



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 ½ 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: Eastern Region Director

Date: 2-2-24

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

Jacqueline	Lee	Amor-Zitzelberger	
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Extension educator and co-team leader		Penn State University	
Job Title		Employer	
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Work Phone/Extension	Work Fax	Home Phone	

I. Education Background

BS/BA	Psychology	Lake Erie College for Women	1984
	Major	Institution	Year
MS/MA	Adult and Community Education	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	1994
	Major	Institution	Year
PhD			
	Major	Institution	Year

II. State/Territory Affiliate Experience

Office	Year(s)
President	2021-2022
Committee Chair	Year(s)
VP Member Resources	2014-2018
Web Monitor	2015-2021
Committee	Year(s)
Web Monitor	2014-2020
Professional Development	2022-2023
Awards & Recognition	2023-2024

III. NEAFCS Experience

Office	Year(s)
none	
Committee Chair	Year(s)
none	
Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS	Year(s)
Webinar committee member	2021-2022
By-laws committee member	2023-2024
Nominating committee member	2023-2024

Annual Sessions Attended (list years)

- 2023 Providence, Rhode Island
- 2022 Raleigh, North Carolina
- 2021 Grand Rapids, Michigan (virtual)
- 2020 Snowbird, Utah (virtual)
- 2019 Hershey, Pennsylvania
- 2016 Big Sky, Montana
- 2014 Lexington, Kentucky
- 2009 Birmingham, Alabama
- 2005 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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): 2009, 2021, 2023, 2024 Proposal Type: **Concurrent sessions**

Award Submission Year(s): 2008, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2024

IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A)	Year(s)
Annual Session Decorating/Hospitality Planning committee	2022-2023
By-laws committee member	2023-2024
Professional Development/webinar committee member	2022-2024

V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

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

Organizations, Leadership role	Year(s)
VP and board member for local art center	2016-2022
Coach/volunteer for local Special Olympics	2022-2024

VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension (if applicable)

Positions	Year(s)
Supervisor/therapist for local community mental health Partial Hospitalization program	1986-2006

VII. Awards and Honors

Awards	Date(s)
NEAFCS Continued Excellence Award	(2020)
PSCE Better Kid Care Team Extension Director's Excellence Award for Innovation	(2017)
PEAFCS – Early Childhood Child Care Training Award	(2017)
NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award	(2016)
NEAFCS Pennsylvania Affiliate – Early Childhood Child Care Training Award	(2016)
NEAFCS Nebraska Affiliate Early Childhood Childcare Training State Winner team	(2015)
Epsilon Sigma Alpha Omicron Chapter – Distinguished Team Award	(2015)
NEAFCS Early Childhood Care Training Award – 1 st place team	(2012)
NEAFCS Educational Curriculum Package, First Place, Eastern Region	(2008)

Position Statement

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

I am eager to be a candidate for the NEAFCS Eastern Region Director, inspired by my experience working with the past two Eastern Region Directors. Transitioning from the state to the regional level aligns with my passion for fostering collaboration and resource sharing among the Eastern states. This desire stems from recognizing the immense potential for joint initiatives and mutual support that a regional approach can bring. Serving at the regional level not only broadens my perspective but also allows me to address common challenges faced by multiple states, contributing to the overall effectiveness of the organization. My commitment to advocating for the unique needs and strengths of the Eastern states, combined with my experience and insights gained from working with past directors, positions me to make a meaningful impact. This opportunity represents

more than just personal and professional growth; it signifies a dedication to advancing the profession and ensuring that the Eastern Region's voice is heard at the national level.

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

As a candidate for the NEAFCS Eastern Region Director, my commitment to enhancing communication and collaboration across the region is central to my candidacy. If elected, my top priority is to establish a platform for regular meetings with affiliate presidents, fostering open dialogue about potential collaborations and addressing current challenges. Drawing inspiration from past discussions with Lisa McCoy, I plan to initiate a Eastern Region webinar event. This platform would serve as a dynamic space for states to share their programs, successes, and innovative approaches. By creating a structured and ongoing communication channel, my goal is to strengthen ties between states, ensuring that each affiliate has a voice and can benefit from the collective knowledge and experiences of the region. In addition, I aim to inspire my state associates to be more involved in NEAFCS, helping them recognize the organization's potential in advancing their careers and building valuable relationships with other states. This involvement could open doors for future collaborations and increase opportunities for inclusion in grants and projects. Through these initiatives, I hope to build a more connected and collaborative regional community that can effectively address the evolving needs and opportunities in our profession.

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.



Signature of Applicant

2-2-24
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)

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



PennState Extension

February 19, 2024

Dear NEAFCS Nominating Committee,

My name is Stacy Reed. I am the current Pennsylvania NEAFCS Affiliate (PEAFCS) President. I am proud to offer my recommendation of Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger for the NEAFCS Eastern Region Director. I have personally known Jacque for the last eight years as my work colleague at Penn State Extension.

During my relationship with Jacque, I have experienced an individual who works hard and carries herself politely and respectfully. In addition, Jacque is a family person who has always presented themselves with level-headedness and grace. Jacque has been an active member of the Pennsylvania Affiliate PEAFCs for 19 years. She has served as V.P. of Member Resources and Affiliate President. She recently was very involved in helping the Eastern Region plan the conference in Rhode Island. She oversaw the members' gifts when members registered and helped decorate for the awards banquet.

In the Eastern Region Director role, Jacque wants to initiate an Eastern Region webinar series and regular regional meetings to allow the states to share their program successes and innovative approaches. The webinars could open opportunities for collaborations/partnerships on new projects and grants. Our PEAFCs affiliate has held two professional development webinars, which developed into three collaborations with West Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. And there is so much more we can learn from each other. In this role, Jacque also hopes to inspire young educators to become more involved in NEAFCS to help them recognize the potential to advance their careers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require any further information.

Best,

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Julie Garden-Robinson (NEAFCS Immediate Past President)
NEAFCS National Nominating Committee Chair
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March 5, 2024

Dear Dr. Garden-Robinson,

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger's candidacy for the NEAFCS Eastern Region Director position. Jacqueline's extension experience, dedication, strategic vision, and leadership skills make her an exceptional candidate for this position.

Having worked closely with Jacqueline in various capacities since 2016, I have first-hand knowledge of her leadership skills, accomplishments, and commitment to advancing the Family and Consumer Sciences field. Her tenure as President and Vice President of Member Resources demonstrates her ability to effectively lead teams, facilitate collaboration, and drive meaningful initiatives forward.

Jacqueline's passion for fostering collaboration and resource sharing aligns perfectly with the responsibilities of the Eastern Region Director. Her proposal to establish regular meetings with affiliate presidents and initiate a webinar series highlights her innovative approach to enhancing regional communication, collaboration, and connectivity. She fosters a collegial and inclusive atmosphere among members of the teams she works with. I am confident that the Eastern Region will thrive under her leadership, and its members will benefit greatly from her guidance and expertise.

Jacqueline has a positive attitude and work style and professionally represents Family and Consumer Sciences. Her track record of accomplishments, recognized by several awards and honors, speaks volumes about her dedication and contributions to the profession. Her commitment to excellence and service is highly evident in her work.

I wholeheartedly endorse Jacqueline Amor-Zitzelberger for the NEAFCS Eastern Region Director position and hope you will consider her candidacy favorably. She possesses the qualities, skills, experiences, and vision needed to excel in this role and significantly impact the organization.

I am pleased to support Jacqueline's candidacy for the Eastern Region Director position. Please reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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PennState Extension

April 22, 2024

National Nominating Committee Chair of the
National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences:

I fully support Jacque Amor-Zitzelberger's application for Eastern Regional Director. Ms. Amor-Zitzelberger has worked for Penn State Cooperative Extension for almost 20 years as an educator, providing programs in central and western Pennsylvania. Her career in Extension initially focused on conducting programming for early childhood education (ECE) providers. She developed and taught a variety of ECE programs. Her programs addressed the requests and needs identified by the ECE community. Her work allowed participants to obtain or maintain their Child Development Associate credentials and childcare centers to maintain or advance their rating within the PA childcare system. More recently, her work has expanded also to include mental health programs, suicide prevention, and parenting programs. She has also been serving as the co-program leader for a statewide Extension team.

Ms. Amor-Zitzelberger has been an active NEAFCS and Pennsylvania affiliate member since joining almost 20 years ago. During that time, she attended nine national annual sessions, conducted presentations, received multiple recognitions for her work, and served on various committees to support NEAFCS. She also held several state-level positions, ranging from committee member to VP member of Resources to president. She is committed to the success of the Pennsylvania State Association and would bring that same enthusiasm and commitment as a national board member. She is well-connected with the eastern states and has experience working on collaborative activities with our neighboring states.

Ms. Amor-Zitzelberger is an outstanding educator and active supporter of NEAFCS at the local and state levels. She would be an excellent regional representative for the eastern region.

Sincerely,

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