

## Meet the Board

*Pat Brinkman (OH), NEAFCS Vice President of Professional Development*

Greetings from Ohio. I hope 2022 will be a good year for you, and we will see each other in-person at Raleigh, North Carolina in September for our Annual Session. This is my second year as Vice President for Professional Development, and I have enjoyed serving you and working together with colleagues throughout the U.S. to make NEAFCS the best. Although the Board never met in-person last year, I feel we developed a respect and friendship for each other and accomplished many things.



I retired from Ohio State University Extension at the end of July last year. I loved my job and Fayette County (a rural county) where I served for 20 years. I applied for Emeritus status and was granted Associate Professor Emeritus with Ohio State University Extension by the OSU Board of Trustees. I am still working on a sun safety and wellness project for farmers with some colleagues. My specializations were health, wellness, and food safety. Thus, eating healthy and being physically active are part of my daily routine.

I moved from Fayette County as none of my family lived near, so I now live in Columbus, Ohio. I have two married children with four (soon to be five) grandchildren 10, 6, 3 ½, and 1 years old nearby. The two oldest are girls, and I am helping both to learn to sew. Together after school, we make healthy snacks to enjoy.

See you in September in Raleigh, North Carolina!