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A: WACEC is the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees, Inc. It is a corporation under the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law.

Q: When was it organized?

A: WACEC was incorporated on April 14, 1966. County board members who comprised the initial board of directors included Lloyd Owens, Dousman; Oscar Laper, Rock Springs; Walter Diercks, Bryant; Don Quistorff, Kewaunee; W. A. Stuart, Mason; Arthur Scheuer, Marshfield; John M. "Jack" Thomas, La Crosse; Chris Dueholm, Luck. Henry L. Ahlgren was the registered agent of the corporation.

Q: What are its purposes?

A: WACEC's articles of incorporation state, "The primary purpose of WACEC shall be to provide a forum for the consideration of problems and policies of concern to the committee of the County Board of each county in the state responsible for extension programs in the county, including those programs carried out under Section 59.87 [section 59.56, under revised statutes] and Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin Statutes." In the articles of incorporation, these committees are referred to as the county extension committees.

Additional purposes include providing leadership in the identification and initiation of new extension programs in rural and urban areas and in carrying out existing programs, providing leadership and counsel to county extension committees and to administration of University of Wisconsin-Extension in relation to policies and programs, budgets, staff, office space, and facilities; encouraging local county and county board participation in extension programs; providing leadership in obtaining local financial support for extension work; facilitating communication between

county board representatives with respect to county extension programs; providing leadership on legislative matters affecting extension and acting as a liaison between state and county representatives and other public officials.

Q: Who are the members?

A: The members include all members of committees on agriculture and extension education of county boards of supervisors in those counties which are dues-paying members. The committees are established pursuant to S. 59.56, Wis. Stats.

Q: How is WACEC organized?

A: The member counties are organized into six districts. Each district has a president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president and secretary. The presidents and 1st vice presidents of the six districts constitute the board of directors of the statewide organization. The board of directors elects its own officers.

Q: How does WACEC accomplish its purposes?

A: Each district meets at least once a year. The board of directors meets periodically throughout the year and carries out much of the ongoing business of the organization. There is a state meeting for all members of the organization once a year. WACEC is active at the county, district, state, regional and national levels. The board of directors selects representatives from among its membership to represent Wisconsin in the National Extension Leadership Conference and a member to represent the organization in the Wisconsin Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching.