

2026 ACTION PLAN

Committee: Member Resources – Membership & Life Members

VP for Member Resources – Troy Anderson

Committee Chair: Kelly Bland KY

Committee Chair-elect: Lynn Matava

Committee Apprentice: TBD

Committee Past Chair: Johanna Hahn (jhahn@vt.edu)

Strategic Plan Goal: Provide new and life members with an opportunity to network and share.

Committee Goal: Provide an opportunity to get to know others and learn about NEAFCS.

Objectives: Help new members adjust to positions with other FCS professionals. Help connect life members with each other, and new members. Encourage life members to remain “active” in the association for personal and professional benefits.

	What? (action steps)	Responsible for (specific name)	When? (specific date)
1.	Determine committee leadership for 2025-26	Kelly	September 2025
2.	Review members to volunteer for sub-committees	Kelly	Meeting via Zoom September 2026
3.	2025 First Timer Event @Annual Session Grand Rapids MI	Committee members	October 2026
4.	2025 Life Member Event @Annual Session	Committee members	October 2026
5.	2025 Winter, Spring, and Summer. Life Member Zoom Get-Togethers – Agenda items to include: updates from the Board, vol. opportunities, sharing, and topics of members choice.	Kelly & Committee members	January, April, July 2026
6.	Items for First Timer Event? *continue door prizes, first timers “gift”? Determine the budget; due May 1, 2025. Market first timers	Committee members	Quarterly meetings

	event, importance, affiliates encourage first timer attendance.		
7.	Table decorations for First Timer and Life Member sessions at Annual Session	Committee members	Quarterly meetings
8.	Quarterly committee meetings	Kelly & Committee members	October 2025, January, April, and July 2026
9.	2026 Summer Committee meeting before Annual Session	Kelly & Committee members	September 2026
10.	Tenure/Promotion and Non-NEAFCS Journal Publications Reviewers (for promotion and tenure, as well as publication reviews).	Troy Anderson, and subcommittee	As needed
11.	Prepare four articles for NEAFCS newsletter. Topics can include marketing membership for employed and retired (former members); recruiting members to join comm., etc.	Jackie Ogden and committee	Quarterly at direction of VP, Member Resources
12.	Increase life member participation year-round. Including sending each affiliate VP for member resources and affiliate presidents a current list of their life members.	Chair and committee	January 2026
13.	Offer a Life Member Book Club	Lynn & Committee Volunteers	Ongoing
14.	Assist with NEAFCS Town Hall in August to encourage first time attendees to attend the First Timers event on Monday	Kelly and committee	August 2026

Final 4/29/2025