

Under One Sky

Rick Griffiths (NM), NEAFCS President

It's hard to believe that it's been a year since we were last together in Providence, Rhode Island, exploring the "Oceans of Opportunity" NEAFCS has to offer. Serving as your President for the past year has been an honor and a privilege. I thank you for placing your trust in me to guide our Association forward. **As I reflect on my time as President, I believe now more than ever in the commitment of NEAFCS being a member-driven organization; without the work of our numerous committees, state affiliate leaders, and you being involved at all levels of our organization NEAFCS would not be the successful organization it is today, I thank each of you for your dedication and commitment to our Association.**



I greatly appreciate the dedicated members of our National Executive Board for all the time, thought and effort that they put into carrying out their duties throughout the year. I would also like to thank all the members of our National Committees and State Affiliates for their work moving forward the mission of NEAFCS. You truly are the heart and soul of our organization. As we come together "Under One Sky" I would like to recognize the dedicated work of the Arizona Affiliate led by the 2024 Annual Session Liaisons Debbie Curley and Rosie Stewart for planning and hosting this year's Annual Session. Through their combined work they have created an incredible Annual Session for us all to enjoy.



Last month we hosted the NEAFCS summer town hall, overviewing critical information on this year's Annual Session, **if you were not able to attend the meeting and have not already viewed the recording, I highly encourage you to do so before attending the 2024 annual session in Tucson AZ.** You can find a link to the recording on the 2024 annual session website, or by following this link <https://vimeo.com/986656502/e97e2cff05>.

I also like to encourage you to view the videos of the 2024 candidates for National Office <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/2024-board-candidates>. There are several contested races this year, I encourage you to watch the videos from the candidates and to review their candidate biographies. Then, communicate your choice to your state's voting delegates so they may cast their ballots for the appropriate National Officers. I hope to see you in Tucson,

-Rick