



Candidate Application for National Office

What you can expect when applying for a National Board Position:

- Newly elected individuals will receive training from board members, and materials related to the position will be passed down.
- Candidates will be invited to join the Pre-National Board Meeting as an observer to become familiar with board business (will not be reimbursed by National to attend)
- Newly elected Executive Board members may be reimbursed for one night's lodging for post board meeting (at a rate of 1/2 of double room) but are not reimbursed for additional travel costs. Meal reimbursement for day of post board meeting will follow Policy Manual and current approved budget.

Upon applying for the position, I acknowledge that I will have the necessary resources (i.e. computer, internet, etc.) to complete the duties of the position. I agree

Office Applied for: President Elect _____ Date: 3/15/2024 _____

This form should be used as a guideline. When typing your own form, add more space as necessary.

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Job Title			Employer		
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I. Education Background

BS/BA BS/BA BS Family and Consumer Sciences CA Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo 1979 _____
Major Institution Year

MS/MA MS Family and Consumer Sciences CO State University 1981 _____
Major Institution Year

PhD _____
Major Institution Year

II. State/Territory Affiliate Experience

Office Year(s)

New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

- Served at Vice President of Public Affairs, 2022-2023
- Served as Interim President, 2022
- Served as State Awards Judge, 2022
- Served as President, 2021
- Served at President Elect, 2020
- Served as Vice President of Member Resources, 2018-2020

Committee Chair Year(s)

- Serve as Bylaws Chair, 2023-2024

Committee Year(s)

- Served on Public Affairs Committee, 2017-2018

III. NEAFCS Experience

Office Year(s)

National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS)

- Served as Western Region Director, 2022-2024
- Served on the Bylaws Committee, 2021-2022
- Served as a National Awards Judge, 2021
- Served on Member Resources Committee, 2017-2021

Committee Chair Year(s)

- Served as Membership, Leadership, Mentoring & Life Members Subcommittee Chair of Member Resources, 2018-2019

Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS Year(s)

- Served on the JCEP Extension Leadership Conference Planning Committee 2024

Annual Sessions Attended (list years)

2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Submissions for Awards, Webinars and/or Annual Session Proposals (concurrent session, poster, ignite)
Submission did not have to be accepted.

Check all that apply:

Webinar Submission Year(s): _____

Annual Session Proposal Year(s): 2021, 2024_____ Proposal Type: Session/Poster

Award Submission Year(s): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024_____

IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A)

Year(s)

Serve on the Western Region Mental Health and Nutrition Network Professional Development and Resources Workgroup, 2023-2024 (A)

Served on the Bernalillo County FCS Agent Search Committee, 2022 and 2023 (A)

Served on the New Mexico County Cooperative Extension Service Director's Advisory Board, 2021 (A)

Served as Bernalillo County Extension Association (BCEA) Advisor, 2021-2024 (A)

Served on New Mexico Education Designed to Generate Excellence (EDGE) Curriculum Development Committee, 2020-2024 (A)

Served on New Mexico Education Designed to Generate Excellence (EDGE) Faculty, 2021-2024 (A)

Served as a member of the Extension Family and Consumer Sciences strength training program curriculum development committee, 2020-2024 (A)

Served as an Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences Mentor for new agents, 2021-2024 (A)

Served in the Extension Service Mentoring program, April 2019-March 2020 (A)

Served on the 2019 ACES Open House Committee, October 2018-April 2019 (A)

Served on the publication review committee for "Why and How To Do Aerobic Training" by Raquel Garzon, DHSC, RDN, August 2018 (A)

Served as a member of Kitchen Creations curriculum revision committee, 2017-2022 (A)

V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

(Professional, civic, service, religious or agency related organizations)

Organizations, Leadership role

Year(s)

Serve as Board Member of the Future Leaders and Mentors Empowering New Mexico, 2024 (A)

Serve as Board Member of the Los Cerritos Area Homeowners Association, 2023-2024 (E)

Served as President of the Los Cerritos Area Homeowners Association, 2021-2023 (E)

Served as a member of the DairyMax Nutrition Roundtable Council, 2021 (A)

Served as a board member for the HealthInsight Advisory Panel for Native American Material, 2018, 2019 (A)

Served as a Board Chair of the New Mexico Diabetes Advisory Council, 2018-2020 Albuquerque, New Mexico (E)

Serve as a board member of the New Mexico Diabetes Advisory Council, 2017-2024 Albuquerque, New Mexico (E)

Served as a member of the Road Runner Food Bank Health Advisory Council, 2017-2021 Albuquerque, New Mexico (A)

VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension (if applicable)

Positions

Year(s)

NMSU Associate Professor/Bernalillo County FCS Agent

2016-present

*Please email one copy of your completed application
to the National Nominating Committee Chair (NEAFCS Immediate Past President).*

VII. Awards and Honors

Awards

Date(s)

2023

- College of Agricultural, Consumer, Environmental Sciences (ACES) Team Award, Las Cruces, New Mexico, July 2023
- Financial Management Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NMEAFCS), Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2023

2022

- Communications Awards: Internet Education Technology – First Place National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Raleigh, North Carolina, September 2022
- Educational Curriculum Award – Second Place Western Region National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Raleigh, North Carolina, September 2022
- Educational Curriculum Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2022
- Communications Awards: Internet Education Technology – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2022

2021

- Innovation in Programming Award – First Place Western Region Winner National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 2021
- Family Health and Wellness Award – Third Place Western Region Winner National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 2021
- College of Agricultural, Consumer, Environmental Sciences (ACES) Team Award, Las Cruces, New Mexico, May 2021
- Family Health and Wellness Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2021
- Innovation in Programming Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2021

2020

- Past Presidents' New Professional Award – Second Place Western Region Winner National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Virtual National Conference, September 2020
- College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Team Award for the National Diabetes Prevention Program, Las Cruces, New Mexico, August 2020
- Past Presidents' New Professional Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2020
- New Mexico Early Career Excellence Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2020
- Annual Chili Pepper Award – New Mexico Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 2020

2019

- Television and Video Award – First Place National and First Place Western Region National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Hershey, Pennsylvania, October 2019
- Television and Video Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2019
- Family Health and Wellness Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2019
- Innovation in Programming Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2019

2018

- Family Health and Wellness Award – First Place National and First Place Western Region National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, San Antonio, Texas, September 2018
- Innovation in Programming Award – First Place Western Region National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, San Antonio, Texas, September 2018
- Family Health and Wellness Award - First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2018
- Family Health and Wellness Award - Second Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2018
- Innovation in Programming Award – First Place New Mexico Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Las Cruces, New Mexico, March 2018
- Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD) First Timers Scholarship (\$300) – National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Washington DC, March 2018

Position Statement

Why would you like to be a candidate for this office?

In life there are rare opportunities where one's passion, experiences, and skills/gifting come together to form the perfect intersection of these three things. Running for the office of NEAFCS President Elect is such an intersection in my life. Having been a very active member of NEAFCS for eight years at the state and national levels, my passion for the vision and mission of the organization is strong. I have experienced the tremendous value it has given to me, professionally and personally. This has created passion to not only continue the strong NEAFCS legacy but also to lead the organization well into the coming years so that it remains relevant, viable, and valuable to its entire membership. I have served in multiple roles at the state affiliate level. At the national level, I served on the Member Resources First Timers/Life Members Events Committee as a member, and then as Chair. I also served on the Bylaws Committee, giving me rich experiences of committee service. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in the Board position as Western Region Director. I have learned much about the larger organization, how it is governed, the various issues, and observed great examples of leadership. Finally, my leadership abilities, relational gifting, and strong administrative skills, developed over 20 years of leading nonprofits and volunteers, would serve me well in this role.

If you were elected, what would be your top priority/goal for your term?

This year we are developing a new strategic plan to guide NEAFCS for the next five years. My top priority would be to follow that plan as created by the Board members and to find ways to integrate it in meaningful ways throughout the organizational structure. As a member driven organization, my role would be to serve the membership facilitating and encouraging positive relevant engagement that adds to their experiences, professionally and personally. As an organization we are doing well in providing leadership opportunities and professional development to younger members while at the same time leveraging the wisdom and experience of seasoned members, leading us to a strong and viable future. Additionally, as President Elect my role would

support the President and fulfill the duties of that office in preparation for assuming the presidency. These roles would be high priorities as well.

Are you willing to be considered as a candidate for a different office? The national nominating committee chair would contact you first as to your preference and willingness to serve in any other position. Yes No Maybe

Are you willing to leave your application on file for three (3) years in the event of a position vacancy or for reconsideration for office for the next election? Yes No

Your signature below confirms that you have read the current NEAFCS Policy Manual and agree to the duties and qualifications for the position in which you are applying for as well as additional policies outlined in the Manual.

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Signature of Applicant

March 12, 2024
Date

Letters of support and recommendation from the following individuals must accompany the application.

- ▶ State Director of Extension (required)
- ▶ State Program Leader or immediate supervisor (one required)
- ▶ NEAFCS board member or state/territory affiliate president (optional)

**Applications are due to the National Nominating Committee Chair by May 1st.
Please include with your application a high resolution headshot photo for the
candidate display at Annual Session.**

NEAFCS is an equal opportunity/affirmative action association. NEAFCS values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation. Membership is not by invitation. (Strategic Plan 1993-97)



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March 15,2024

Julie Garden-Robinson, Nominating Committee Chair
National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dear Chairwoman Garden-Robinson,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation and support on behalf of Dianne Christensen as she submits her application for the candidacy of NEAFCS President Elect.

Dianne is currently serving as the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent in Bernalillo County, located in Albuquerque, the largest urban county in our state. Dianne joined Extension in 2016 and has developed a very robust FCS program with her Plans of Work focused on chronic disease prevention and management as well as health and wellness.

Dianne has been active in the NEAFCS state affiliate, serving on the Public Affairs Committee, and Vice President of Member Resources. She has served as the NMEAFCS President and Interim President and was part of my Director's Advisory Board. On the national level, she has served consecutive years on the Members Resources sub-committee and oversaw the New Members and Lifetime Events in 2018. She also served nationally on the Bylaws Committee and as an awards judge. She has encouraged national conference attendance in addition to PILD and JCEP. Dianne has won numerous NEAFCS awards during her NMSU tenure. Her most recent role as Western Region Director has given her the Board experience and knowledge to make her successful as President Elect.

Dianne is relational, collaborative, organized, and has demonstrated leadership among her FCS colleagues and in her roles with NEAFCS at the state and national levels. She has been active at NMSU on several curriculum development teams reflecting her creativity and ability to generate new ideas and processes. She has oversight of several grants in her county. She also chaired a community organization, New Mexico Diabetes Advisory Council, for two years providing needed stability and strategic planning towards growth.

Dianne demonstrates the initiative, abilities, and has the experience to do an excellent job as the NEAFCS President Elect, and it is my pleasure to give Dianne my full support in her effort to run for this office.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 575-646-3015 or jboren@nmsu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jon C. Boren'.

Jon C. Boren
Associate Dean and Director
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March 27, 2024

Julie Garden-Robinson, Nominating Committee Chair
National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dear Chairwoman Garden-Robinson,

As President of the New Mexico NEAFCS affiliate, it is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for Dianne Christensen as she submits her application for the candidacy of President Elect. I believe Dianne would be excellent in this role given her strong administrative, leadership, and relational skills.

Dianne and I serve in different parts of New Mexico but have had the privilege of collaborating on a number of projects over the years. Dianne has been very active in our state affiliate and consistently held an office throughout her eight-year tenure with Extension, while at the same time being involved on various national committees and serving as the NEAFCS Western Region Director. She has strengthened the New Mexico affiliate through her coaching, mentoring, and support of our affiliate members. She is very committed to the vision and mission of NEAFCS, as her service indicates. Her strong experience at both the state and national levels as well as her commitment and passion for NEAFCS would be an asset to the organization under her leadership.

Dianne and I have offered various cohorts of the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) through the years. I enjoy working with her and value that she is always prepared, easy to work with, open to new ideas, and leads with excellence. She is a dependable and responsible team player and I know I can always rely on her for help and support whenever needed. Furthermore, I am continually amazed by her positive outlook in all things and the way she inspires others to do the same.

She is great in consistently offering important foundational programs like CDSMP and the National Diabetes Prevention Program but also has been very active in seeking grants to bring new programs to our state for all the FCS agents such as Walk with Ease and the Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives (PEARLS). Her initiative, ability to network nationally, pursue funding, and willingness to share these programs with our state colleagues reflects her desire to serve others and create teams to serve New Mexicans in new and impactful ways. We are stronger together and Dianne has led the way in coordinating our efforts and reporting the impacts to NEAFCS annually. These qualities would be valuable to NEAFCS in the coming years on the national level.



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Serving on our Extension Promotion and Tenure (P&T) Committee, I have reviewed and advised Dianne on her various P & T documents. Dianne has created and implemented very strong and prolific programming in urban Bernalillo County. Her portfolios have consistently documented her impactful efforts which are further demonstrated by the numerous awards and honors she has received. Her performance evaluations have been highly rated reflecting her strong work ethic and commitment to excellence.

Dianne is excellent in leading and coordinating teams who work together towards common goals. She is warm and relational, open to the ideas of others. She is a servant leader that has the administrative skills to support and facilitate the work of others. Dianne has the initiative and creativity to discover and consider new ideas. She is professional and gracious. For all these reasons, she would represent and lead NEAFCS well should she be elected.

If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 575-437-0231.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Knight

Otero County Program Director, Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, and New Mexico Affiliate President



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March 13, 2024

Julie Garden-Robinson, Nominating Committee Chair
National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dear Chairwoman Garden-Robinson,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation and support on behalf of Dianne Christensen as she submits her application for the candidacy of NEAFCS President Elect. I have known Dianne since 2016 when she joined Extension as a FCS Agent. I have enjoyed working with her as we served as agents and now in my role as the NMSU Extension Family Life and Child Development Specialist.

Dianne and I have served together at the New Mexico NEAFCS State Affiliate level on the Public Affairs Committee attending PILD together. Dianne has served as NMEAFCS VP of Member Resources and as President and Interim President. I have appreciated her relational leadership style and her strong administrative skills that kept our affiliate moving forward even through the pandemic. She has consistently encouraged awards submissions, attendance at the various national conferences, and leadership service at the state and national levels for our members.

As a State Specialist, I have introduced several new programs to New Mexico in recent years. Dianne is consistently a first adopter, to take the training offered and implement the programs in her county. This is a reflection of her desire to bring fresh, innovative, and relevant programming and ideas to New Mexicans. This quality would serve her well as President Elect.

Dianne and I partnered together on a number of programming projects particularly through the pandemic. Dianne is a great collaborative partner, and she enjoys creating impactful programming with her colleagues. During the pandemic, she pivoted in a matter of weeks, offering a number of impactful programs designed to meet the needs of residents. We went on to collaborate on NEAFCS awards submissions, winning First Place nationally. Dianne has been an informal state lead for a continued effort in offering statewide webinar programming since the pandemic, always happy to serve her fellow agents through program coordination and writing team awards. This spirit of servant leadership would be a great asset to NEAFCS under her leadership.



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Dianne and I have had the honor of being asked to develop a program and serve as faculty for a state Extension Professional certification course. This opportunity arose after several years of Dianne suggesting that a course on stress management for agents would be valuable. Her consistency and patience paid off with our course receiving excellent evaluations now for several years. Her resilience and patience are qualities that make her an effective leader.

Dianne's relational, collaborative, creative, and administrative leadership would serve the members of NEAFCS well should she be elected for the role of President Elect. I am happy to give my full support to her as she pursues this role. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at karmarti@nmsu.edu or 575-646-2390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Karim A. Martinez'.

Karim Martinez, PhD, CFLE
Family Life and Child Development Specialist



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