

HISTORICAL REPORT

By President

This report is due to the NEAFCS Historian after the annual session.

REPORT OUTLINE

Year (use the date of the annual session) 2021

President's Name Dianne Gertson (Dianne Gertson Drennan

Goals for the Year

List of Board Meetings (include winter, mid-year, pre-board, post-board and teleconferences)

Date	Location
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Monthly Meetings via Zoom

Mid Year – February 23, 24, 25 via Zoom

Summer – August 23, 24 via Zoom

List of Leadership Workshops

Date	Location
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Annual Session Information

Date November 2-5, 2021

Location Virtual

Name of Hotel

Theme Greater Depths, Greater Impact

Objectives

Number of attendees (any special guests?)

Major Accomplishments (narrative to be used in written history))

The 2020-2021 NEAFCS Board was installed virtually during the 2020 Virtual Annual Session. The year was kicked into high gear with a virtual board training. Terri Mayhew and Debby Mathews, Past Presidents were invited to present as was Bennet Napier from Partners in Association Management. Terri spoke as to why we are with Partners and Debby talked about the roles of board members. Bennett did a great job speaking on Lead vs. Manage.

The Board held monthly meetings via Zoom. Secretary Kate Schumaker had roll call questions each month that helped us get to know each other. We also celebrated birthdays (when we remembered) virtually. Our singing left something to be desired. Om December, we had a virtual Christmas Party. In July, a virtual Ice Cream Social (BYOIC) and board awards. In November, during Pre Board, we celebrated Danielle's birthday virtually complete with gifts. We were quite extravagant! Each board member was asked to pick a word (word of the year) to guide them. Each month, words were shared. Words included unity, potential, opportunity, adaptability, resilient, delegate, wisdom, pause, listen, joy, friendship, play, optimistic and service. **Beyond Sanitation: Understanding the Hidden System Conditions That Allow Pathogens to Persist**

Some accomplishments from Board and Committees – NEAFCS Leadership Experience, Connecting with Colleagues and the Endowment Grant Process.

The Board had a difficult decision to make in September. With Annual Session 2 months away and COVID numbers trending upward, the Board voted to hold the 2021 Annual Session virtually. The Board closed the year just as it had begun, meeting via Zoom.

More than 600 Award applications were received with 101 judges. More than \$10,000 was donated to the Endowment. For 2021, the President's Charity was our own NEAFCS Endowment

List of Any First Time Events, Activities, Happenings, etc.

The NEAFCS Leadership Ladder was developed. The Board had Board Buddies – pairing new board members with seasoned board members.

NEAFCS partnered with American Heart Association for grants to members with 27 applications received.

Also please send a photo of yourself and your board. Names, position and home states of board members.

President	Dianne Gertson	Texas
President-Elect	Susan Routh	Oklahoma
VP Member Resources	Michelle Wright	Texas
VP Awards	Julie Garden Robinson	North Dakota
VP Public Affairs	Mary Liz Wright	Illinois
VP Professional Development	Pat Brinkman	Ohio
Secretary	Kate Shumaker	Ohio
Treasurer	Barb Wollan	Iowa
Southern Region Director	Lorrie Coop	Texas
Central Region Director	Vanessa Hoines	North Dakota
Western Region Director	Rick Griffiths	New Mexico
Eastern Region Director	Lisa McCoy	Maryland
Past President	Roxie Price	Georgia

How many members were in the association this year? (Include active and life members)

Dues \$100

Friend of Extension Winner? Why were they selected?

Friend of Extension was Mark Mayhew, husband of Past President Terri Mayhew. Mark was selected for his commitment to NEAFCS.

Other people receiving special recognition this year.

The NEAFCS Hall of Fame recognized Donna Donald, Judy Hetterman and Carol Schlitt.

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