Regional Advisory Councils were organized in September 1997. The Regional Advisory Council functions under the leadership of the Regional Director in each region.

NAME:

The name of this group is University of Illinois Extension (Northeast, Northwest, East Central, West Central or Southern) Regional Advisory Council.

PURPOSE:

The University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council provides advice to Regional Directors and is a forum through which the member Extension Councils cooperate in providing educational programs for the region by:

* Exchanging information and discussing issues of regional concern.

* Identifying, promoting and supporting multi-county planning and programming as appropriate.

* Fostering a partnership between University of Illinois Extension, University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council and Extension Councils.

* Supporting the policies and procedures of University of Illinois Extension.

* Assisting with enhancing local, state and federal funding.

MEMBERSHIP:

The chairman (or his/her designee) of each Extension Council will serve on the University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern, or West Central) Regional Advisory Council. Other Extension Council members are welcome and invited to the meetings of the University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council. Each Extension Council will have one vote.

The term of the University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council will be from October 1 through September 30.
STRUCTURE:

The University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council will elect their own officers. The officers will include Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

FINANCES:

Regional Directors will cover the costs of two meetings per year (food, travel, meeting facilities). The University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council has flexibility in determining how additional meeting costs will be covered.

Extension Councils may use local funds to support participation of the council representative to regional activities.

Each Regional Director will be responsible for covering the costs of resource people, materials and supplies for University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council meetings.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

The University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council will meet at least two times a year and on-call as needed; meetings may be held by long distance communication.

The Regional Director will consult with officers and members in setting the dates and locations of University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council meetings.

The Regional Director will consult with officers in determining meeting agendas.

Meeting dates should be sent to the Associate Dean, Extension Operations who will forward to State Advisory Council members.

MINUTES:

Each University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council will provide a copy of the minutes of their meetings to each participating Extension Council, the Regional Director, the members of the State Advisory Council, the chairman of the regional councils and the Associate Dean, Extension and Outreach.

EVALUATION:

The effectiveness of the University of Illinois Extension (East Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southern or West Central) Regional Advisory Council will be evaluated every three years.