

Central Missouri Regional Extension Council

I. Name.

The name of the group shall be the Central Missouri Regional Extension Council.

II. Purpose: The purpose of Regional Extension Councils is to be a forum through which the member County Councils cooperate in providing effective educational programs for the region by:

1. Exchanging information and discussing issues of regional concern.
2. Making recommendations on topics and issues related to regional and county concerns.
3. Assisting in the training of County Extension Councils.
4. Promoting and supporting multi-county planning and programming as appropriate.
5. Fostering the partnership of University of Missouri Extension, University of Missouri Extension State Council, and the County Councils.
6. Supporting the policies and procedures jointly adopted by University of Missouri Extension and University of Missouri Extension State Council.

III. Membership.

1. Each County Extension Council will be asked to name two official members, but all Council members will be welcome and invited to the meetings of the Regional Extension Council. Each county will have one vote.
2. County Extension Councils cannot be represented at Regional Extension Council meetings by extension staff.

IV. Regional Extension Council Structure.

1. Regional Extension Councils will elect officers at the first meeting following county council appointments. The Executive Committee of the Regional Extension Council includes a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, with the Regional Director serving as an "ex officio" member.
2. No more than one Executive Committee member may be from the same county.
3. Regional Extension Councils will be responsible for electing the member(s) to serve on the Board of the University of Missouri Extension State Council.

The number of members from each region is specified in the University of Missouri Extension State Council By-laws.

4. A quorum is required for the Regional Extension Council to conduct business. A quorum shall be defined as the eight (8) voting counties present.

V. Regional Extension Council Finances.

1. Regional Extension Councils will be responsible for covering the costs of their regional meetings (food, travel, meeting facilities). Each Regional Extension Council has flexibility in determining how the costs will be covered.
2. County Extension Councils may use county funds to support participation of the council representatives in regional activities.
3. Regional Directors will be responsible for covering the costs of resource people, materials and supplies for Regional Extension Council meetings.

VI. Meeting Schedule.

1. Regional Extension Councils will meet at least three times a year and "on call" as needed.
2. The Executive Committee of the Regional Extension Council has responsibility for setting the dates and locations of Regional Extension Council meetings.
3. The Executive Committee of the Regional Extension Council will be responsible for setting the agenda for Regional Extension Council meeting in order to carry out the purposes under Section II, 1-6. Only action items in the published agenda will be voted on at the meeting. Additional action items can be brought to the floor for vote upon unanimous approval of the regional council.

VII. Reports.

1. The Regional Extension Council will provide a copy of the minutes from their meetings to each participating council, University of Missouri Extension State Council, the Regional Director, and the Vice President and Director's office.