

## **Western Region Update**

*Rick Griffiths (NM), Western Region Director*

I would like to congratulate AnaMaria Diaz Martinez of Washington State on her appointment to a second term on the Finance Committee. As well as Diane Christensen of New Mexico on her appointment to the bylaws committee for her first term.

The Western region also had one state successfully submit a proposal to host the 2024 Annual Session. The proposal has been approved by the NEAFCS board and planning will begin shortly.

We've had a number of individuals sign up to be National Awards Judges. However, we still need more Judges from the West, so please consider submitting an application.

Additionally, we need individuals to volunteer to be mentors for the Association's new Leadership Experience program. This is a great way to help build our next generation of Extension leaders. I encourage everyone to learn more about the program and consider applying.

