Meet the Board Rick Griffiths (NM), Western Region Director

Greetings All,

As my term as Western Regional Director is coming to a close, I want to thank everyone in the Association for their support as I have navigated this role. At the time I'm writing this the JCEP ELC conference will be held next week. This will be the first time in two years we have met inperson as an Association. For me, it will be the first time attending any in-person event as a Board Member and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in-person. At the meeting, we will be discussing the



challenges we face as an association and profession moving forward. We have learned over the past two years to be resilient in facing challenges and creative in finding solutions. That will help guide us forward to address the problems of tomorrow.

At the same I am reflecting on my own challenges as I look to the future. I must admit I find myself a bit of a workaholic. I think that is a trait shared by most of us, mainly because we were so passionate about the work we do. As I look to 2022 there are a few things I'm looking forward to. First, I am greatly looking forward to Spring coming and temperatures warming up! Second, I have set a goal to identify one FCS principal per month that I personally come up short in and focus on improvement. I am also looking forward to being able to travel again to see new and old friends and family. Lastly, I'm looking forward to adding some balance to life, as well as adding new hobbies and adventures that will hopefully make my next Meet the Board entry more interesting.

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