

## NEAFCS STANDING RULES

1. The voting delegates shall adopt the budgets for the forthcoming year at the Annual Business Meeting.
2. State/territory affiliates may collect and pay one hundred dollars (\$100.00) dues to the NEAFCS Treasurer for each Active Member. Designated Associate Members pay one hundred dollars (\$100.00) dues directly to NEAFCS Treasurer. Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the annual membership fee shall be a contribution to the Educational Awards Fund. Dues are non-transferable and non-refundable. The membership year is from January 1 to December 31 inclusive.
3. Fees and applications for life members shall be sent to the National Office through the State Treasurer, at the same time as dues for active members. The signature of the State President shall verify that the applicant had been a member of the Association for at least 5 years.
4. If an Active Member ends employment, is granted life membership and re-enters the Extension Service, that member shall be required to resume Active membership status and pay annual dues. However, the member shall not be reassessed the Life membership fee after leaving service.
5. Members whose dues are not paid by December 31 shall be dropped. Membership dues must be postmarked by December 31 to the National Office to qualify for awards and officer candidates.
6. Individuals may receive only one national award or fellowship in one year. This does not include the Distinguished Service Award, Team Awards or Continued Excellence Award.
7. Award recipients must be Active, Associate and/or Life Members as of December 31 the year prior to when they are to receive the award. Only exception is for the paraprofessional award and for non-members on team award applications. Only association members with the exception of the paraprofessional award may receive monetary awards. All others will receive certificates.
8. An individual alone or as a member of a team cannot receive the same award or fellowship two consecutive years.
9. The state/territory affiliate hosting an Annual Session will recommend an NEAFCS member from the state to serve as affiliate liaison. The Association's Executive Board must grant approval.