



Meet the Board

Susan Routh (OK), President-Elect

One of Winston Churchill's famous quotes is "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity while the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." As I presented my candidate's response at the past Annual Session, I included the word "opportunity" in that response several times. I chose that word for my "Word of the Year" because I wanted to create a positive attitude during a year which focuses on the negativity and difficulty of the pandemic. As 2020 continues, it may be difficult to see opportunities. I know that this past week while sitting in my house in Oklahoma without electricity because our state had experienced a major ice storm in October which is highly unusual, I was having difficulty finding or seeing opportunity. It was there; I just had to "see" it.

My vision for NEAFCS is to engage members in the opportunities that NEAFCS provides. I have served as the Oklahoma affiliate President, NEAFCS Southern Region Director, and the NEAFCS Vice President for Awards and Recognition. All these offices have created opportunities to initiate new projects, engage with fellow members, and serve on teams to develop new member benefits. If you are a member who wants to determine a path to become more involved in NEAFCS, I would like the opportunity to visit with you about the possibilities.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as the NEAFCS President-Elect.