

## National Collegiate 4-H

The National Collegiate 4-H web site, Collegiate4H.org, was shut down in 2010. The following historical information was retrieved from the Internet archive at Web.Archive.org.



### History of National Collegiate 4-H

Many people throughout the world are familiar with 4-H, the service learning organization for youth ages 8-18 symbolized by the green four-leaf clover with four H's within it. The dedication to the betterment of the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health practiced by 4-H'ers the world over doesn't stop when you reach the age of 19, instead it is only a stepping-stone into a bright future filled with leadership success, community service opportunities, fun times, travel, and college memories that will last a lifetime.

Collegiate 4-H began in 1916 on the Oklahoma State University campus as an "after-dinner club" for students who had enjoyed a rewarding career in 4-H and wanted to get together with friends from across the state and relive their 4-H days. From these beginnings, the organization officially formed into what is now known as National Collegiate 4-H in 1971. Our official symbol is the 4-H clover capped by a Mortar Board to indicate our graduation from 4-H into an institution of higher learning.

Like our parent organization, 4-H, Collegiate 4-H instills in its college-aged membership a sense of pride and responsibility in one's community through service learning opportunities. Conferences, workshops, and speakers teach us new and innovative ways to be leaders among our peers. True to our 4-H roots, we work with local, state, and national 4-H youth to help prepare them for the future.

Along with our community service efforts and leadership endeavors, we also have fun-filled social activities, regional conferences, retreats, and national conferences. Collegiate 4-H allows its members to make valuable contacts for their futures along with lifelong friends from all across the country.

Collegiate 4-H gives college students a morally responsible peer group with a common background and similar interests to support each other while opening its doors to those who have not experienced 4-H as a youth as well. Our membership spans across all majors, schools, ages and races.

### National Collegiate 4-H Awards

Each year, the National Action Board bestows national awards for Club of the Year, New Club of the Year, and Scrapbook of the Year. The applications for these awards may be viewed at the National Documents page. **Club of the Year** recognizes a club who has excelled in the past year in service, leadership, club fundraising, and conducting club social events. **New Club of the Year** recognizes a club formed in the past two years that has pursued goals of increasing service projects, involvement, and membership and requires the same application. **Scrapbook of the Year** recognizes a club who has created a scrapbook that exemplifies creativity, organization, presentation, and completeness.

Hope Daugherty was the National Advisor from ECOP for the first thirteen years of the national organization. The **Hope Daugherty Award** is given to the club that brings the most members the farthest distance (number of members times the number of miles traveled equals the total distance.)

Year	Club of the Year	New Club of the Year	Scrapbook of the Year	Hope Daugherty Award	Conference Hosts
2009	State of Georgia	--	South Dakota State University	University of Georgia	University of Minnesota
2008	Ohio State University	Florida Southern College	Oklahoma State University		Colorado State University, University of Wyoming, University of Nevada Reno
2007	Ohio State University	Indiana University	Oklahoma State University	South Dakota State University	Louisiana State University
2006	West Virginia University	--	Kansas State University	*	The Ohio State University
2005	Kansas State University		*	*	West Virginia University
2004	Purdue University		*	*	Oregon State University and Colorado State University
2003	Iowa State University		*	*	Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University, and Oklahoma State University
2002	West Virginia University		--	*	Mizzou
2001	Colorado State University and Oklahoma State University	West Texas A&M	--	*	Penn State and Rutgers
2000	Oklahoma State University	Oregon State University	--	*	Colorado State University
1999	Georgia Southern University		--		Georgia Southern University and University of Georgia
1998		Georgia Southern University	--		Purdue
1997	North Carolina State University		--		Penn State and Delaware Valley College
1996		Appalachian State University	--		Montana State
1995	Montana State University		--		Texas A&M

## Past National Collegiate 4-H Conferences

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A National Collegiate 4-H Conference has been held annually since 1973.

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2007- Baton Rouge, **Louisiana** - hosted by Louisiana State University. The theme was "Rally in the Red Stick" and the entire conference showcased Louisiana culture and cuisine. The service projects included staining a fence in the children's playground area at Torres Park in Chalmette, landscaping work at Chalmette High and on

the St. Claude Avenue neutral ground in Arabi. During the National Business Meeting, the Strategic Planning Committee was dissolved and a set of bylaws were added to the national constitution.

2006- **Columbus, Ohio** - The Ohio State University The theme was "Celebrating the Past, Constructing the Future." Conference delegates participated in service projects with Operation Military Kids, Ohio 4-H's University District 4-H office, and the Memory Project. "Resource Library for the 4-H Community" and Operation Military Kids were adopted as the National Service Projects of Emphasis for the year. The NAB was restructured to include an additional representative from each region and add committee liaisons to NAB. The Taskforce released their report and a National Collegiate 4-H Strategic Planning Committee was announced as being formed later in the year to create a Strategic Plan for the national organization. Resolutions passed for NAB to reorganize the National Constitution into Bylaws and also create a recognition and achievement committee.

2005- **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** - West Virginia University. Conference Delegates conducted a youth literacy project called "Reading Partners." The National Collegiate 4-H Taskforce was formed and resolutions passed involving the NAB creating a Web Team and Advocacy Team for the national organization.

2004- **Portland, Oregon**- Oregon State University and Colorado State University

2003- **Fort Worth, Texas**- Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University, and Oklahoma State University The National Business Manager position was created.

2002- **St. Louis- Mizzou**

2001- **National 4-H Center**- Pennsylvania State University and Rutgers University

2000- **Denver, Colorado**- Colorado State University The constitution was updated and amended and National Dues were put in place. Each of the four regions transferred their bank accounts to the National 4-H Council. The theme was "Millennium in the Mountains" and 150 delegates attended.

1999- **Savannah, Georgia**- Georgia Southern University and University of Georgia The theme was "Collegiate 4-H... on my mind" and there were discussions about the focus of Collegiate 4-H and its changing role in the 4-H program. Almost 200 delegates were in attendance.

1998- **West Lafayette, Indiana**- Purdue University

1997- **Hershey, Pennsylvania**- Pennsylvania State University and Delaware Valley College

1996- **Bozeman, Montana**- Montana State University There were over 130 in attendance and the theme was "Youth... America's Frontier"

1995- **College Station, Texas**- Texas A&M University

1994-**Columbus, Ohio**- The Ohio State University

1993- **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**- Northeast Region

1992- **Tucson, Arizona**- University of Arizona

1991- **Athens Georgia**- University of Georgia.

The 1990 National Collegiate 4-H Conference was held in **Missouri**. Based on a theme "Wake Up Your Dreams," the Leadership Conference placed emphasis on leadership development of the 12 and 13 year old youth; this project was an extension of the Project TRY. Approximately 90 delegates attended the conference. National Collegiate 4-H completed its reorganization at the conference by approving the National Collegiate Constitution and the National Action Board for 1990-1991.

**The National 4-H Center** in Washington, D.C. was the site for the 1989 National Conference. Nebraska was the Host State assisted by Delaware. This was a historic conference in that the National 4-H Collegiate organization

was reorganized with a National Action Board providing leadership. The conference theme was "Leadership Bridges Experience with Success." The National 4-H Service project was Project TRY (Teens Reaching Youth).

**South Dakota State University** hosted the 1988 National Collegiate 4-H Conference on April 14-17 at Brookings, South Dakota. Collegiate 4-H recommitted its service to 4-H and Prevention of Child Abuse as the service projects. An Open Forum on the future of Collegiate 4-H was also held. The conference theme was "Fun, Frontiers, and Friendship."

**The Ohio State University** hosted the 1987 conference on April 9-11. Attendance dropped to below 150 for the second consecutive year and there were concerns raised about the structure and effectiveness of the National Organization. A new constitution was submitted, then later withdrawn. The conference theme was "Carving New Ideas."

Several Wisconsin collegiate 4-H clubs joined forces to host the 1986 National Conference on April 3-6 at the **University of Wisconsin - Madison**. With over 150 in attendance, the conference theme was "Look Beyond the Horizon."

In 1985, the National Collegiate 4-H Conference again headed to the **University of Georgia** on March 28-31. With over 200 in attendance, wrangling over the constitution ceased and yielded one of the shortest business meetings on record. The Blood Promotion service project was continued and "Building Your Empire" became the theme for Collegiate 4-H.

**Purdue University** was the host of the 1984 conference on March 1-4. Celebrating the tenth anniversary of being recognized by ECOP, several constitutional revisions were passed and the "International Year of Youth" was adopted as a National Service Project.

**West Virginia University** played host to the 1983 National Conference on March 17-20. The National Organization moved a step closer to financial security with the formation of the National Collegiate 4-H Trust Fund. Along with a major revision of the Organizations constitution, a new National Service Project- Blood Promotion was approved.

Moving west to **South Dakota State University** in 1982, the National Organization increased its efforts to involve former members by creating the national Alumni Association. The IFYE- International Program was accepted as a National Service Project, and it was approved to endorse the 4-H World Assembly in 1985.

**North Carolina State University** was the host of the 1981 National Conference. With 300 in attendance, delegates approved the Junior Leadership Program as a National Service Project. They also moved to improve the quality of its own leadership by modifying the selection process for national officers.

The 1980 conference was held at **Iowa State University** on April 10-13. With approximately 250 in attendance, the organization discussed, voted upon and adopted the National Collegiate 4-H Constitution. This showed a major change in the organization. The LEAP and International Programs were continued as service projects.

**Colorado State University** hosted the next National Collegiate Conference on March 22-25, 1979. A constitutional proposal was a step in a new direction for the organization. The LEAP and International Programs were continued as service projects.

The 1978 conference was hosted by the **Ohio State University** club on April 6-9. More than 200 attended. A Host Club Program was adopted as a National Service Project and GAP was revised and continued.

**Pennsylvania State University** hosted the 1977 conference on March 31-April 3. There were more than 300 in attendance. The seven consensus goals including Leadership, Service, Public Relations and input to ECOP were adopted. GAP was continued and the Bicentennial Trail was dropped.

The **University of Missouri - Columbia** was the site of the 1976 National Collegiate 4-H Conference. The Conference, held April 8-11, had 250 in attendance. The Generation Alliance Program (GAP) was adopted as a National Service Project and "4-H on the Bicentennial Trail" as continued for another year.

The 1975 National Collegiate 4-H Conference was held at **Kansas State University**. Developments and club expansion set precedence when Kansas State hosted the conference, April 18-20, with 275 in attendance from 32 clubs and 22 states. The first National Service Project, a collection of favorite songs bound in a booklet, was decided on as a new service project.

The **University of Illinois at Urbana** was the site of the 1974 National Collegiate 4-H Conference, held April 5-7. Much growth and interest was experienced with 125 attending from 16 clubs representing 13 states. It was important that interest and growth had occurred because a fast and strong growth was needed if National Collegiate 4-H was to survive the difficult first years. Workshops and discussion sessions were held as clubs compared what they did for activities and service projects. The official guidelines were ratified by the delegation. These were submitted and accepted by the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) in Washington D.C. in 1972. It was necessary for ECOP to accept National Collegiate 4-H if we were to use the 4-H emblem.

A National Collegiate 4-H Conference was held April 26-29, 1973 at the **University of Nebraska -Lincoln**, where members of 14 clubs from 11 states attended. At this conference, ideas were discussed and debated about the objectives and purposes of this new national organization.

## **NAB Members of the Past**

In recent years the National Action Board has changed in size. The 2006-07 term added second year NAB members from each region and committee liaisons. During the 2003-04 term, the national business manager was added as a position. If you have information about the National Leadership of Collegiate 4-H prior to 2001, please contact the Web Team or leave a message on the message boards!

### **2008-2009**

- **Northeast Regional Representative-** Alyssa Ross, Rutgers University
- **Northeast Region Second Year NAB member-** Lisa Richardson, University of Maryland College Park
- **North Central Regional Representative, Web Team Liaison-** Jessica Falkenthal, Indiana University
- **North Central Second Year NAB member-**
  - Amy Redman, Dickinson State University (*resigned*)
  - Mike Razim, University of Missouri
- **Southern Regional Representative, NAB Chair-** Cody East, Troy University
- **Southern Region Second Year NAB member-**
  - Sarah Edens, Oklahoma State University (*resigned*)
  - Melanie Skaggs, Oklahoma State University
- **Western Regional Representative-** Autumn Sheridan, Colorado State University
- **Western Region Second Year NAB member-** April Mendenhall, Colorado State University
- **Conference Coordinator-** Beth Neil, University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
- **Secretary-**
  - Nacona Canady, University of Tennessee Knoxville (*Resigned*)
  - Lisa Richardson, University of Maryland
- **Business Manager-** Ashley Buford, University of Georgia
- **Advocacy Team Liaison-** Mike Razim, University of Missouri
- **Advisor-** Brenda Allen, Iowa State University
- **Liaison from USDA-** Eddy Mentzer, National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA

## 2007-2008

- **Northeast Regional Representative-** Megan Baker, University of Maryland College Park
- **Northeast Region Second Year NAB member-** Vanessa Cerny, Rutgers University
- **North Central Regional Representative-** Kristie Storms, South Dakota State University
- **North Central Second Year NAB member-**
  - Beth Bray, University of Nebraska Lincoln (*resigned*)
  - Christy Clary, The Ohio State University
- **Southern Regional Representative-** Sarah Edens, Oklahoma State University
- **Southern Region Second Year NAB member-** Antoine Jefferson, Louisiana State University
- **Western Regional Representative, NAB Chair-**
  - Tommy Inglis, University of Nevada Reno (*resigned*)
  - April Mendenhall, Colorado State University
- **Western Region Second Year NAB member-** Amber Mathisen, University of Wyoming
- **Conference Representative-**
  - April Mendenhall, Colorado State University (*spring-fall*)
  - Autumn Sheridan, Colorado State University (*fall-winter*)
- **Secretary-** Amy Schwertner, Texas Tech University
- **Business Manager-** Jasmine Honore, Louisiana State University
- **Advocacy Team Liaison-** Christy Clary, The Ohio State University
- **Web Team Liaison-** Jessica Falkenthal, Indiana University
- **Advisor-** Dale Leidheiser, Colorado State University
- **Liaison from USDA-** Byron Garrett, National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA

## 2006-2007

- **Northeast Regional Representative-** Vanessa Cerny, Rutgers University
- **Northeast Region Second Year NAB member-** (*vacant for entire term*)
- **North Central Regional Representative-** Kristin Barnhart, The Ohio State University
- **North Central Second Year NAB member-**
  - Val Krumm, Iowa State University
  - Justin Bolte, Kansas State University (*resigned*)
- **Southern Regional Representative, NAB Chair-** Antoine Jefferson, Louisiana State University
- **Southern Region Second Year NAB member-** Patrick Voorhies, Louisiana State University
- **Western Regional Representative-**
  - Amber Mathisen, University of Wyoming (*fall-winter*)
  - Vanessa Renwick, University of California Davis (*spring-fall*)
- **Western Region Second Year NAB member-** Shane Sheridan, Colorado State University
- **Conference Representative-**
  - Jacqueline Slaughter, Louisiana State University (*replaced*)
  - Jasmine Honore, Louisiana State University
- **Secretary-** Amy Schwertner, Texas Tech University
- **Business Manager-** Sarah Leidheiser, The Ohio State University
- **Advocacy Team Liaison-** April Mendenhall, Colorado State University
- **Web Team Liaison-** Jessica Falkenthal, Indiana University
- **Strategic Planning Committee Liaison-** Val Krumm, Iowa State University
- **Advisor-** Evelyn Rachell, Auburn University
- **Liaison from USDA-** Byron Garrett, National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA

## 2005-2006

- **Northeast Regional Representative-** Sommer McConnihay, West Virginia University
- **North Central Regional Representative, NAB Chair-** Justin Bolte, Kansas State University
- **Southern Regional Representative-** Patrick Voorhies, Louisiana State University
- **Western Regional Representative-** Shane Sheridan, Colorado State University
- **Conference Coordinator-** Kyle Fogt and Sarah Leidheiser, The Ohio State University
- **Secretary-** Val Krumm, Iowa State University
- **Business Manager-** Derrick Goebel, Louisiana State University
- **National 4-H Headquarters Liaison-** Cathann Kress, National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA

## 2004-2005

- **Northeast Regional Representative, NAB Chair-** David Hartley, West Virginia University
- **North Central Regional Representative-** Haley Cook, Iowa State University
- **Southern Regional Representative-** Patrick Voorhies, Louisiana State University
- **Western Regional Representative**
  - James Miller, Oregon State University\* (*resigned*)
  - Cindy Sperry, University of California Davis- *WR Secretary*
- **Conference Coordinator-** Shannon Glaspell, West Virginia University
- **Secretary-** Tina Hirsch, Dickinson State University
- **Business Manager-** Anthony Rekeweg, Purdue University
- **Advisor-** Dr. Patricia Mulkeen, West Virginia University
- **National 4-H Headquarters Liaison-** Cathann Kress, National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA

## 2003-2004

- **Northeast Regional Representative-** Jayme Van Noordt, University of Vermont
- **North Central Regional Representative-** Stacy Carrell, Purdue University
- **Southern Regional Representative-** Coalson Lacey, Texas Tech University
- **Western Regional Representative, NAB Chair-** Sara Boatner, Oregon State University
- **Conference Coordinator-** James Miller, Oregon State University
- **Secretary-** Kate Hansberger, West Texas A&M
- **Business Manager-** Trent Blare, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## 2002-2003

- **Northeast Regional Representative-** Jayme Van Noordt, University of Vermont
- **North Central Regional Representative-** Wendy Kannel, University of Wisconsin River-Falls
- **Southern Regional Representative, NAB Chair-** Samantha Ephgrave, Oklahoma State University
- **Western Regional Representative-**
  - Candace Green\* (*Resigned*)
  - Sara Boatner, Oregon State, *WR Business Manager*
- **Southern Regional Representative-** Melissa Corvin, West Texas A&M University
- **Secretary-** Randy Dreher, Iowa State University
- **Collegiate 4-H Advisor**
  - Chuck Graves, National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA
  - Dr. Charles Cox, Oklahoma State University

## 2001-2002

- **Northeast Regional Representative-** Jayme Van Noordt, University of Vermont
- **North Central Regional Representative, NAB Chair-** Laura Green, The Ohio State University
- **Southern Regional Representative-** Jennifer Law, Texas Tech University
- **Western Regional Representative-** Julia Dafoe, Colorado State
- **Conference Coordinator-** Crystal Reid, Mizzou
- **Secretary-** Stacy Carrell, Purdue University
- **Collegiate 4-H Advisor-** Chuck Graves, National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA



## 2000-2001

- **Northeast Region President, NAB Chair-** Katie McKee, Rutgers State University
- **North Central Region President-** Keith Russell, Purdue University
- **Southern Region President -** Ryan McMullen, Oklahoma State University
- **Western Region President-** Julie Blevens, Colorado State University
- **Conference Coordinator-** Lisa Brooks, Rutgers University
- **USDA Liaison-** Chuck Graves, USDA

## 1999-2000

- **Northeast Region President-** Lisa Brooks, Rutgers University
- **North Central Region President-** Heath Boe, South Dakota State University
- **Southern Region President-** Karen Martin, Mississippi State University
- **Western Region President, NAB Chair-** Jen Vukonich, Montana State University
- **Conference Coordinator-** Julie Blevens, Colorado State University
- **National Secretary-** Raylee Johnson, University of Idaho
- **USDA Liaison-** Chuck Graves, USDA

## 1998-1999

- **Northeast Region President-** Jenn Cree, Pennsylvania State University
- **North Central Region President-** Janelle Johnson, University of Wisconsin River Falls
- **Southern Region President, NAB Chair-** Brandi Harrison, Georgia Southern University?
- **Western Region President-** Brett Holzer, Montana
- **National Conference Co-Coordinator-** April Baggs, Georgia Southern University
- **National Conference Co-Coordinator-** Peter Dale, University of Georgia
- **USDA Liaison-** Chuck Graves, USDA

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## 1995-96 National Action Board

- **National Collegiate 4-H Executive Director-** Justin Wiebers, Colorado State University
- **Northeast Region President-** Dwayne Murphy, Delaware Valley College
- **North Central Region President-** Stephanie Rumble, Purdue University
- **Southern Region President-** Scott Enroughty- North Carolina State University
- **Western Region President-** Jeremy Hill, University of Wyoming
- **National Conference Coordinator-** Dana Clawson, Montana State University
- **National 4-H Program Leader-** Dr. Stephen R Mullen, USDA-ES/4-H
- **National 4-H Program Leader-** Dr. Virginia Gobeli, USDA-ES/4-H

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## 1991-1992

- **Northeast Region-** Valerie Blair, Rutgers University
- **Northeast Region Advisor-** UB Bakker, Pennsylvania State University
- **North Central Region-** Steve Baden, Ohio State University
- **North Central Region Advisor-** Don Siffring, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **North Central Region Advisor-** Rich Howard, South Dakota State University
- **North Central Region Advisor-** Max Miller, University of Missouri
- **Southern Region-** Mikyela Ashby, Texas A&M University
- **Southern Region Advisor-** Janet Yeates, Texas A&M University
- **Western Region-** Dave Kirschten, Montana State University
- **Western Region Advisor-** Larry Sullivan, University of Arizona
- **Western Regional Program Coordinator-** Kirsten Lee Senske, University of Arizona



## 1990-1991

- **Northeast Region**- Bob Haas, West Virginia University
- **Northeast Region Advisor**- Jim Moore, Delaware
- **North Central Region**- Mitch Mason, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **North Central Region Advisor**- Don Siffring, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **North Central Region Advisor**- Rich Howard, South Dakota State University
- **North Central Region Advisor**- Max Miller, University of Missouri
- **Southern Region**- Mark Dzilowski, University of Georgia
- **Southern Region**- David Forest, Texas A&M University
- **Southern Region Advisor**- Gary Heusel, University of Georgia/ National 4-H Council
- **Western Region**- Delene Jenkins, Utah State University
- **Western Region Advisor**- John Paul Murphy, Utah State University
- **Conference Coordinator**- Stacy Bishop, University of Georgia
- **Collegiate 4-H Advisor**- Stephen R. Mullen, USDA-ES/4-H

## 1989-1990- Missing

### 1988-1989 (National Collegiate Officers)

- **President**- Steven Nelson, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **Business Management**- Darin Hubbard, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **Secretary, EON**- Robin Sawyer, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **Parliamentarian**- Mitch Mason, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **Publicity Director**- Tracy Overstreet, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **Steering Committee Chairman**- Loren Isom, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **National Officer's Advisor**- Donald Siffring, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **National Officer's Advisor**- Virginia Gobeli, University of Nebraska Lincoln
- **National Advisor**- Dr. Steve Mullen, USDA-ES/4-H
- **Conference Coordinator**- University of Delaware Collegiate 4-H Club

### 1988-1989 National Collegiate 4-H Regional Directors

- **Western Regional Director**- Linda Lim, University of California, Davis
- **Western Regional Director**- Sarah Sayles, New Mexico State University
- **Southeastern Regional Director**- Mike Dixon, North Carolina State University
- **Southeastern Regional Director**- Joanne Finnich, University of Georgia
- **Northwestern Regional Director**- Dave Conner, Montana State University
- **Northwestern Regional Director**- Lori Valentine, Montana State University
- **North Central Regional Director**- Carmen Day, Kansas State University
- **North Central Regional Director**- Paul Hugunin, St. Paul, Minnesota
- **North Central Regional Director**- Debbie Poese, University of Missouri Columbia
- **Midwestern Regional Director**- Jim Penrod, Purdue University
- **Midwestern Regional Director**-Sig Chester, Ohio State University
- **Midwestern Regional Director**-Andy McCauley, West Virginia University
- **Southern Regional Director**- Carman Reed, Texas A&M University
- **Southern Regional Director**- Amanda Taylor, Louisiana State University
- **Eastern Regional Representative**- Valerie Blair, Rutgers University

*Italics indicates NAB Chair.*