

## **Become a Proposal Reviewer!**

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Become a reviewer?! But I've never even been a presenter!

Exactly . . . you can become a reviewer even if you have not been a presenter for NEAFCS. The Professional Development committee will provide you with all you need to know. There is a scoring rubric and even a brief training video and instructions.



When you review other proposals, you are not only providing service to your national organization, you also are learning what makes a good proposal. Just by reading through others' submitted proposals, you gain a better understanding of what it takes to write a successful proposal. This could increase your chance of getting your next proposal accepted.

We would like to have 2 reviewers from every state, to have enough reviewers to assign five to each proposal, and make sure reviewers look at proposals that are not from their own state. This ensures a blind peer review, which holds our process to the highest professional standard. You can also provide feedback on the proposals, to help the submitter learn how to improve their next submission.

How long does it take? Usually about 10-15 minutes per proposal and it's all done online, usually the first 2 weeks of March. Please consider contributing to your national organization in this way!