

SNAPSHOT of THE ZONES OF

Based on information provided by zones
February 2023 and updates post WSC



North East Zonal Forum

11 seated regions
0 unseated regions
2,933 meetings

member regions include

ABCD

Connecticut

Eastern New York

Greater New York

Mid-Atlantic

New England

New Jersey

Northern New England

Northern New Jersey

Northern New York

Western New York

Zonal Meetings

Virtual

twice a year
(average length 1.5 hours)

Hybrid

twice a year
(3 days long)

Consensus-Based
Decision Making

Trusted servants
2-year terms

Established
1992



INFORMATION

Focus

Meetings of the North East Zonal Forum focus on reports by its subcommittees and workgroups, proposals submitted by its regions and subcommittees, discussion topics raised during the open forum, and submissions to the agenda.

The NEZF also conducts annual strategic planning. Their Steering Committee prepares a survey that is sent out to member regions to provide input. This committee also monitors the process and selects facilitators. A full day is spent identifying and prioritizing issues, and the goals and approaches needed to solve them. Open participation of members is welcomed. Project plans are developed and sent to the regions for approval. A point persons is assigned and the progress of active plans are reviewed and given direction as needed.

Services

The services of the NEZF are:

- Public Relations Subcommittee (pr@nezf.org)
- Fellowship Development Subcommittee (fd@nezf.org)
- Website (with US meeting info)

The FD Subcommittee provides services to regions within the zone and, by request, outside the zone. NEZF FD provided mentorship, support, and facilitated connection in a variety of forums. This included workshops at various events, support to areas and regions with planning and in the creation and implementation of service bodies. Through one of the FD workgroups, there is an ongoing Video Workgroup creating training with involvement from members of the Fellowship from multiple zones. They supported a local area to create a website and developed virtual service materials for RDs, RCMs, and GSRs.

The PR Subcommittee hosts a monthly virtual meeting where 15 PR chairs regularly attend. They support regional PR committees directly by providing planning templates for professional roundtables and events, PowerPoints, and sample letters. The PR Subcommittee may also attend regional meetings (by invitation) and assist in coordinating workshops. They supported four professional roundtable/panel events, conducted several international PR workshops, and organized a virtual conference for correction professionals.

At the start of the pandemic, NEZF held several virtual FD workshops that provided training for a range of service positions. The PR Subcommittee held virtual workshops to support meetings on reopening protocols.

NEZF has looked at the gap between H&I services and considered a zonal position to address this.

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Chair

Vice-chair

Secretary

Treasurer

FD Chair

COLLABORATION

The NEZF member regions collaborate on projects through the strategic planning process and the FD and PR subcommittees.

Three regions in the zone conducted a North Eastern States Service Symposium (NESSNA) which became a Zonal workgroup.

NEZF PR coordinated with the Southeastern Zonal Forum PR Task Force for PR Week events in 2020 and 2021. NEZF PR has also participated in PR events with the European Delegates Meeting and Multi-Zonal Forums.

FINANCIAL

The NEZF treasurer prepares an annual budget that is approved at the October hybrid meeting. The member regions agreed to fund equally the cost of technical expenses (Zoom account and website hosting/domain registration). Member regions donate at their discretion. Zonal t-shirt and merchandise sales has been considered to help with funding.

The zonal trusted servants may submit for reimbursement of expenses related to food, travel, and lodging for in-person NEZF meetings within the geographic boundaries of the zone.