

Under One Sky

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Annual Session is fast approaching, and I look forward to our Association coming together Under One Sky in Tucson AZ, this September.

Registration is currently open, additionally, information on the conference schedule, hotel information and roommate matching are available at: <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/2024-annual-session>.



As you are planning your trip to Annual Session, **I invite you to join the NEAFCS Annual Session Town Hall, July 18th at 12 PM Eastern Time**, registration is not required, and you should have received an e-mail invitation containing the zoom link and password previously to join the meeting. The town hall will cover important details and changes to this year's Annual Session. This year, we will have a modified schedule to accommodate the warm weather we're expecting in Tucson, AZ. So please check the Annual Session schedule as you're planning your week.

The Arizona affiliate has planned a memorable Annual Session that will begin with a Welcome Event under the Arizona stars, that will immerse you into southwestern culture. Additionally, the in-depth sessions will provide you with an opportunity to explore the unique culture and diversity of Arizona in many different ways.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Arizona affiliate for the outstanding work that they have done planning what will surely be a memorable and adventurous Annual Session.



Another important change that will be occurring at this year's Annual Session is that candidates for Regional and National offices **will not be** giving live speeches. At the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, each candidate has been provided with their speech question and recorded their nominating speech for you to view before Annual Session. **I encourage all members to view the National Officer Candidate speeches at: <https://neafcs.memberclicks.net/2024-board-candidates> and provide feedback to your voting delegates on your recommendations for who they should vote for in the regional and national office elections.** It is the responsibility of the voting delegates to represent their states collective choice in the voting process.

Again, I look forward to seeing all of you as we gather in Arizona to learn, connect and celebrate our accomplishments. I would also like to thank all the Committees across the Association that are currently working on making an incredible Annual Session for 2024.

-Rick