers research-based programs to all people through our cooperation with the University of Illinois Extension. Belonging to HCE is a learning and rewarding experience.

Unit Members are individuals who belong to a county HCE Unit.

Mailbox Members are individuals who receive their educational lessons through the mail/email. They can be targeted groups, special interest groups, or individuals.

INFORMATION ON COUNTY MEMBERSHIP REPORT FORMS

County membership reports have been simplified. Only an annual report is required. At the District Workshop, the **Year–End Membership Report** will be in your Membership Packet. In the workshop for Second Vice President we will go over the form.

Your IAHCE Second Vice President will place the starting figure on the report. **It is not to be changed!** If however, you find an error, contact your District Director or State Second Vice President and they will work with you to correct it.

You will need to keep track of the number of new members and the number you have lost in order to complete the form. Please be sure to give the correct number of units you have as an award is based on this information.

All you need to do to complete the form is to put in the number gained, the number lost, and the total number as of the correct date, as well as the number of units.

This system seems to be working. As with anything that undergoes a change, there have been a few problems, such as “old forms” being used or numbers changed.

Please remember, the forms go to your District Director not the State Second Vice President!

NOTE: Copy the Membership Report Form from the Guidebook only if you have lost the original one given to you at District Workshop.

Illinois Association for Home and Community Education

IAHCE Member of the Year

Honoring an Individual Proven to be an Outstanding HCE Member in their County/Community

County _____ District _____

County Member Nominee's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Number of years as a Member of HCE (minimum of 5 years required for consideration) _____

Number of times attended HCE District Workshops _____ or IAHCE State Conference _____

Number of Certified Volunteer Hours (CVH) & donated to HCE for the recent Past five (5) years; list by year, please:

CVH Community hours:

Year 1 _____ Year 2 _____ Year 3 _____ Year 4 _____ Year 5 _____

CVH/HCE hours:

Year 1 _____ Year 2 _____ Year 3 _____ Year 4 _____ Year 5 _____

Offices & Committees – HCE County and/or State Board (Cannot nominate a current State Board Member)

List HCE Community Involvement by nominee

Nominating County must submit a 1 page, typed essay written by the Nominating County Board after interviewing their county choice for IAHCE Member of the Year.

The IAHCE Member of the Year Form and Essay must be postmarked to the IAHCE 2nd Vice President by October 1st to be considered.

GUIDELINES For IAHCE Member of the Year Nomination by a County

IAHCE Member County in good standing is eligible to submit only one (1) nomination per county, per year.

Nominating County must submit form and a one (1) page, typed essay written by the Nominating County Board after interviewing their county choice for IAHCE Member of the Year. The essay should clearly state why the Nominating County feels the nominee is deserving of this HCE honor. Must be signed and dated by President and 2nd Vice President.

Best Nominee will have been:

- a Member of HCE for five (5) or more years
- reported CVH hours to the HCE County and IAHCE State in the past 5 years
- held offices on the HCE County and/or State Board (cannot nominate a current State Board Member)
- involved in their county/community through HCE
- Attendance to District Workshop and State Conference

IAHCE Member of the Year Form and Essay MUST be postmarked by October 1st to current IAHCE 2nd Vice President. See page 1 of Guidebook for address. The IAHCE Membership Committee will select the nominee from applications received by postmarked date at the October Board Meeting. It is suggested it be sent by certified return receipt mail or signature confirmation.

Winner will be announced at the Tuesday Night Awards during Conference.

- Starting with 2021 Conference and each year thereafter
- Please encourage your nominee to attend the conference (it would be nice if they were present)
- One winner per District

50 YEAR MEMBERS

COUNTY APPLICATION FOR FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

NAME OF COUNTY _____ DISTRICT _____ DATE _____

Below are listed the names of members in our county who will be 50-year members of Illinois Association for Home and Community Education this year. [Members who have not previously received this certificate.]

NAMES ~~ **Please print or type given name** [not Mrs. James Jones]

- 1. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Please duplicate this form before filling out and mailing – this same form will be used each year. *Fill out and duplicate for your records.* Then mail to the IAHCE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

Names received after POSTMARK DATE OF JANUARY 31ST may be kept and given out the next the year.

Mail form to the **IAHCE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** whose name and address is listed on page 1 of this Guidebook.

COUNTY SECRETARY

1. Is a member of the Executive Committee.
2. Records the minutes of the County's HCE Board, Advisory Committee, Annual and Special Meetings. These records and other transactions for the county should be as accurate as possible because they are the history of the county. As history, these records should be kept in a safe place for future legal and historical purposes.
3. County Annual Meeting Minutes: The previous year's Annual Meeting Minutes should be printed in the next year's Annual Meeting Program booklet. There are two options:
 - a. The minutes are read in entirety and corrected during the meeting.
 - b. Minutes Committee is appointed during the Annual Meeting to review the minutes.
4. Prepares and keeps the record of each meeting.
5. Reads minutes which should be available to the members of the county before each meeting and should be checked for accuracy at each meeting.
6. Attaches financial, membership and other reports to the minutes.
7. Maintains in the secretary's book a list of the County's policies: general, financial and membership.
8. Provides board members with a current list of policies.
9. Knows where the important records and papers are kept.
10. Writes letters pertaining to the County's Board business.
11. Reads correspondence at meetings.
12. Maintains communication with unit secretaries.
13. Mails updated list of county officers – including name, address, phone number and date their term expires - to State Secretary and their District Director as soon after county Annual Meeting as possible. Name and address of State Secretary and District Director are listed on pages 1 and 2 of this Guidebook.
14. Keeps a record of board attendance.
15. Provides training of unit Secretaries each year during the County's Officer Training School or at the time designated by the County's HCE Board.

16. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter and the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org).
17. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.
18. Studies and uses IAHCE County Guidebook as a reference to perform the duties of the job. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st VP's possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.
19. Attends IAHCE District Workshop and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State Secretary to implement state programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State Secretary with County Board and/or county committee for consideration.
20. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
21. Transfers/explains materials to successor at end of term.

IAHCE Secretary Report Form

(Please send to the IAHCE Secretary on page 1 and your District Director on page 2 of the IAHCE Guidebook)

Year:	County Name	District #
Place:		
Day and Time:		Month of Annual Meeting:
(Ex: First Monday of Month)		Month Officers Take Office:
OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS
		CITY ZIP PHONE E-MAIL
PRESIDENT		
1ST VICE PRESIDENT		
2ND VICE PRESIDENT		
SECRETARY		19
TREASURER		
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT		
FAMILY & COMMUNITY ISSUES		
INTERNATIONAL		
PUBLIC RELATIONS		
CVH		

(Use back side for more space.)

COUNTY TREASURER

1. Is chairman of the Finance/Budget Committee and meets with committee as often as necessary to make financial decisions/reports.
2. Is responsible for obtaining insurance/bonding as stated in the County's Bylaws.
3. Develops a plan for keeping accurate records of receipts and disbursements. Keeps the County's HCE account book and a file of all financial records.
4. Serves as a member of the Executive Committee.
5. Reports recommendations of the Finance/Budget Committee to the County's HCE Board for approval before proceeding with plans.
6. Prepares a proposed budget with the assistance of the Budget Committee for approval by the membership.
7. Is responsible for guiding the County Board regarding following the budget approved by the membership at the County Annual Meeting.
8. Presents bills, with necessary explanation, for approval by the HCE Board. Writes checks for bills incurred on order of the Board.
9. Reconciles bank balance with check book and ledger balance.
10. Prepares a monthly financial statement for Board meetings. Prepares an annual financial statement and presents it to the membership at the Annual Meeting per County's Bylaws.
11. Makes arrangements to have books audited and gives auditor's report to the County's HCE Board. Report to be presented to membership for approval per County's Bylaws.
12. Files necessary papers of incorporation as a non-profit organization and pays the filing fee as required by the State of Illinois.
13. Sends county contributions for the University of Illinois Trust Fund in accordance with the agreement.
14. Mails IAHCE dues based on December 31st membership figure by January 5th each year to IAHCE Treasurer. Send the completed Transmittal Sheet (page 22) with your payment of dues.
15. Sends in Friendship Projects Funds, any International projects, Support Fund, Memorial and other special funds to IAHCE Treasurer by November 20.

16. Sends all sales tax as applicable to the State of Illinois Department of Revenue.
17. Collects all money in the county. (Unit 2nd Vice President may collect dues and have the Unit Treasurer write one check for all the dues or other board approved procedures.) *It is important to work with the 2nd Vice President to compile Year-End Membership Report so that the numbers match the Treasurer's state dues report.*
18. Provides training of unit Treasurers each year during the County's Officer Training School or at the time designated by the County's HCE Board.
19. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter and the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org).
20. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.
21. Studies and uses IAHCE County Guidebook as a reference to perform the duties of the job. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st VP's possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.
22. Attends IAHCE District Workshop and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State Treasurer to implement state programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State Treasurer with County Board and/or county committee for consideration.
23. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
24. Transfers/explains materials to successor at end of term.

(FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKE-UP IS OPTIONAL. It may include Executive Committee Members, Special Activities Chairman, and Ways & Means Chairman – if not the Treasurer.) (Refer to the County's Bylaws.)

Summary: If you have any problems in setting up records, preparing the annual budget, obtaining a sales tax number, FEIN number, etc., contact your IAHCE Treasurer whose name and address are listed on page 1 of this Guidebook.

STATE DUES TRANSMITTAL FORM
FOR
COUNTY TREASURERS

This is the form you will need when you send in your state dues. Membership is determined as of the end of the calendar year December 31, _____. Check your membership records with your county 2nd Vice President so you both agree on the same membership number. The state 2nd Vice President and state Treasurer co-ordinate the membership numbers.

Please fill out the form with both signatures and complete name, address and phone number. Mail your check and form by **JANUARY 5, _____**. Counties who fail to pay on time will be fined an additional \$15.00 for reinstatement.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

IAHCE dues payment for _____ County

_____ members at \$5.00 per member = _____ State Dues.

These figures are correct for the county indicated above as of December 31, _____.

COUNTY TREASURER

COUNTY 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

SIGNED: _____

SIGNED: _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

STREET: _____

PHONE: _____

PHONE: _____

E-Mail: _____

E-Mail: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IAHCE

MAIL TO: Current IAHCE State Treasurer (page 1 of Guidebook)

FRIENDSHIP PROJECTS FUND ONLY:
TRANSMITTAL FORM

This is to be used when submitting your money collected for Friendship Projects Fund only. Please complete and enclose it with your check when sending the Friendship Projects Fund monies to the IAHCE treasurer. This must be **POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 20TH**. If the postmark is after that date, your county cannot take credit on the County of the Year forms for Friendship Projects Fund.

COUNTY NAME: _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION: _____

NAME OF PERSON SENDING THE CHECK: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IAHCE

MAIL TO: Current IAHCE State Treasurer (page 1 of Guidebook)

COUNTY CULTURAL ENRICHMENT DIRECTOR

(Cultural Arts, Heritage Skills, Creative Writing and Textiles & Clothing)

1. Is a member of the Education Committee of which the 1st Vice President is Chairman.
2. With the help of the Education Committee, decides how Cultural Arts, Heritage Skills, Creative Writing and Textiles & Clothing will be included in the county program – major lesson, special feature, chairman reports or special program.
3. Reports recommendations of the committee to the HCE Board for approval before proceeding with planning.
4. Conducts training meeting for Unit Cultural Enrichment Chairmen.
5. Establishes new learning opportunities to acquaint county members with all the areas of Cultural Enrichment, keeping the Education Committee program of action related to the IAHCE programs of action focus.
6. Keeps Unit members informed about the Cultural Enrichment programs, providing information for use at unit meetings.
7. Sends IAHCE Report Forms to the State Cultural Enrichment Director, reporting outstanding county-wide programs.
8. Encourages member participation in Community Arts Programs and inter-organizational cooperation in the Arts.
9. Shares artistic skills with all persons.
10. Conducts Cultural Enrichment contest at county level and takes charge of winning entries for state display at Annual Conference.
11. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter and the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org).
12. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.
13. Studies and uses IAHCE County Guidebook as a reference to perform the duties of the job. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st VP's possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.
14. Attends IAHCE District Workshop and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State Cultural Enrichment Director to implement state programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State Cultural Enrichment Director with County Board and/or county committee for consideration.

15. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
16. Transfers/explains material to the successor at end of term.

GUIDELINES FOR COUNTY CULTURAL ENRICHMENT DIRECTORS

Objective: Encourage appreciation of and participation in the arts, including visual, performing, printed and applied.

Many Cultural Arts programs can be integrated with other programs.

VISUAL ARTS:

Visit art galleries and museums.

PERFORMING ARTS:

Encourage attendance at and participation in theater and musical productions.

PRINTED ARTS:

Book reviews.

Read to children (i.e., in public schools).

Start a book club in your unit or county.

Encourage creative writing.

APPLIED ARTS: These are the “Cultural Arts Show” categories.

- 100 Artwork (Charcoal, Oil, Acrylic or watercolor)
- 200 Counted Cross Stitch
- 300 Crafts (Wood and Rugs included)
- 400 Crochet Afghans
- 500 Crochet - Other
- 600 Hand Embroidery
- 700 Quilt, Hand or Machine Pieced and hand quilted by HCE member
- 800 Heritage Needlework (Silk Ribbon, Hardanger, Tatting, etc.)
- 900 Jewelry (Handmade)
- 1000 Knit Afghans
- 1100 Knit – Other
- 1200 Machine Embroidery
- 1300 Quilt Machine pieced, and machine quilted by HCE member
- 1400 Nature Items (anything made of natural things, wheat, corn husk, etc.)
- 1500 Photography
- 1600 Quilt, hand or machine pieced by HCE member and quilted by non HCE member
- 1700 Quilted - Other (anything quilted that isn't a quilt)
- 1800 Recycled
- 1900 Scrap Booking (up to 4 pages total, front and back, in 2 plastic sleeves) and Cardmaking
- 2000 Table Runners and covers
- 2100 Wearable Art (any technique applied to purchased or self-made item)
- 2200 Wall Hangings
- 2300 Current Annual Conference Theme or Country of Study
- 2400 Sewing

NOTE: Above size maximums 24” including matting and frame or can be folded to 24” except quilts.

EXHIBIT CATEGORIES FOR STATE/COUNTY CULTURAL ENRICHMENT DISPLAY
(IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE “CULTURAL ARTS SHOW”)

CATEGORIES

To be determined each year by the IAHCE Cultural Enrichment Director, from the Applied Arts listing on page 26.

RULES

The number of entries per county will be 8 entries, one of which can be a quilt.

Pieces entered must be the handwork of the exhibitor and finished within the past two years. Items entered in previous IAHCE shows are not eligible.

3. To enter, County Cultural Enrichment Director should send completed registration form, from page 28 of the Guidebook, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the IAHCE Cultural Enrichment Director, whose name and address are on page 1 of this Guidebook, postmarked by January 31st. You will receive by mail or e-mail an entry tag to be securely attached to each item before presentation at conference.
4. Items will be accepted Monday evening and Tuesday morning of conference and must be picked up by 10:00 AM Thursday morning.
5. Each county is responsible for getting its entries to and from conference.
6. IAHCE or the annual conference sight, are not responsible for any lost, misplace or broken items.

AWARDS

The “**BEST OF SHOW**” will be given to winners of each category voted on by a committee at conference.

People’s Choice ribbons will be given to the top 5 items voted on by the members of the conference.

A participation ribbon will be awarded to all exhibitors.

IAHCE Registration for Cultural Arts Show

	District #	County			
	Exhibitor Name	Phone #	Category	Category #	Brief Description
1					
2					
3					
4					28
5					
6					
7					
8					

COUNTY Cultural Enrichment Director's Name _____ Phone # _____
 PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 31ST TO THE STATE CULTURAL ENRICHMENT DIRECTOR BY EMAIL OR REGULAR MAIL
 (You must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if by regular mail. IAHCE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS.)

IAHCE GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Must have been an educational program in your county this past year.

This should be a county-wide program, not just for HCE Members.

Make sure the overall appearance tells the story and makes an impact!

Originality - was this totally your program or did you work with another group?

The display area is 3 feet by 4 feet. You can use stand-up posters and items from your program.

REGISTRATION EDUCATION DISPLAY
IAHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

County _____ District # _____

Name of Program _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone __ (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Description of Program _____

This display can be 3 feet by 4 feet.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY JANUARY 31st TO THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE ON PAGE 1 OF THIS GUIDEBOOK.**

COUNTY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ISSUES DIRECTOR

(Family Living, Family Health, Food & Nutrition, Citizenship)

1. Is a member of the Education Committee, of which the 1st Vice President is Chairman.
2. With the help of the Education Committee, decide how Family Living, Health, Food & Nutrition, Citizenship, and 4-H and Youth will be included in the county program - major lesson, special feature, chairman reports, or as a special activity.
3. Reports recommendations of committee to the County's HCE Board for approval before proceeding with plans.
4. Serves as a resource person for Unit Chairmen.
5. Assumes responsibility for the flag and leads the pledge.
6. Reports correspondence from State Family and Community Issues Director to the county Committee and/or the HCE Board for consideration and action.
7. Makes requests to the State Director of these program areas for materials needed for the county program.
8. Conducts training meeting for Unit Chair of Family and Community Issues and 4-H and Youth Chairmen.
9. Sends IAHCE Report Forms to the State Family and Community Issues Director to report on outstanding county-wide programs in this area by January 31.
10. Keeps a file of useful information resource material and the current "packet" from the State Family and Community Issues Director.
11. May work with the University of Illinois Extension Community Worker or Unit Director who is primarily responsible for the 4-H and Youth Program in identifying needs and to implement the 4-H Program.
12. Takes charge of "Great American Family" award competition at county level. Forwards winning entry to State Family & Community Issues Director by January 21.
13. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter and the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org)
14. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.

15. Studies and uses IAHCE County Guidebook as a reference to perform the duties of the job. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st VP's possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.
16. Attends IAHCE District Workshop and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State Family and Community Issues Director to implement state programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State Family and Community Issues Director with County Board and/or county committee for consideration.
17. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
18. Transfers/explains materials to successor at end of term.

State Suggested Programs:

FAMILY LIVING:

Action plan to increase young family membership (recruitment).
 "Family Day" program to include spouse and children in an educational situation.
 Weekly family night
 "Make a Difference Day" as part of IAHCE Month or IAHCE Week.
 Personal and/or home safety.
 Child, adult or elder abuse programs.
 Vehicle and/or farm implement safety.
 Avoidance of con artists or scams.
 Energy efficient applications for the home.

HEALTH, FOOD & NUTRITION:

Exercise programs for health and fitness (charity walks).
 American Heart Association programs to educate others about heart disease and symptoms.
 Organ and Tissue donation programs.
 Blood Drives
 In collaboration with local hospitals and/or health departments, provide breast cancer awareness and mammogram information.
 Nutrition programs to educate others about reading nutrition labels and making healthy food choices.
 Programs to educate others about fitness programs and/or online applications to track weight loss, exercise and calorie intake.

CITIZENSHIP:

Inform the public of the impact and importance of “Citizens’ Power” in shaping the destiny of the community and nation.

Literacy programs for youth, adults and elderly with vision impairment.

Assistance programs for persons with chronic diseases/disabilities.

Drug and alcohol abuse programs.

Family and community values workshops.

Proper waste handling and waste management.

Adopt-a-Highway program.

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle (3 R’s) program.

Community gardens.

Respect and handling of the American Flag.

Conservation of renewable resources (fuel, forest products, water, etc.).

SPECIAL ACTIVITY:

Implement programs or educational activities related to family and community issues that do not appropriately fit in other identified categories.

ILLINOIS GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY

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FAMILY

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

_____(_____)_____(_____)_____
PHONE: (HOME) (WORK) E-MAIL

Members living at home (& dependents at college/military) TOTAL_____

We hereby permit the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education to publish or otherwise share information contained in the recommendations about our family for the purpose of inspiring and equipping other people to build **Illinois Great American Families**.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT(S)

DATE

RECOMMENDED BY:

NAME/TITLE

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

_____(_____)_____(_____)_____
PHONE: HOME WORK

ILLINOIS GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY

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We are convinced that all members of the family recommended for state recognition can help inspire others to make the most of their family life. The name of the IAHCE Great American Family will be announced in time for the State IAHCE Annual Conference (usually held in March).

We have included reference to the **Illinois Great American Family sponsored by the IAHCE** in all materials we've used in promoting and carrying out our ceremony, to help underscore the non-commercial nature of this program.

 SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR (S)

DATE

VERIFICATION: The following community leaders may be called for additional information/recommendation.

 NAME

 POSITION/TITLE

 ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP CODE

 PHONE: (____) HOME

 (____) WORK

 NAME

 POSITION/TITLE

 ADDRESS

 PHONE: (____) HOME

 (____) WORK

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ILLINOIS GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY

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 (ATTACH RECENT PHOTO OF FAMILY HERE)

NAME OF FAMILY

NAME OF COUNTY

Summarize the family's overall qualifications below. You may add up to 10 pages of supporting information. Include additional narrative, articles, letters, photos, etc.

1. How has the **INDIVIDUAL GROWTH** of each member – including parent(s) – been encouraged and supported?

2. How have **TEAMWORK AND LOVE** been nurtured in the home?

3. How has the family extended **FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE** to others in the community?

Return these "GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY" forms by January 31st to the IAHCE Family Issues Director whose name and address is on page 1 of this Guidebook.

COUNTY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

1. Is a member of the Education Committee of which the 1st Vice President is chairman.
2. With the help of the Education Committee, decides how the International Program will be included in the county program, major lesson, special feature, chairman reports or special reports.
3. Reports recommendations of the committee to the HCE Board for approval before proceeding with planning.
4. Conducts training meeting for Unit International Chairmen.
5. Establishes new learning opportunities to acquaint county members with all the areas of the International Program, keeping the Education Committee program of action related to the IAHCE programs of action focus.
6. Keeps Unit members informed about the International programs, providing information for use at Unit meetings.
7. Sends IAHCE Report Forms to the State International Director, reporting outstanding county-wide programs.
8. Encourages member participation in community international programs and inter-organizational cooperation in the international program.
9. Applies for mini stipend for international programs.
10. Makes Units aware of Homemaker Exchange Program, "Friendship Projects Fund", Associated Country Women of the World and Country Women's Council Programs and other special International Projects.
11. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter and the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org).
12. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.
13. Studies and uses IAHCE County Guidebook as a reference to perform the duties of the job. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st VP's possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.
14. Attends IAHCE District Workshop and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State International Director to implement state programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State International Director with County Board and/or county committee for consideration.

15. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
16. Transfers/explains materials to successor at end of term.

State Suggested International Activities:

A. Support and promote ACWW and other international projects such as:

Illinois International Projects

Study of a selected culture/country each year

Friendship Projects Fund – sent to ACWW for global projects, collected from HCE throughout the state.

International Homemaker Exchange – to promote better understanding of cultural diversity and women’s organizations worldwide when possible.

International 4-H/Youth Exchange programs

International Peace Garden – a continuing visual display of our effort to attain world peace and harmony.

ACWW ongoing and new projects

Women Feed the World - supports subsistence food production, cooperation and training in appropriate agricultural techniques.

Water for All – helps provide clean drinking water and finances basic sanitation projects.

Women Walk the World - marks ACWW Day, April 29, and promotes and supports the work of the organization.

Nutrition Education Fund - supports good nutrition, improved hygiene, and food production.

General Projects - support HIV/AIDS awareness, small business plans and skill training.

Other international projects

B. Conduct programs to educate about and interact with ethnic groups, sharing knowledge of necessary life skills.

C. Encourage members to participate in Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) and Country Women’s Council (CWC).

REMINDER: All money collected for INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS is to be sent directly to the IAHCE TREASURER. Identify the project and county who is sending the donation. **DO NOT SEND MONEY TO THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR.** All money must be received postmarked to the State Treasurer by November 20th to be included in the annual report

NOTE: Send the International **IAHCE Educational Award Form**, no later than January 31, to the International Director whose name and address is on Page 1 of this Guidebook.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL HOMEMAKERS EXCHANGE

- PURPOSE:** To promote a better understanding of cultural diversity among women's organization worldwide.
- OBJECTIVES:** To compare and contrast family life.
To study women's organizations worldwide.
- AVAILABILITY:** The exchange program is only available as the IAHCE Board deemed appropriate for circumstances.
- FUNDING:** The Homemaker's Exchange Program is to be an ongoing project to be financed by Friendship Projects Fund, and or other grants of funds. All monies for this program will be held in a special account managed by the IAHCE Board, with recommendations from the International Exchange Committee.

INTERNATIONAL HOMEMAKERS EXCHANGE COMMITTEE: The committee will be made up of one person from each District (may be Director or other), the IAHCE Treasurer and the IAHCE International Director as Chairman. Committee members each serve a three-year term that corresponds with their term on the IAHCE Board. The committee should meet several times a year, at IAHCE Board meetings, at Annual Conference, at District Workshops and by other arrangements if needed.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- INBOUND:**
1. Select the country for the exchange.
 2. Make and find a contact and promote exchange.
 3. Select host families/counties and arrange guest's schedule while in Illinois.
 4. Bring the above recommendations to the IAHCE Board for final approval.

- OUTBOUND:**
1. Select a host country.
 2. Select a women's organization in the country (ACWW affiliated if possible).
 3. Make contacts and promote exchange.
 4. Select our exchangee and alternate, by application and personal interview.
 5. Bring all of the above to the IAHCE Board for final approval.

- FINANCIAL:**
1. Submit a yearly budget request to the IAHCE Board.
 2. Pay round trip fare for both inbound and outbound exchangees.
 3. Provide short term health insurance for both inbound and outbound exchangees, if needed.
 4. Provide housing, food and local transportation for the inbound exchangee.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE OUTBOUND EXCHANGE

1. Should be warm and friendly. Give an outward expression of really liking people. Is able to create an atmosphere in which others respond openly.
2. Has a sensitivity to others and their viewpoint. Lets others speak and tries to perceive what others really mean. Shows understanding and respect for the beliefs/opinions of others.
3. Is able to explain how Americans live. Is comfortable discussing American customs and values.
4. Is aware at all times that they are representing the U.S. and IAHCE.
5. Must be independent and show initiative in helping arrange the trip. Must be flexible and able to deal with changes/situations apparent in traveling abroad.
6. Must be in good physical and mental health and provide a medical certificate.
7. Must have or be able to obtain a U. S. passport.
8. Must be able to be gone for 4 to 6 weeks.
9. May not be a current IAHCE board member – unless there are no applications from outside the Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXCHANGE

1. Must be available, upon return, to travel to counties throughout the state for programs. (Mileage and housing provided by the counties.)
2. Be available to relate experiences to other IAHCE members.
3. Be available to help with an International Workshop at Annual Conference or speak at District Workshops, if requested.
4. Stress the home, family, cultural and community life and women's organizations in the country visited when giving programs.
5. Take handcrafted items that would be typical of our country's culture to show and display during her/his visit.
6. A log of my presentations will be provided to the International Exchange Committee within a year of my return.

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INTERNATIONAL HOMEMAKERS EXCHANGE OUTBOUND APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE __ (____) _____ COUNTY _____

Number of years in HEA/HCE _____

Briefly explain the benefits of being a member of HCE:

List offices held and dates:

Local: _____ County: _____ State: _____

List personal achievements significant to you: _____

Have you participated in an exchange before? _____ When? _____

If yes, where did you visit? _____

Please explain why you would like to be chosen as an exchange participant. Tell of previous experience in exchanges and speaking before groups. (Use separate sheet if necessary.)

List community activities with which you are affiliated and in what capacity.

Would you be willing to take a physical examination, and carry a medical certificate with you?

Would you be able to be out of the country for 4-6 weeks?

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Do you consider your health such that you could meet an intensive schedule during the trip abroad and program obligations here afterwards? _____

Do you drive a car? _____ Would you have a car accessible for traveling when you return? _____

Would you have access to a slide, movie or video camera and be able to take photos? _____

Have you hosted International guest in your home? _____ If yes, list Country /year. _____

Do you speak or read a second language? _____ If yes, what? _____

Have you traveled abroad? _____ If so, where, when and for how long? _____

Provide a name and phone number of someone to notify in case of an emergency.

This is to certify that if selected, I will travel at my own risk. I also pledge to participate as an International program speaker as requested and approved by the exchange committee. I guarantee within one (1) year of my return, if I do not fulfill my contract duties, I will reimburse the IAHCE for the expenses incurred on my behalf during my exchange.

SIGNED: _____

DATED: _____

(ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH HERE)

This application must be completed fully to be considered as an applicant. If selected for an interview, you will also have to provide three letters of recommendation (one each from a community activity leader, a professional/businessperson and your County HCE Board.)

SEND COMPLETED FORM, TO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS ON PAGE 1 OF THIS GUIDEBOOK POST MARKED BY JANUARY 5.

IAHCE INTERNATIONAL HOMEMAKER EXCHANGE
INBOUND GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

THE PERSON SELECTED SHOULD:

1. Be able to stay in Illinois four or five weeks.
2. Should be able to speak fluent English and be able to share information about her country and family.
 - a. Speak as needed, while touring the state and visiting homes.
 - b. Bring a 20-30-minute presentation/talk on her country to be given at Annual Conference or Workshops as requested– using slides/video if possible.
3. Bring handcrafted items that would be typical of her country’s culture to show and display during her visit.
4. Be responsible for her/his own personal gift expenses.
5. Be willing to obtain a physical examination from a doctor and carry a medical certificate with them.
6. Enjoy meeting new people and be able to endure a stressful schedule of being in different homes, attending meetings and speaking.
7. Be someone who will share information gained from exchange program visit, upon returning home.

When possible IAHCE will select a national organization in another country that has an affiliation with ACWW.

The native country chosen will then select, when possible, the exchangee and one alternate according to Illinois guidelines

RESPONSIBILITIES OF IAHCE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

1. Purchase round-trip airfare.
2. Obtain short-term medical insurance for exchangee.
3. Ask hosts to provide meals and lodging.
4. Select appropriate host home for the exchangee.

Proposed exchangee and alternate’s name, address, and a short biography should be sent to the IAHCE International Chairman whose name and address is on page 1 of this Guidebook.

IAHCE INTERNATIONAL HOMEMAKERS EXCHANGE PROGRAM
ILLINOIS HOST APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone (____) _____

2. Number residing in home: Adult _____ Children _____

3. Ages and sex of children: _____

4. Is your home located in: (check category)

- City over 50,000 _____
- Town 10,000 and up _____
- Town 2,000 and up _____
- Town under 2,000 _____
- Rural/farm _____

5. What historical, commercial and educational interests are located near your home that you would be willing to share with the exchange homemaker? (Use additional page if necessary.)

6. If you are chosen as a host family, what special and/or everyday activities might you plan to help the exchange homemaker understand your way of life?

7. If selected, would your family be involved with and supportive of housing the exchange homemaker?

8. If necessary, will your county HCE be supportive in helping to entertain/tour in your area? _____

9. Have you hosted International visitors before? Explain. _____

10. How many nights would you be willing to be a host family? _____

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS ON PAGE 1 OF THIS GUIDEBOOK. POST MARKED BY OCTOBER 1ST.

COUNTY INTERNATIONAL MINI-STIPEND

All information must be completed for the INTERNATIONAL MINI- STIPEND to be considered. Please type and use additional pages to answer 3.

1. PROJECT TITLE _____
DATE OF PROGRAM _____
2. PROJECT PERSON/ INTL. DIRECTOR _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE_(_____)_____COUNTY _____DISTRICT _____
3. **PROJECT GOALS AND TIMETABLE:** The goal of this project is to increase interest and participation in the International Programs by offering MINI-STIPENDS in the amount up to \$50.00 each. Recipients will be chosen from counties who complete the application and program following the established guidelines listed below.
4. When you have concluded your program, return one copy of your Mini–Stipend form and a completed IAHCE Report form due by January 31st to the International Director whose name/ address is on page 1 of this Guidebook.

GUIDELINES: Define the project goals and include the number of persons (members and non-members of HCE) reached. Estimate percentage of county membership. When using newspaper articles, include the circulation number of paper. Be specific, listing the tasks, timetable, budget and specific expenses. Describe how your committee and board will accomplish these goals and please include receipts. **Your program must have been held during this one calendar year (January 1 – December 31).**

Mini-Stipends is made available for expenses incurred for materials, speakers, postage, facilities, publicity, telephone and transportation. Skill, talent and time are to be donated by HCE Committee. Monies for stipends are from the International Project Fund, which comes from the portion of Friendship Projects Fund kept in Illinois. The number of the Mini-Stipends awarded each year may vary due to available International Project Fund monies.

SIGNATURE OF COUNTY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR _____ DATE _____

ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

ACWW Connects and Supports Women and Communities Worldwide

APPLICATION FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP OF ACWW (Category 5)

Central Office: info@acww.org.uk

SECTION 1: CATEGORY 5 - Membership Fees are due for renewal on 1st January each year
Category 5 members (formerly as Category IVb):

- You are an individual interested in the work and activities of ACWW
- You may attend Triennial World Conferences and Area Conferences
- You will receive a copy of The Countrywoman Magazine each quarter, and an Annual Report

SECTION 2: CONTACT DETAILS (Please ensure you inform ACWW Central Office if you change contact details)

DATE OF APPLICATION _____ / ____ / ____ New Member _____ Renewal _____

TITLE: Mrs. _____ Miss _____ Ms _____ Dr _____ Other _____

SURNAME/FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST NAME(S) _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

ZIP/POSTAL CODE: _____ COUNTRY _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ CELLPHONE NUMBER _____

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE ACWW E-NEWSLETTER? YES _____ NO _____

DO YOU BELONG TO AN ACWW MEMBER SOCIETY? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, WHICH SOCIETY? _____

SECTION 3: PAYMENT 1 Year - \$27.00 (for 3 year, check www.ACWW.org)

There is a 4% charge for Credit Cards.

HOW ARE YOU PAYING: Check payable to ACWW _____ Credit Card _____

Online Payment _____ Bank Transfer _____

1 Year _____ 3 Years _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRES: _____

CSV: _____ 3 Digits on the back of the card.

Please send your completed application form and fee to:

AO4 Parkhall 40 Martell Road London SE21 9EN United Kingdom

COUNTY PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

1. Is a member of the county Membership and Education committees.
2. Serves as an ex-officio member of all-important committees to gain publicity information.
3. Writes all the news of the County Association for local newspapers, radio and TV stations. (Unit Public Relations to write regular articles for local newspaper and/or county newsletter)
4. Compiles the County Historical Book or assists the Historian. (Though no longer judged, these should be kept current and ready to exhibit when invited to do so.)
5. Trains Unit Public Relations chairman. The person should:
 - a. Become acquainted with local news media personnel and to learn the type of news each prefers and can use.
 - b. Attend State Public Relations Workshops.
 - c. Use the IAHCE Guidebook for reference.
6. Keep all members informed of county activities through a regularly published county newsletter. (If P/R officer and Newsletter editor is not the same person, they should work closely to put out an effective and informative county newsletter.)
7. Promote subscriptions to the IAHCE NEWSLETTER and (ACWW) COUNTRYWOMAN. Set up subscription table at all county functions.
8. Send all subscriptions to the IAHCE Subscription Chairman. Keeps County Board subscriptions updated after Annual Meeting elections. (If paid by County HCE). Subscription Form is found following this Public Relations section.
9. Keep a list of subscribers to these publications and report changes of address. Remind subscribers to renew.
10. Recognize unit/individuals for outstanding Public Relations work.
11. A Public Relations report can be submitted yearly on IAHCE Report Form for Education Awards (page 66 of this Guidebook) to the IAHCE Public Relations Director (name and address on page 1 of this guidebook), **prior to January 31st** each year. There are three (3) categories for winning an Education Award for Public Relations:
 - a. IAHCE Week – report what your county did to celebrate IAHCE Week.
 - b. Public Relations – could be several activities that your county held. To be eligible, you must send not less than three (3), nor more than six (6) of your county’s newsletters that were published in the last year. Also send a report of what your county has accomplished in the last year.
 - c. Special Activity – could be a report on any special one (1) project that your county participated in. It could be in the form of a P/R video having to do with the theme for the year - - as should all entries in the P/R Special Activity Section.

12. Keeps a file of useful information and develops the County's P/R Book.
13. Publishes guidelines for IAHCE Scholarships yearly in county newsletters.
14. HCE Week Chairman. HCE Week is a great opportunity to promote and stimulate interest in non-members, create public awareness as to purpose and standing of our organization, have counties unite in a statewide promotion of IAHCE goals, utilize the current theme designated by the IAHCE Board each year, proclaim HCE Week as the first week after the first full week in October so counties can schedule a full program of events around the date and encourage participation from all segments of the community. (See below for suggestions.)
15. Video tape educational programs and special events and make the tapes available for loan throughout your county office, library, etc.
16. Always be on the look-out for new ways to publicize and promote our organization's activities.
17. Always accentuate the positive.
18. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter and the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org)
19. Studies and uses County Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies.
20. Studies and uses IAHCE County Guidebook as a reference to perform the duties of the job. An updated copy of the IAHCE County Guidebook is in the County 1st VP's possession and is also available online at www.iahce.org.
21. Attends IAHCE District Workshop and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State Public Relations Director to implement state programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State Public Relations Director with County Board and/or county committee for consideration.
22. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials.
23. Transfers/explains materials to successor at end of term.

HCE WEEK SUGGESTIONS:

1. Suggest that your board organize a special committee to plan activities.
2. Develop a publicity campaign. Use all available forms of media.
3. Have proclamations signed by mayors or other county officials to declare a county HCE Week.
4. Host a brunch/gathering so interested parties can get acquainted with our organization and perhaps become new members.

5. Recognize local businesses or organizations who have been supportive and give them a “FRIEND OF HCE AWARD”.
6. Host a community forum or symposium on a county concern or issue, i.e. environment, childcare, children, TV, 911, etc.
7. Make a public relations video on a current theme activity.

IAHCE NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE DATES:

- April 1 for May (Spring) mailing)
- July 1 for August (Summer) mailing
- November 1 for December (Winter) mailing

If your article is not received before the deadline (postmarked by the due date) there is no guarantee that it will appear in that issue. Same deadline dates apply to Subscriptions!

State Newsletter will be available at www.iahce.org the first day of May, August and December.

PREFERRED WAY IS TO SEND ALL ARTICLES TO THE STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR BY E-MAIL OR TYPED. The preferred way to send your articles is to be sent by e-mail to the Public Relations Director. Address of the Public Relations/Newsletter Editor is found on page 1 of this Guidebook. When sending by e-mail write the article in a word document and then attach to your e-mail. A double spaced, typed article is the next best way to send your article. If you cannot type, see if you can find someone in your county who does type. This will require some advanced planning on your part-plan far enough in advance to give your article the time and attention it deserves. Typing the articles will insure the correct spelling of names and other pertinent information. Your article will still be acceptable if written legibly.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. County PR or appointed person should see that regular articles are properly prepared and sent to the Editor on programs and activities in which your county has participated.
2. Outstanding members and members who have seen many years of service should be recognized by having their county send in an article about their accomplishments.
3. **PHOTOGRAPHS:**
 - a. Pictures that tell a story are always welcome with the stories.
 - b. Limit is one or two pictures per article
 - c. Please examine the photos before sending them in. Consider if it is of a quality that will reproduce well in the newsletter. **NEWSPAPER PHOTOS AND COPY MACHINE PHOTOS DO NOT REPRODUCE WELL** - do not be upset if the quality in the newsletter is not up to standard. **DO NOT SEND NEGATIVES!**
 - d. Place name and address on back of your photos. They will be returned to you either at the District Meeting or Annual Conference. (Self-addressed stamped envelope can also be used.

IAHCE NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION FORM

IAHCE NEWSLETTER

1 year - \$10.00

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ADDRESS CHANGE _____

TELEPHONE W/AREA CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

COUNTY _____ DISTRICT _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

OF YEARS SUBSCRIBING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Checks made payable to **IAHCE**.

Send checks with your address, county, telephone (including address changes) to:
Newsletter Editor/Subscription Chairman - Name and address is on page 1 of this Guidebook.

THERE CAN BE NO REFUNDS OR NAME SUBSTITUTIONS WITH THE SUBSCRIPTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

DATES ARTICLES DUE AND NEWSPAPER MAILINGS:

- ARTICLES DUE** - April 1 for May (Spring) mailing
- July 1 for August (Summer) mailing
- November 1 for December (Winter) mailing

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS PAGE FOR EACH SUBSCRIPTION ORDERED.

COUNTY CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS (CVH) DIRECTOR

(Optional position – can be non-board position)

1. Is a member of the Membership Committee of which the Second Vice President is chairman.
2. Encourages member participation in Volunteer activities.
3. Helps members to recognize their personal growth in volunteer skills.
4. To promote countywide volunteering.
5. To show members the valuable and essential services rendered by volunteers.
6. To encourage the members to understand the CVH program.
7. To encourage them to keep track of their hours.
8. To help Unit CVH officer to teach members how to fill out individual CVH Summary.
9. To fill out County Summary Sheet and send to IAHCE CVH Director.
10. Reads and contributes articles to the County Newsletter and the IAHCE Newsletter (available online at www.iahce.org)
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CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOUR (CVH) PROGRAM

HISTORY

This program was previously called the Certified Volunteer Unit (CVU) Program. A Certified Volunteer Unit (CVU) was similar to the (CEU) Continuing Education Unit used to recognize individuals for completing adult and continuing education programs. In the past it was used for homemakers without any higher education or work experience to gain employment. A CVU is equivalent to 10 hours of volunteer time. Since CVU's are no longer used by the homemaker today to gain employment, it is felt by this 2009 IAHCE Board that volunteer hours should be recognized rather than the confusing volunteer unit system.

WHAT IS A CVH?

A Certified Volunteer Hour is an hour spent in preparing to conduct a volunteer activity and an hour spent directly in volunteer work. Both of these activities can be counted. Hours of service include time devoted to the county and state Home and Community Education organization as well as other volunteer groups. For example – hospital, school, church, senior citizens, scout leader, 4-H, civic, etc.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All Illinois Association for Home and Community Education members may participate. Participation is voluntary. Each person that participates is responsible for keeping his/her records of volunteer service.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CVH PROGRAM?

The program is intended to help you recognize your personal growth in volunteer leadership skills. It also recognizes and enhances self-esteem for participating members. This program is also a way of showing appreciation for valuable and essential services rendered by volunteers.

WHAT DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD A CVH?

Anything that is done for a family member.

WHAT COUNTS AS VOLUNTEER TIME?

The time you contribute without pay to others through HCE (unit, county, state) and activities in other organizations count as volunteer time. You cannot receive any pay for your work, but you can be paid for your out of pocket expenses while serving as a volunteer. It is the service to others that must be voluntary.

WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE?

1. Teaching and training – Includes all activities directly or indirectly related to teaching or training, telling or demonstrating specific skills or information. The initial presentation should include preparation time. Subsequent preparation should include only actual time spent in delivery of lesson.
Examples:
 - Preparing curriculum materials for training.
 - Delivering a training session or lesson.
 - Presenting a planned demonstration.
 - Presenting a talk to an organization.
 - Training officers and education program chairmen.
 - Developing or writing handbook, training guides, promotional materials, brochures, and questionnaires.
 - Evaluating, analyzing and summarizing results and survey documents.

2. Public Relations –Includes all activities directly related to publicizing, promoting and/or improving the image of a specific individual, organization, or agency either locally, statewide, or nationally as part of a planned program or project.
Examples:
 - Writing and/or delivering a radio or TV production.
 - Coordinating a speaker’s bureau.
 - Speaking at an organizational meeting.
 - Preparing brochures, posters, and newsletters.
 - Speaking at governmental meetings.
 - Recruiting new members.
 - Conducting oral history projects.

3. Administration, Organization and Management – Includes all activities directly or indirectly related to organizing, managing or coordinating the activities of a project or service as an officer or chairing a committee within a unit, county, or state HCE. Serving as an officer or chairman in another volunteer organization also counts.
Examples:
 - Serving as an officer or chairman for an HCE unit, county association, or other volunteer groups.
 - Organizing a fund-raising drive.
 - Managing the budget for an activity, project, or fund-raising drive.

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- Organizing a telephone survey.
- Organizing a petition to government officials.
- Organizing a membership recruitment drive.
- Organizing a community improvement project.
- Facilitating arrangements for an event (contacting speakers, making physical arrangements, etc.).

4. Other Community Service – Includes all activities directly or indirectly related to serving or providing services to other persons in a specific client population, the community at large, state, or region.

Examples:

- Organizing and participating in fund raising for community projects.
- Participating in community improvement projects, such as crime watch, neighborhood cleanup campaigns, supporting volunteer fire departments and rescue squads.
- Providing companionship for shut-ins and aged.
- Giving telephone guidance and reassurance (hot lines).
- Adopting an underprivileged family and serving as a problem solver for them.
- Stimulating community interest in government.
- Assisting in voter registration.
- Engaging in lobbying and proposing legislation.
- Serving on advisory bodies to government.
- Organizing self-help groups.
- Forming coalitions for planning and action.
- Participating in club or community efforts to appreciate people of different races, cultures, or locations.
- Promoting urban/farm youth and family exchange visits.
- Other (specify) (i.e. Religious organization service activities such as food pantry, clothing exchange, recycling, etc., which serve others.)

HOW DO I RECORD MY VOLUNTEER TIME?

You will have to develop a system that works for you and discipline yourself to use it. Use a pocket calendar, appointment book, or index cards to record volunteer service information. Carry it with you at all times for recording dates and activities on the road.

Individual Volunteer Hours (CVH) Summary			
Unit Name _____	Member _____		Year of Hours _____
Monthly Hours	HCE Hours	+ Other Hours	= Total Hours
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total Hours			
Signature of Unit CVH Chair			
Address			
Phone & e-Mail			
List Locations Volunteered:			

CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER HOURS MADE EASY

The equation is simple: (the activity) + (travel and preparation) = number of hours.

If your activity requires an overnight stay (such as IAHCE Annual Conference), only your sleeping time is not included in your number of hours.

Yes, you, as a member of HCE, are a volunteer. You attend your unit meetings and you attend other activities: Lessons for Living, Membership Tea, etc. Take a sheet of paper and label it "(Your Unit's name) HCE Unit". Keep a running list of each activity and its hours for HCE.

Do you serve on the County HCE Board? If so, take a separate sheet of paper and label it "(Your) County HCE Board". Activities here would include County Meetings, District Workshops, IAHCE Annual Conference, and your County Board work. As with your unit work, keep a running list.

Do you volunteer at a nursing home or hospital? Make a separate sheet for each category.

Your church work and church groups count also, as well as with any other volunteer club.

Did you help 4-H or serve as a judge for the County Fair? Do you volunteer for PADS, FISH, or BEDS? Do you assist a friend or neighbor? Are you involved in Hospice?

By now, you should get the gist of keeping your CVH hours. The categories are endless. Only family activities do not count. Keep all of your sheets together.

Note: A member submitting hours may claim up to 3 years of volunteer time not previously recorded. Names of people with hours over 1000 for the current year will be in the newsletter. Previous year's hours will count for each individual to receive certificates. The certificate of Recognition will be issued for each consecutive 500 hours.

At the end of the year, transfer monthly totals to your Individual Volunteer Hour Summary sheet (page 56). Complete this sheet and give to your unit CVH chairman in December.

Unit chairman will pass individual summaries to the county CVH director (or county president if no county director).

County CVH director (or president) will fill out County Volunteer Hours Summary (page 56) rounding up partial hours and listing members alphabetically by last name.

Fill out completely and send to state CVH director on or before January 31 deadline.

State IAHCE CVH/Sales director is listed on page 1 of Guidebook.

County Volunteer Hours (CVH) Summary

County Name _____ District # _____

Member's Name	Year of Hours	HCE Hours +	Other Hours =	Total Hours
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23				
24				
25				
26				
27				
28				
29				
Total Hours for County				
Signature of County CVH Chair				
Address				
Phone & e-Mail				

SPECIAL ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY HCE

(Optional position – can be non-board position)

1. Acts as chairman of Special Events and other special money-making projects.
2. With help of the Education Committee, determines special activities that are needed in the county program. The number of special activities (such as recreational events, tour, homemaker's camp, etc.) will determine the number of committee members needed.
3. Discusses special activities with the HCE President and Board.
4. Reports recommendations of the special activity committee to the HCE Board for approval before proceeding with plans.
5. Assumes responsibility for facilities and arrangements for the special activities.
6. Keeps Public Relations Chairman informed of activities and the role that she (he) will play in the advertising of such events.
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10. May attend IAHCE District Workshop and the IAHCE Annual Conference. Assists State/County Director to implement state/county programs. Shares correspondence and materials from State/County with County Board and/or county committee for consideration.
11. Keeps a file of useful/up-to-date information and resource materials pertaining to special activities in the county.
12. Transfers/explains material to successor at end of term.

COUNTY WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN

(Optional position – can be non-board position)

1. Is in charge of County HCE fundraising projects.
2. Is a member of the Finance/Budget committee.
3. Works with the County HCE Treasurer.
4. Reports recommendations to the Finance/Budget Committee and the HCE Board for approval before proceeding with plans.
5. Prepares a proposed budget for each project with the assistance of the Budget Committee.
6. Presents bills, with necessary explanation, for approval by the HCE Board.
7. Prepares a financial statement for Board meetings while fundraising is in progress. This becomes property of the County HCE Treasurer.
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(FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKE-UP IS OPTIONAL – but may include Executive Committee Members, Special Activities Chairman and Ways & Means Chairman – if not the Treasurer.)