

Nomination for NEAFCS Hall of Fame: Mary Kathryn (Kathy) Dothage

Since joining in 1969, Kathy has earned widespread recognition for her outstanding service. Kathy served on the National Board continuously from 2002-2009. She was elected to the maximum two NEAFCS Executive Board positions (Secretary, and VP of Professional Development) prior to serving in the Presidential succession. Prior to running for the board, she served as an affiliate liaison for the 2002 Annual Session Planning Committee. Kathy has also represented the Central Region on the NEAFCS Nominating Committee. More recently she has served as an Annual Session Ambassador in 2022 and offered her mentoring services by applying to the NEAFCS Leadership Experience.

At the local level Kathy diligently served her affiliate throughout her career. She served as the Affiliate President in 1997 and was a voting delegate for the Annual Session board meeting in 1998. She has served countless committees including the Bylaw and awards committees as recently as 2025. She frequently serves as an unofficial Historian for the affiliate, providing the membership with precedence to inform decisions for the future.

Kathy has attended over forty annual sessions throughout her 55 years of membership. Her most recent concurrent session was presented in 2022. Kathy's impressive list of accolades includes the Distinguished Service Award, the Continued Excellence Award and culminating with the 2024 Extension Educator of the Year Award.

Kathy's active engagement and leadership within NEAFCS exemplifies her dedication to excellence. She has mentored countless members who are today and tomorrow's leaders of NEAFCS.