

The 2024 President Charity

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June has come already; I have been reflecting on some of the major events of this year and I'd like to share some updates about them.

Last month the Executive Board held its yearly in-person meeting. This year's meeting was focused on developing a new strategic plan to guide us into the future. The Board was informed by the feedback generated from:

- ✓ The strategic plan leadership survey
- ✓ Members over the past several years at Annual Sessions
- ✓ the Extension Leadership Conference
- ✓ Multiple NEAFCS surveys



The Board worked together to update the Association's Mission, Vision, and Values and develop strategic priorities for the coming years. While the plan is still being finalized, **some of the key concepts include enhancing professional development opportunities, strengthening leadership training, and fostering connectedness and belonging.**

Speaking of the belonging, **we are celebrating our 90th anniversary**, if you have not had the opportunity I highly encourage you to visit the 90th anniversary website, neafcs.memberclicks.net/90th-anniversary. There, you will find out more about the activities the 90th Anniversary Committee has planned, including the Creed Contest, challenging each Affiliate to create a video highlighting the NEAFCS Creed and the top five videos being played at the Annual Session. As well as the 90th Anniversary Challenge that can be completed as an individual or as a group in recognition of our 90th Anniversary.

Annual Session is right around the corner, and I hope you will be able to join us "Under One Sky" in Tucson AZ this September. The Arizona Affiliate has been planning an outstanding meeting. The Welcome Event will take place under the Arizona night sky, with performers representing the native and southwest culture that make it one-of-a-kind. On in-depth sessions you'll have the opportunity to discover the Biosphere 2, learn about the history and culture of Tucson, or explore the science of kindness! The 2024 Annual Session is sure to be a memorable event, registration is open and you can get more information out at neafcs.memberclicks.net/2024-annual-session.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to read the newsletter this year, as well as those who have participated in the newsletter contest. The winner for this year's contest is Jennifer Seabrook-Scott of Delaware and as a prize she has received a complementary Annual Session registration. Have a Great Summer

-Rick



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