



President's Message

Roxie Price (GA), President

First of all, thank you for all you do to continue to make NEAFCS and the FCS profession shine. I want to draw attention to a special article this month, written by Traci Armstrong, Diversity Committee Chair. I believe you will truly enjoy her passion and concern as she calls us to do what we all do best: love one another.

As we all now know, our 2020 Annual Conference will be virtual. This is exciting as we will share this new experience together.

I want to take a moment to truly thank Utah State University, the tri-liaisons, Teresa, Kathy and Shelia, the committee chairs and members who have worked for two years to make sure our members would have an awesome face-to-face experience in Utah. The excitement of the adventure and challenge of this task, was one they accepted with passion and pride. Their dedication and perseverance have been remarkable throughout this journey.

Due to COVID-19, a decision had to be made. I can only imagine the tear of heart strings during that conversation. I truly hope none of us will ever have to wrestle with a decision like they did, knowing it would affect the entire membership, one way or another. It is my goal to honor their hard work and resiliency in this time of chaos. Utah State University, with all my heart, thank you.

Another huge thank you goes to Jayne McBurney, NEAFCS VP for Professional Development, and the committees who have been diligently planning. Along with Partners, our management company, who have helped us make hard decisions after weighing out all the options.

More information about the 2020 NEAFCS Virtual Annual Session will be released soon. Please keep an eye on your inbox and our [website](#) for future announcements and the opening of registration. Due to the quality of the professional development, the low cost, and convenience, I hope this conference will have a record number of attendees.

NEAFCS members, you continue to be educational first responders and the light that shines in the darkness. Your research-based educational programs are exactly what our world needs at this very moment. Continue to circulate this information in all the creative ways you have learned. Don't forget to continue to report your successes on the county, state, regional, and national levels. Remember to tag and invite decision makers and stakeholders when you use social media.

Check out the new [NEAFCS YouTube channel](#). I challenge members to post videos, two (2) minutes or less, on technology tips and tricks you have learned on your journey over these last few months. Let's use our collective knowledge to support one another

so we can work smarter and not harder. A token of appreciation will be mailed to the person whose video is chosen as the most helpful, between now and the end of July.

Thank you again for all you do for others. Don't forget self-care. I welcome emails and phone calls with questions, concerns, or advice.

Sincerely,

Roxie Price
NEAFCS President

The first 5 people to [email me](#) with the location of the icon, and a tip on how to enhance this newsletter, will be entered into a drawing for a free registration to the 2020 NEAFCS annual conference in September.