



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

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

Office Applied for: Eastern Region Director **Date:** March 28, 2024

First Name: Lisa **Middle Name:** M. **Last Name:** Fishman

Job Title: Statewide Coordinator Maine Extension Homemakers/Nutrition Education Professional

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I. Education Background

- BA English Major, Behavioral Science Minor, University of Maine Fort Kent 1987
- MA Women's Studies/Social Work/Human Development, University of Maine 2011

II. State/Territory Affiliate Experience:

Office/Year(s):

- President 2011-current
- Secretary 2004-2010

Committee Chair/Year(s):

- Committee Chair-Paraprofessional Selection Committee (a scholarship for Paraprofessionals to attend NEAFCS) 2006-2009
- Committee Member-Paraprofessional Selection Committee (a scholarship for Paraprofessionals to attend NEAFCS) 2002-2009

Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS/Year(s):

- 2010 Annual Session Planning Committee-Portland, Maine (The Welcome Event was my primary focus, a ferry ride in Casco Bay, but I assisted in logistical aspects of many other moving parts of planning an Annual Session.) 2007-2010

III.NEAFCS Experience

Office/Year(s) N/A

Committee Chair/Year(s):

- Hospitality Committee Co-Chair (Hershey, PA) 2017-2019

Other Assignments Representing NEAFCS/Year(s):

- Planning Committee-(Providence, RI) 2021-2023 (Hershey, PA) 2016-2018
- Awards Application Reviewer 2017
- National Nominating Committee Member 2022

Annual Sessions Attended

- 1998-Rapid City, SD
- 2003-Salt Lake City, UT
- 2005-Philadelphia, PA
- 2006-Denver, CO
- 2010-Portland, ME
- 2011-Albuquerque, NM
- 2016-Big Sky, MO
- 2019-Hershey, PA
- 2020-Virtual Session
- 2021-Virtual Session
- 2022-Raleigh, NC
- 2023-Providence, RI

Submissions for Awards, Webinars and/or Annual Session Proposals (concurrent session, poster, ignite)

Submission did not have to be accepted.

Check all that apply: N/A

Webinar Submission Year(s): _____

Annual Session Proposal Year(s): _____ Proposal Type: _____

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Award Submission

Year(s): _____

IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments

(Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)

Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A)

I have served as both a member, as well as chair, of numerous search committees for classified (hourly) as well as Professional, Faculty and Specialist positions within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension (far too many to list, but the most recent being 2023 and I am currently serving as chair for a position being advertised). All of these search committee positions were by appointment (A).

- Civil Rights Coordinator for Aroostook County 2003-2022 (A)
- Fort Kent Office Coordinator for Aroostook County Cooperative Extension 2006-present (A)
- County Coordinator for Aroostook County Executive Association 2006-2022 (A)
- Advisor to Extension Homemaker groups in several counties: (A)
Aroostook 2001-current
Franklin 2016-current
Hancock 2017-current
Penobscot 2023-current
Somerset 2016-current
Washington 2016-2017
York 2023-current
- Member of Extension Food Safety Call Team 2010-current (A)
- Member of Food Preservation Webinar Team during Covid 19 2020-2022 (A)

V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations

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

- Hope and Justice (aka Battered Women's Project), Board Chair 2015-2017 (E)
- Hope and Justice, Board member 2012-2015 (E)
- School Administrative District (SAD) #27 Adult Education, Board member 2010-2018 (E)
- Aroostook Public Health Advisory Board, Board member 2001-present (E)

VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension (if applicable) N/A

VII. Awards and Honors

- Supervisory Award (Maine, EFNEP/SNAP Supervisor) 2006
- NEAFCS Distinguished Service Award, NEAFCS 2016
- Aroostook County Extension Service Award 2019
- NEAFCS Team Award member, Food Safety 2019

Position Statement

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

After more than two decades of membership in NEAFCS, my involvement in this organization has afforded me the luxury of observing many styles of leadership and to reflect on what kind of leadership worked for me, as a member. At one point, all members need to ask themselves if they are ready to

move from being an observer to doing the work at hand. I believe this is the time for me to give back to the organization, which has given me so much in the past twenty-three years.

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

Without a doubt, one of my first acts as Eastern Regional Director would be to connect with the NE region affiliates. Regular communication keeps members “in the know” about what is going on at the National level, and regular communication keeps people engaged in the activities of our organization. If we are to foster a sense of involvement, and bring forth new leaders, we need to keep people connected, beginning at the local affiliate level. Throughout my term, by increased communication with local affiliates, I will work to encourage involvement in national committees and help foster a higher level of commitment to, and involvement in, national leadership.

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 X 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 X 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.

Lisa Fishman March 28, 2024

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

- ▶ State Director of Extension (required) Dean Hannah Carter
- ▶ State Program Leader or immediate supervisor (one required) Jon Prichard
- ▶ NEAFCS board member or state/territory affiliate president (optional) Theresa Mayhew and Louise Kirkland, Lifetime Members

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 27, 2024

Julie Garden Robinson
Chair of Nominating Committee

Dear Julie,

I was pleased to learn of Lisa Fishman's application to be considered for the role of Northeast Director for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS), and I am happy to offer my full support.

Lisa currently serves as UMaine Extension Homemaker State Coordinator Nutrition Education and Food Safety Professional and she serves in both roles with distinction. I am aware of Lisa's long history of involvement in the NEAFCS, including her activities at state and national levels over the past 13 years. Clearly her leadership and engagement at these levels, combined with her demonstrated passion for Extension, consumer sciences, and community outreach make her highly qualified for the NE Director role. I have no doubt that she would excel in it and that her NE colleagues and NEAFCS would benefit from her leadership.

Please know that UMaine Extension supports Lisa's application and that, if she is selected, we will support her in meeting the expectations of the role (i.e. computer, internet, travel, etc.) to complete the duties of the position. I have no doubt that she would serve in the Director role with commitment, dedication and skill. Our Northeast members would be well served by her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Hannah Carter'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Hannah S. Carter
Dean

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March 22, 2024

Julie Garden Robinson
Chair of NEAFCS Nominating Committee

Dear Julie,

I am writing to express my support for Lisa Fishman's application for consideration for the role of Northeast Director for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS).

As you will see from her application, Lisa has a long history of involvement in the NEAFCS. She has been active in the state offices, including serving as President for the past 13 years. She has served in a variety of capacities with the NEAFCS for seven years and has attended 10 annual sessions over the past 25 years. She certainly has deep experience and has demonstrated commitment to the organization.

In my role as Lisa's supervisor and colleague I can say that Lisa has shown herself to be committed to Extension and family and consumer sciences over her decades with UMaine Extension. Lisa currently serves as UMaine Extension Homemaker State Coordinator Nutrition Education and Food Safety Professional and she serves in both roles with dedication and skill.

If she is selected as Northeast Director for NEAFCS, I have no doubt that she would serve in that role with similar commitment, dedication and skill. Our Northeast members would be well served by her. If she is selected, UMaine Extension will support her in meeting the expectations of the role (i.e. computer, internet, travel, etc.) to complete the duties of the position.

I'm happy to offer my full support for Lisa's application.

Sincerely,

Jon Prichard
Administrator for Planning, Reporting and Communities
University of Maine Cooperative Extension

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**Support Letter for Lisa Fishman
NEAFCS – Eastern Region Director
2024**

It is with pleasure, that I provide this letter of support for Lisa Fishman of the Maine Affiliate for the 2024 Eastern Region Director position.

I have known Lisa as a coworker and friend since 2001, when she first joined NEAFCS.

Her area of work in several communities in Aroostook County (largest county in northern Maine) includes, work with 4-H families, Extension Homemakers, agencies, hospitals, the University of Maine in Fort Kent and the Native American population. Her work territory covers an area of over 6,800 square miles with a population of 67,105 residents (2020 census).

Lisa holds these designations – Maine Extension Homemaker State Coordinator and Nutrition Education and Food Safety Professional.

When Lisa joined the Maine Affiliate as an EFNEP professional in 2001, she soon became the secretary, which she held for at least four years. In January of 2011, she became the President and has continued in that position to date.

In her work with the EFNEP program, she has hired nutrition aides, made home visits, provided training, did yearly evaluations and was a leader at EFNEP state meetings. With Lisa's support, and recommendation, one of her nutrition aides, Charlotte Wilson, received recognition in the paraprofessional category as a regional award winner. Charlotte was able to attend an Annual Session in 2002 in Kansas City, MO to receive that award as a result of Lisa's leadership.

When the 2010 NEAFCS Annual Session was held in Portland, Maine. I served as co-chairperson, and all Eastern Region Affiliates, were very active in the planning and hosting of that session. We had over 750 members in attendance. Lisa's support was outstanding, as she worked in the hospitality area. Within the Welcome Event, she and another coworker, planned the Casco Bay Cruise. That cruise gave riders the opportunity to escape the mainland (Portland) to experience what visitors and residents have known for hundreds of years – the magic of Casco Bay.

When returning from the cruise, she had also secured the entertainment for that evening, a women's percussion group, "Inana, Sisters in Rhythm" whom had been playing together since 1989. The band has traveled throughout the world to study with master drummers. The members have now recorded seven full-length albums.

In addition to the Welcome Event, Lisa spent time communicating with all eastern states requesting donations for the hospitality booth.

As a Life Member since 2009, I still participate in some of the zoom sessions led by Lisa. Her skills with technology issues are an asset to the Maine affiliate. Meeting agendas include input from members prior to meetings, invitations are sent to Maine's 2 life members, appropriate recognition of award winners is highlighted, and updates are provided on "the goings on" at the national level. As Maine's Affiliate President since 2011, Lisa has prepared many reports as needed for the National Board. Such reports include yearly updated membership lists, Living Well Campaign activities, yearly affiliate reports and state impact reports.

In conclusion, Lisa would be a tremendous asset on the National Board with her work ethic, the offering of new ideas, her leadership skills, her technology skills and her past experiences working with several members of the Eastern Region.

Sincerely,

Louise O. Kirkland

Life Member from Maine since 2009

Living in Sun City West, AZ

