

Extension Board Leadership  
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# New Board Member Orientation

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## Orientation Topics

- History
- Partnerships
- Board Member Responsibilities
- Agent Responsibilities
- Extension Programming
- Board Member Resources

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## A Historical Look Back: 1860s to Today

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## The Morrill Act

- Established Land Grant Universities in 1862
- Kansas: First Land Grant University



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## Hatch Act

- Established Experiment Stations in 1887



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## Smith-Lever Act

- Established the Cooperative Extension Service in 1914



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## Land Grant Universities

- Teaching
- Research
- Extension



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## Kansas Laws

- 1915 – Kansas County Farm Bureau Law
- 1951 – Kansas County Extension Council Law



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## Kansas Laws

- 1991 – Kansas Extension District Law



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## K-State Research and Extension

1996 – Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station became K-State Research and Extension

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## Our Purpose

Providing education you can trust to help people, business, and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future.

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## Partnerships

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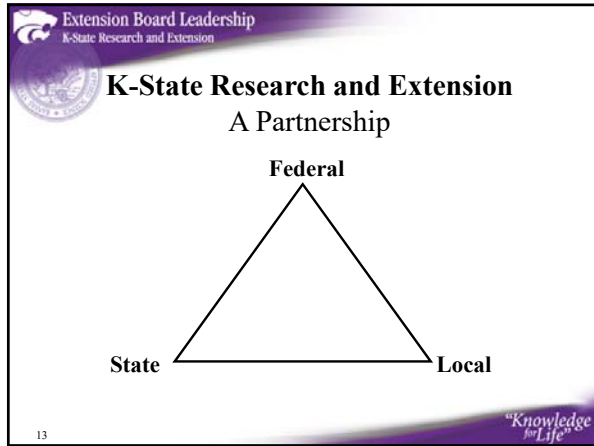
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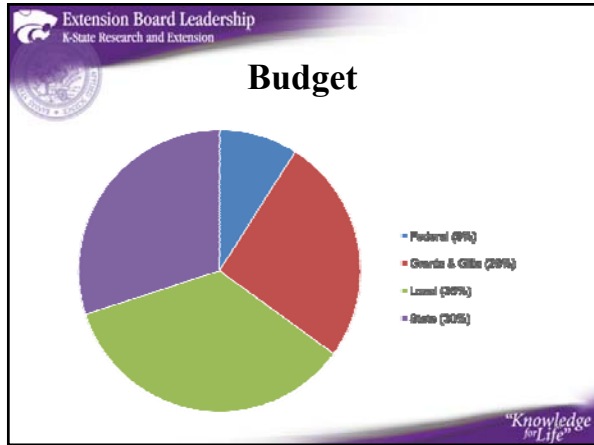
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**Local Partner**

**Extension Boards**

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**Kansas Extension Laws**

- Requirements of partners
- Establishment of local boards
- Budget procedures
- Election of members
- Duties of officers
- Employment of agents

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### Local Partner - Four Program Development Committees



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### Local Partner

Agent and PDC partner to

- Identify local needs
- Match KSRE resources to needs
- Implement programming
- Evaluate programming

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### Local Partner



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## State and Local Partnership

Regional director and board responsible for:

- Comprehensive programming
- Personnel
- Budget

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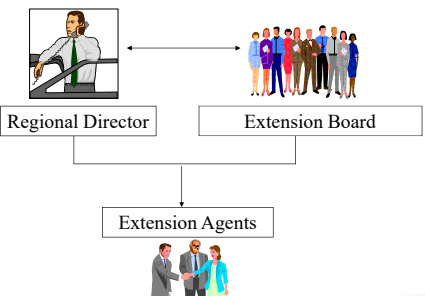
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## State and Local Partnership



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## State and Local Partnership



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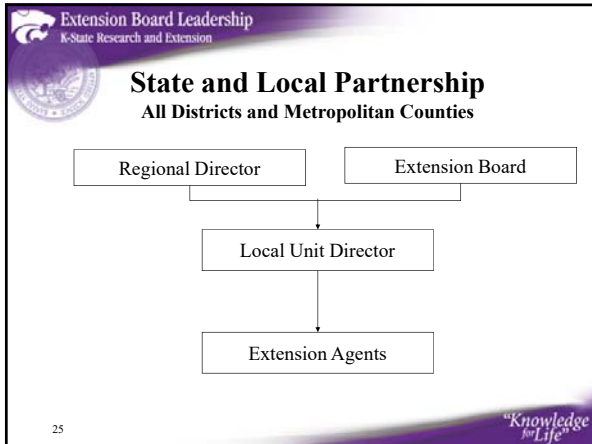
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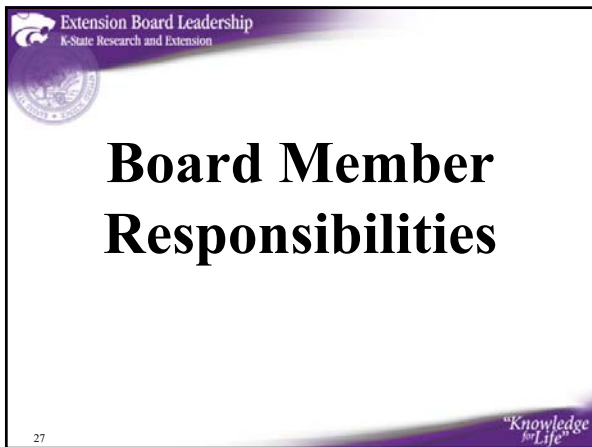
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## Board Member Responsibilities

- Participate in board meetings
- Review [Board Leadership](#) website
- Review minutes, financial statements, and agent reports

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## Board Member Responsibilities

- Become familiar with all program areas
- Get to know all agents and their programming
- Attend extension-sponsored events
- Advocate for extension programming

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## Agent Responsibilities

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## Agent Responsibilities

Lead educational programming in:

- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Community Vitality
- 4-H Youth Development



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## Agent Responsibilities

Serve on a Program Focus Team

- Adult Development and Aging
- Community Vitality
- Crop Production
- Family and Child Development
- Family Resource Management
- Farm Management
- Horticulture
- Livestock Production
- Natural Resources
- Nutrition, Food Safety and Health
- Youth Development

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## Agent Responsibilities

- Collaborate with community members and partner organizations.
- Utilize various educational strategies.



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## Agent Responsibilities

- Recruit, train, and manage volunteers
- Collect and communicate evidence of program outcomes.



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## Extension Programming

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Global Food Systems

- Developing new crop varieties
- Leading teams to solve global food issues
- Educating consumers in safe food handling

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Health

- Attracting 15,000 Kansans to increase exercise
- Identifying practices to prevent adult and childhood obesity
- Helping families stretch their food dollars
- Involving older adults in strength training to improve health and quality of life

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Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

- Guiding more than 77,000 youth to apply leadership skills
- Training Kansans of all ages to be better citizens and leaders
- Implementing strategies for bringing ethnically diverse families to 4-H

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Community Vitality

- Improving communities through the PRIDE program
- Working with families to develop better financial management practices
- Helping individuals evaluate health insurance options

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Water

- Breeding new drought-tolerant crop varieties
- Developing more efficient irrigation strategies
- Reducing runoff and sedimentation into reservoirs

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### Board Member Resources

- Notebook provided by local office
- <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/boardleadership>
- Excellence in Board Leadership Assessment
- Handbook for County Extension Councils and District Governing Bodies

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