

Meet the Board

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Hello NEAFCS Family! This is my next to last newsletter to put together with the amazing technical assistance of Will Ferguson. *Really, he does most of the work!* I can honestly say, even with COVID and virtual Annual Sessions, this has been an amazing experience and I would do it again.

Let me share with you how I became a NEAFCS Board member. Someone asked me to run for office. And I said yes! Maybe a little hesitantly, but I still said yes. Of course, there was the complete application process and election. But it all started with saying yes.

Before that over the years, I had grown my leadership and visibility in many other ways by saying yes:

- To being an officer for my state association and other groups in a variety of positions
- To serving on various NEAFCS committees as both member and chair
- To volunteering at Annual Session

Time is a precious commodity, so there have been times when I have had to say, “Thank you for thinking of me, but now is not a good time. Perhaps in another year or two” and that’s okay.

Personally, I am looking forward to gaining a little bit more free time in my schedule after my term is up . . . and there are already programs waiting to fill those hours! Hopefully I can also become more active on some committees next year.

Can’t wait to meet so many of you at Annual Session!

