



# Candidate Application for National Office

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: March 26, 2021

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

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| Julie                                       | Ann         | Garden-Robinson               |            |
| First Name                                  | Middle Name | Last Name                     |            |
| Professor and Food and Nutrition Specialist |             | North Dakota State University |            |
| Job Title                                   |             | Employer                      |            |
| EML 316/ NDSU Dept 7270, Box 6050           | Fargo       | ND                            | 58108-6050 |
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| Work Phone/Extension                        | Work Fax    | Home Phone                    |            |

## I. Education Background

|     |  |                               |      |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|------|
| BS  | Food and Nutrition/Dietetics (music minor) | North Dakota State University | 1986 |
|     | Major                                      | Institution                   | Year |
| MS  | Food and Nutrition/Food Science            | North Dakota State University | 1989 |
|     | Major                                      | Institution                   | Year |
| PhD | Cereal Science & Food Technology/Biochem.  | North Dakota State University | 1994 |
|     | Major                                      | Institution                   | Year |

## II. NEAFCS Experience

| Office  | Years      |
|---|------------|
| Vice President – Awards and Recognition   | 2019-2021  |
| Vice President – Public Affairs   | 2017- 2019 |
| <b>Committee Chair</b>  | Year       |
| NEAFCS Public Affairs - Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee Chair and past-Chair           | 2015, 2016 |
| <b>Other Assignments representing NEAFCS</b>  | Year       |
| Edited Impact statements, coordinated Living Well activities, wrote newsletter articles | 2017-2019  |
| Served as representative on PILD planning conference                                    | 2018, 2019 |

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| Served as liaison to the Say Yes to FCS campaign  | 2019                   |
| Compiled/edited Impact Statements in Food and Nutrition for national use  | 2015, 2016, 2017       |
| Assisted with planning, reorganizing, rewriting the "Living Well" national promotions on the Policy and Advocacy/Education Subcommittees                          | 2016, 2017             |
| Attended Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) as a representative for Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Programs; attended JCEP representing FCS programs | 2011, 2016, 2018, 2019 |

**Annual Sessions Attended (list years)**

2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2008, 2007, 2006

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

Check all that apply:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Webinar Submission  | Year(s): <u>2021</u>  |                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Session Proposal<br>Showcase of Excellence, Ignite | Year(s): 2003-2021  | Proposal Type: Concurrent sessions, |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Award Submission  | Year(s): 2003-2021 (see Awards Section for winning entries) |                                     |

**III. State/Territory Affiliate Experience**

| <b>Office</b>  | <b>Year</b>            |
|--|------------------------|
| Past President   | 2018-19                |
| President  | 2016-18                |
| President-elect  | 2015-16                |
| Advisor for ND Association of Family and Community Educators (as Pres, of NDEAFCS) | 2016-18                |
| <b>Committee Chair</b>   | <b>Year</b>            |
| Public Affairs   | 2012, 2013, 2014       |
| <b>Committee</b>   | <b>Year</b>            |
| Public Affairs Committee Member  | 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 |

**IV. Non-Association Extension Leadership Assignments**

| (Annual conference committees, search committees, etc.)<br>Assignments: Elected (E) or Appointed (A)                                     | <b>Year</b>            |
|--|------------------------|
| North Central Region Co-leader, Food Safety Group (A)  | 2019, 2020, 2021       |
| North Central Region Healthy Lifestyle Coach (for National 4-H Council) (A)  | 2020, 2021             |
| National Health Extension Initiative/Chronic Disease Prevention/Management Committee (A)   | 2015, 2016, 2017       |
| Journal of Extension Board of Directors (A)  | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 |
| Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior/Food and Nutrition Extension Education Division<br>* Chair-elect, Chair (E), Past-chair (E) | 2011, 2012, 2013       |

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| Epsilon Sigma Phi (Extension Honorary Society) – President-elect, President (E), Past-pres. (E) | 2012, 2013, 2014                         |
| NDSU Extension Service Branding Committee (A)   | 2015-19                                  |
| Extension Administrative Intern (A)   | 2010                                     |
| Extension Public Issues Education Committee Co-chair (A)  | 2011                                     |
| Extension Conflict of Interest Policy Committee (A)   | 2010                                     |
| Extension Program Planning Committee Co-chair (A)   | 1997-present                             |
| <b>V. Membership/Leadership in Other Organizations</b>  |  |
| (Professional, civic, service, religious or agency related organizations)                       |  |
| Organizations, Leadership role  | <b>Years</b>                             |
| North Dakota Nutrition Council  |  |
| * President (E)   | 1999, 2011                               |
| * Past-president  | 2000, 2012                               |
| * President-elect   | 1998, 2010                               |
| * Technology chair (A); Communication committee   | 2001-15; 2016-21                         |
| Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Evidence Analysis; Chair – Food Safety (A)                   | 2011, 2012                               |
| North Dakota Chapter of the March of Dimes Board of Directors (A)                               | 2005-2012                                |
| * Secretary – March of Dimes Board of Directors (E)   | 2009-2012                                |
| * Public Service Committee Chair – March of Dimes (A)   | 2005-09                                  |
| * Communication Committee – March of Dimes (A)  | 2012-15                                  |
| North Dakota Cancer Coalition (A)   | 2011-present                             |
| * Steering Committee (A)  | 2012-present                             |
| <i>University and Department (NDSU) Committees:</i>   |  |
| NDSU Policy 352/Promotion and Tenure Review Committee (A)                                       | 2016-19                                  |
| NDSU Institutional Review Board (A)   | 1999-present                             |
| University Assessment Committee (A)   | 2012-16                                  |
| Standing Committee on Faculty Rights (E)  | 2013-18                                  |
| Faculty Lectureship Selection Committee (A)   | 2011-15                                  |
| University Senate (E )  | 2004-06                                  |
| * University Senate Executive Committee (E )  | 2005-06                                  |
| Group Decision Center Board of Directors (A)  | 2003-05                                  |
| <i>NDSU Department of Health, Nutrition, Exercise Sciences</i>                                  |  |
| Promotion, Tenure and Evaluation Committee (A)  | 2005-present                             |
| * Chair, PTE Committee (E)  | 2006-09                                  |
| Dietetic Preceptor Committee  | 1998-present                             |
| Search Committee Member (Director, FNP coordinator, department head, faculty) (A)               | 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020 |
| Chair - North Dakota Healthy Pregnancy Task Force (A)   | 2004-09                                  |
| Healthy North Dakota – 5 Plus 5 Communities Committee Chair (A)                                 | 2002-08                                  |
| American Heart Association “Go Red Ambassador” (A)  | 2007-2011                                |
| 4-H Leader – Cass County (A)  | 2006-present                             |
| Cass County 4-H Executive Council (E)   | 2009-11, 2013-15, 2018-20                |
| Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior Membership Committee (A)                           | 2008, 2009                               |

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Fargo Culinary Institute Committee (A)

2016 – present

Gardening Co-leader for Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral (A)

2014-present

## VI. Work Experience Other Than Extension

(Full-time Extension specialist since 1997)

Positions

Years

Lecturer – Department of Food and Nutrition, NDSU

1993-96

Music Coordinator – Gethsemane Cathedral

1999-present

Columnist for various publications – Fargo Forum, ND Living, Best Food Facts, AreaVoices, etc.

1997-present

Teacher Internship Program – National Restaurant Association/NDSU Dining Services

1994

Research Assistant, Department of Cereal Science and Food Technology, NDSU

1989-93

Associate Editor – Healthy Weight Journal

1989-99

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant – Department of Food and Nutrition

1987-89

## VII. Awards and Honors

Year shown followed by description of award.

- 2020 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Family Health and Wellness Award - Central Region 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner and National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner for On the Move to Stronger Bodies. (2 awards)
- 2020 Joint Commission of Extension Professionals/ National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Innovations in Programming Award. Central Region 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place National Winner for Healthwise for Guys. (2 awards), Garden-Robinson, J. and Klapperich, C.
- 2020 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Excellence in Multistate Collaboration (Florida, Virginia, North Dakota), 1<sup>st</sup> place in Florida, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Southern Region and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place National Award Winners for North Central Region Food Safety Extension Network. (2 awards), England, J., Lynch, W., Zamojski, K., Garden-Robinson, J., Rafie, C., & Dahl, W.J. (from ND, FL and Va affiliates)
- 2020 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Food Safety Award. 1<sup>st</sup> place in Indiana, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Central Region. (2 awards), Rozhon, A., Garden-Robinson, J., Mills-Gray, S. and team from the North Central Region.
- 2019 Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Professor of Service, NDSU.
- 2019 Association of Public and Land Grant Universities National Engagement Award. Presented in San Diego, CA.
- 2019 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - Central Region 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner - North Central Region Food Safety Team
- 2019 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner - Multistate Collaboration Project – North Central Region Food Safety Team
- 2019 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - Central Region 2<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – Healthwise for Guys
- 2019 Epsilon Sigma Phi Visionary Leadership Award – NDSU Extension
- National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Service Award for 2 years as Vice President for Public Affairs
- 2019 State Master Gardener Volunteer Award (with William Robinson) for contributions to community gardening efforts and outreach to underserved populations.
- 15-year 4-H Volunteer Leader Award – Cass County Extension
- 2019 Partnership for Food Safety Education Fight BAC Award
- 2018 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - Central Region 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner - Press release category (Prairie Fare column)
- 2018 National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner - Press release category (Prairie Fare column)
- 2018 Excellence in Extension Award. Healthwise for Guys program. NDSU Extension.
- 2018 Excellence in Extension Award. Kids Cooking School. NDSU Extension.
- Honorary State FFA Degree. 2018. North Dakota FFA Association.
- Lowstuter, D., Garden-Robinson, J., Wiederholt, K. & McGinnis, E. 2017. First Place - Notable Publication for North Dakota. Windbreak Cookbook Featuring Fruits of Prairie Forests. North Dakota Library Association.

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- 17 in 2017. NDSU Spectrum (College newspaper). Recognition of 17 faculty, students and staff who make a difference.
- 2016. Family Health and Wellness Award First Place North Central Region Winner and Second Place National Winner (with colleagues from Nebraska)
- 2016. Second Place North Central Region Winner in Internet Technology, National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences – Microwave It e-magazine (with colleagues from Nebraska).
- 2016. Communications (Newsletter) First Place North Central Region Winner and Third Place National Winner for Nourishing Boomers and Beyond Newsletter.
- 2016. Extension Program Excellence Award. Food Safety from Field to Fork. North Dakota State University Extension Service.
- 2015. Excellence in Extension Award Recipient – North Central Region (awarded by North Central Region Extension Directors).
- 2015. North Central Region First Place – Health Education, Nourishing Boomers and Beyond, National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, November 2015.
- 2015. Excellence Award – Industry. Northern Pulse Growers Association.
- 2014. 20 Years of Service Award. NDSU Extension Service, October 2014.
- 2014 National Communication Award/Central Region Communication Award. National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, September 2014.
- 2014 Program Excellence Award. Nourishing Boomers and Beyond. NDSU Extension Service, October 2014.
- 2014 Program Excellence Award. North Dakota 4-H Camp Healthy Challenge. NDSU Extension Service, October 2014.
- 2014. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – Communication and Internet Education Technology. Team Award (with Alice Henneman) from the Nebraska Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, November 2014.
- 2013 National Food Safety Education Award/Central Region Food Safety Education Award. National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, September 2013.
- 2013 Program Excellence Award. Teens Serving Food Safely. NDSU Extension Service, October 2013.
- Distinguished Team Award. Be Sun Savvy. Epsilon Sigma Phi, Upsilon Chapter.
- 2012 Program Excellence Award – Large Team Category. “Be Sun Savvy.” NDSU Extension Service.
- 2012 1<sup>st</sup> Place Nutrition Education Award – Central Region. “Spilling the Beans.” National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- 2012 State Meritorious Service Award - Epsilon Sigma Phi. North Dakota State University Extension Service.
- 2011 NDSU Institutional Review Board Certificate of Recognition for Service from 2002-11.
- 2011 Certificate of Appreciation – McNairs Scholars Program for mentorship of undergraduate research student. North Dakota State University.
- 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Place Marketing Package Award Winner - Central Region. “Folic Acid Now.” National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award Winner – Central Region. FoodWi\$e Newsletter. National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- 2010 Program Excellence Award – Small Team Category. “Crunch and Munch Nutrition and Fitness Program.” NDSU Extension Service.
- 2010 Featured Website “Eat Smart. Play Hard. Together” Web site ([www.ndsu.edu/eatsmart](http://www.ndsu.edu/eatsmart)) by the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.
- 2010 Distinguished Service Award – National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- 2010 NDSU Extension Service – Service Award, 15 years.
- 2009 Pyramid Power Award. “Eating for Your Eyes.” North Dakota Dietetic Association.
- 2009 Program Excellence Award – Large Team Category. “Barbecue Boot Camp.” NDSU Extension Service.
- 2009 Quarter Century Club Inductee for 25 years of employment (undergraduate to present with North Dakota State University).
- 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Place Central Region Award Winner and National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award Winner for Marketing Package, “Eat Smart. Play Hard. Together”. National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences September 2009 (presented at the Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL)
- 2009 National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award Winner and Central Region 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner - Written Press Release (“Don’t Fall Prey to the 5-second Rule). National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (presented at the Galaxy Conference, Indianapolis, IN)

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- 2008 “Kids & Nutrition” Web site was a featured website in the “Web site Compass, Winter 2009 edition.” [www.ext.nodak.edu/food/kidsnutrition/](http://www.ext.nodak.edu/food/kidsnutrition/)
- 2008 Exceptional Contributions to Research Award - College of Human Development and Education
- 2007 Program Excellence Award – Large Team Category. “Eat Smart. Play Hard.” NDSU Extension Service.
- 2007 Bronze Award (Multimedia video award). “Eat Smart. Play Hard. Thundar Gets a New Game Plan.” CASE Award.
- 2006 Program Excellence Award. Large Team Category - Walk ND. NDSU Extension Service.
- 2006 Annie E. Casey Foundation - National Family Strengthening Award – “On the Move to Better Health.” (presented to Julie Garden-Robinson, Rita Ussatis and Sue Isbell in Milwaukee, WI, October 2006).
- 2006 North Dakota Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Early Career Award (6-10 years).
- 2006 National 4-H Program of Distinction. “On the Move to Better Health.” National 4-H Council.
- 2006 Exceptional Contribution to Scholarly Activity - College of Human Development and Education 2006.
- 2005 Program Excellence Award – Small Team Category, “The 5 Plus 5 Cyber Challenge.” NDSU Extension Service.
- 2005 NDSU Extension Service – Service Award, 10 years.
- 2004 Best Practices in Folic Acid Education – North Dakota Folic Acid Task Force presented by the National Office of the March of Dimes, White Plains, New York, to Julie Garden-Robinson, North Dakota Task Force Leader.
- 2004 Myron and Muriel Johnsrud Excellence in Extension Award (Early Career Award - less than 10 years of service). NDSU Extension Service.
- 2003 1<sup>st</sup> Place Central Region and National Winner. “Food Safety Education Award.” National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- 2003 Exceptional Contributions to Scholarly Activity - College of Human Development and Education.
- 2003 Researcher of the Year Award. Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences.
- 2003 Communications Award – Written News” (presented April 4, 2003) – North Dakota Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- 2003 Written News Award” – 2nd Place – Central Region. National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- 2003 Food Safety Education Award – 1st Place – Central Region. National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- 2001 Program Excellence Award – Small Team Category – “Teens Serving Food Safely” - NDSU Extension Service.
- 2001 Program Excellence Award – Large Team Category. “The Thermo Campaign” - NDSU Extension Service.
- 2001 Extension Early Career Award – NDSU Epsilon Sigma Phi Honor Society.
- 2000 NDSU Extension Service – Service Award, 5 years.
- 2000 Program Excellence Award – Small Team Category – “The Kids’ Calcium Project.” NDSU Extension Service.
- 2000 Outstanding Team Effort. Food Safety education. College of Human Development and Education.
- 2000 Certificate of Appreciation - National Volunteer Week. NDSU Alumni Association and Admissions Contact Team.
- 1999 NDSU Extension Service Communicator of the Year. NDSU Ag Communication.
- 1997 Program Excellence Award – Small Team Category. “Implementing HACCP in North Dakota Foodservice Establishments.” NDSU Extension Service.
- 1993 Outstanding Educator Award – College of Human Development and Education. Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society.

## **Position Statement**

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

My career in Extension is deeply rooted in service. In my 25-plus years of working within the Extension system, I believe I have gathered a wide range of experiences and perspectives from my efforts at the local, state, national and international levels on Extension and non-Extension activities. I have served as the NEAFCS Vice President for Awards and Recognition for the past two years. Prior to that, I served as the Vice President for Public Affairs. I have supported the work of individuals and teams from around the U.S.

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My last two years as the Vice President of Awards and Recognition provided a new challenge: ushering our association's awards program through a virtual awards process and helping host a ceremony that reached close to 900 people via Zoom. I have learned a great deal and worked closely with people from around the United States to provide training, support and recognition for our profession.

With four years of NEAFCS board leadership under my belt, previous years of committee involvement and numerous conference presentations, I believe I have knowledge of many of the operations of NEAFCS. I have worked closely with the executive management team during the past four years. We have made some several modifications that have increased the efficiency of my elected roles. In 2016, I participated in both the National Extension Leadership Development (NELD) program and the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) program several times, including two years on the planning team. I believe I have gathered valuable experience that would help guide me if I were elected in this role.

I would look forward to continued work with the board to think of innovative ways to accomplish our responsibilities and strengthen the Extension FCS profession as a whole. I bring energy, a work ethic and dedication to the roles that I fulfill, and I challenge myself to be innovative in my approach, whether that means greater use of technology or other means to excite our membership. I enjoy tracking trends, doing research and communicating sound messages as a member of diverse teams.


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

During my four years on the board, we have accomplished goals in new and innovative ways, including a quick pivot as a result of the pandemic. I would want to build upon the success and innovation. My motivation is always to make good things better.

We are often asked to address if Extension is "relevant" in today's society. Of course, I believe Extension remains relevant, but I believe we need to think about how the pandemic has affected Extension as a whole and how best to continue to do our mission-driven work in innovative ways with a unified voice and enhanced communication. That will require a close look at the NEAFCS strategic plan and examination of the input that our affiliate members have provided. I would like us to expand our partnerships with agencies and expand the recognition of the value of Extension in general, and Family and Consumer Sciences, in particular. I would see a need to develop an ongoing social media plan to encourage the sharing of resources throughout the U.S.

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

  
Signature of Applicant

3-26-2021  
Date

# NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

March 17, 2021

**To:** National Board Office Selection Committee

**From:** Yeong Rhee, Ph.D. Professor/Head, Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences

**Re:** NEAFCS National Board Office, President Elect position, Application



I am pleased to support the application of Dr. Julie Garden-Robinson, Professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, for the NEAFCS President Elect position. Julie began her professional career as a lecturer at North Dakota State University (NDSU) in 1993 and quickly became passionate about providing service in all aspects of her career and personal life. In 1997, she became an Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist, and progressed through the ranks to become a full professor in 2012. Julie embraces NDSU's Land Grant mission as she leads statewide and regional programs related to nutrition, food safety and health. During her 25-year professional career, Julie has received numerous awards for research, teaching and service at the international, national, regional, state and local levels. Her programs have reached audiences of all ages, races and economic levels.

Much of the service and outreach performed by Julie includes the promotion of economic growth and prosperity, education and community engagement. For example, she has used her extensive academic background to collaborate with nearly every agricultural group to promote the food we grow in our state and with numerous food entrepreneurs starting food businesses.

Julie's approach to service includes organizational excellence and bold and visionary leadership. Julie has served as the NEAFCS Vice President for Awards and Recognition for the past two years. Prior to that, she served as the Vice President for Public Affairs, where she was considered the organization's "chief communication officer." In this role, she edited national impact statements, which were shared with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state and national decision makers in determining public policy. Additionally, she participated in both the National Extension Leadership Development program and the Public Issues Leadership Development program several times in the past.

Julie's creative and innovative approaches to various work, including Extension curriculum and program development, outreach, and research, dedicated service and visionary leadership will help with NEAFCS strategic plan development, continuation of the excellence, and advancement of NEAFCS to the next level. Julie is a highly qualified candidate for the President Elect position, and I fully support Julie's application for the President Elect office.



# NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

March 24, 2021

Nominating Committee  
National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dear Committee Members,

Please accept this letter as our wholehearted support of Julie Garden-Robinson, for the position of President-elect of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences board. We have known Julie for many years in her role as a food and nutrition specialist for NDSU Extension. Since her start with NDSU Extension in 1997, she has provided exceptional service by developing multiple educational programs, training staff and clientele statewide and beyond, and providing the answers to people's questions in nutrition, food safety and health.

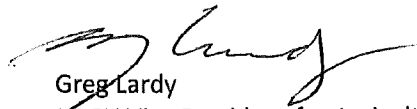
Julie has been a strong leader for NEAFCS, serving as the Vice President for Awards and Recognition and Vice President for Public Affairs. She has also been chair and subcommittee chair of the Policy and Advocacy group, served as a representative for the organization on the PILD planning committee, edited impact statements, coordinated Living Well activities and written multiple newsletter articles for the organization. Julie has attended 13 annual NAEFCS meetings and is very committed to her profession and this professional organization.

Besides her work with NEAFCS, Julie is committed to leadership and service with many other organizations supporting her profession. She has been involved in the North Dakota Nutrition Council, where she has served as president for two terms. Julie has been a Dairy Ambassador for the National Dairy Council, served as an American Heart Association *Go Red Ambassador*, and was a member of the state board of the North Dakota Chapter of the March of Dimes from 2001 to 2013. She was awarded an Honorary State FFA Degree in 2018 for her coordination efforts for their food science contest since the year 2000. Julie has been the chair of the Food and Nutrition Extension Educators Division of the Society for Nutrition Education, and co-chair of the North Central Regional Food Safety committee. In addition, she has served on the Journal of Extension Board of Directors, further supporting her commitment to the research and work of Extension overall.

Julie is a dedicated professional who desires to see her profession move forward in a positive manner through multiple efforts. She volunteers for a variety of service functions both at NDSU and in her community. Her work experience across these venues will be a valuable asset to NEAFCS. Her application details numerous individual and team awards and highlights a commitment to excellence that will serve your organization very well.

In conclusion, we fully support Julie Garden-Robinson's application for President-elect for the NEAFCS. She gets things done and we know would be an outstanding leader for you and continue to advance the mission and the vision of the organization with passion and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,



Greg Lardy  
NDSU Vice President for Agricultural Affairs



Lynette Flage  
NDSU Extension Associate Director

