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President Update

Felicia Smith, CDM CFPP MHA

Douglas, Wyoming / Director of Hospitality MHCC

Greeting Wyoming ANFP Family,

I am very excited about our upcoming spring conference. We have partnered with our Colorado neighbors and have the privilege of working with Shamrock Foods. Shamrock Foods has generously offered us a meeting space, vendor show and a tour of their amazing new warehouse. If you work with Shamrock Foods, please thank them for their generosity.

I also have had the privilege to attend some amazing trainings and shows this winter. I first attended the ASAE CEO Symposium in San Diego. This was a great opportunity to learn how to work as a stronger board and the importance of collaboration as well as having different perspectives in order to help make decisions for the best interest of the majority.

I then was able to attend the NAFEM (North America Food & Equipment Manufacturers) show in Atlanta. This was almost overwhelming as there was so much to see. The new “toys” and technology that is available were amazing. It made me wish that I had the opportunity to remodel or start a new kitchen. If you get the chance to attend I highly recommend it. The next show will be in 2027 in Orlando.

Respectfully,

Felicia Smith, CDM CFPP MHA

President- Elect Update

Annie Dulmus, CDM CFPP

Douglas, Wyoming

Happy Spring!

It certainly felt like spring anyway when I attended the NAFEM show in Atlanta, Georgia in February. It was my first time attending this show, huge is an understatement. There were so many companies that had booths at this event to showcase their new products and technology. It was amazing to see all the new equipment that is being designed for foodservice. Currently our facility is looking into doing some updates on our equipment and tools, so it was super useful to be able to see a lot of these new types of technology in action. It also sparked new ideas of what could be used in our kitchen that would make service better.

If you are looking into new ideas for your facility, this show is a great place to go and talk to professionals in the field of efficient foodservice products. The next NAFEM show will be February 11-13, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. If you are looking for new ideas or equipment before then you can go to the NAFEM website, <https://www.nafem.org/membership/product-directory/>. The website has an easy directory that allows you to search for any kind of equipment, you may need.

Treasurer Update

Robin Hilbird-Bardgett, CDM CFPP

Douglas, Wyoming / Hospitality Supervisor

Springtime is near, . . .

Felicia and I were able to attend the Day at the Capitol on February. The Capitol Building is so beautiful and I am in awe every time we see it. We listened to the House and the Senate discussing Bills for further review and attended a committee session, as well. We are planning to go for a couple of days next year and we will visit as many of the Cheyenne facilities as we can. We will be able to reach and make sure they have the support they need. If you can set aside some time to attend with us, that would be fantastic!!



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Our 2025 WY ANFP Spring Conference is coming up soon, April 24th & 25th! We will be in Commerce City, Colorado, at the Shamrock Facility. They have offered their facility for our conference. As you may have noticed, we have been trying to team up with another state nearby to help both of our ANFP Chapters. We are able to help their members, as well as our own, maintain their CEU's. Also, we are hoping to gain more attendance. I look forward to seeing those of you that can take time away to join us. It will be nice to catch up with all of you. I would also like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Easter!!

If you have comments, ideas, future conference sites, or any information that would help us serve you better, please reach out to us. We would love to have feedback and input from all of our members. If you would like to see specific or other information in the newsletter, let us know!!



“THANK YOU” to each and every one of you for everything you do – you are making a difference in peoples’ lives on a daily basis! Every action and thought makes a difference and brings about change!

The checking account balance is: \$2959.40

Thanks, Robin Hilbird-Bardgett WYANFP Treasurer

Communications Leader Update



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Toni Skaggs, CDM CFPP

Douglas, Wyoming / Owner of Mocha Molly's

Hello everyone, Spring is almost here and so is our Spring Conference. I hope you got registered because we have limited spaces available, and they are going fast.

I wanted to use this article to reflect on my time with the Wyoming ANFP board because my situation has changed, my priorities have shifted, and my time on the board is coming to an end. My hope would be that someone would like to step up and take on the role of communications leader.

I was given the opportunity to take the CDM course and exam through my employer Memorial Hospital of Converse County. I've worked under Felicia Smith at the hospital since 2014. She, by her very nature, mentors anyone under her that has a desire to learn, grow, and become more. She believes in people and really has a knack for pushing them meet their potential if they are willing to put in the work. After completing the course and becoming certified I had the opportunity to start attending meetings. I loved being able to learn relevant information at a local level. The education coming to the front doors of our community members was really inspiring. I was at a point in my life where I wanted to start saying "yes" to things that would push me out of my comfort zone and help me to grow. I wanted the opportunity to experience board meetings, plan state meetings, and help provide excellent speakers for our members. I wanted to be a part of the team. I tossed my hat in the ring for Wyoming ANFP President-Elect following Felicia and Steve as two people that had served as state president. I knew I would have help and that made such a BIG step feel a lot safer.

Sitting where I am now, I can say with confidence that I am proud of myself for taking that step. I learned so much about how everything ran. How these conferences come together. How speakers and locations are chosen. I learned how to work with other states to make bigger, better meetings for our members. I even learned I have a lot to say and really enjoy sharing what knowledge I have with our members as a speaker myself. The confidence I gained from this experience was invaluable and has helped to shape the strong leader I am today. I even applied to be a national board member. I didn't land that position but was offered a spot on the Young Members Committee to help shape the future of ANFP. I have served on a couple other committees, but it is getting harder to feel like I have the time to give with my priorities shifting.

They are volunteer positions so you aren't paid for your time, but what you get in return is very valuable. In addition to the networking and friendships you make, you get to see your input and the input of people you serve with making a difference. You have the opportunity to give a perspective only you can give and that helps future CDM's. Part of the reason for rotating positions and limited terms is so everything continues to progress with fresh ideas. If you aren't moving forward, you are moving backwards. As a board/committee member you get to travel sometimes and the cost, or at least part of the cost is covered. I have heard so many people say they can't afford to attend meetings and especially ACE and regionals. Every meeting I have been to has been paid for through my employer, grants, or ANFP. When we have to we double up on rooms and carpool to cut costs. I wish everyone would get the opportunity to hear a speaker at the national level in

person. Some of them are such powerful speakers and you leave feeling such a tremendous recharge which we all need because we all burn out. Hearing one of those amazing professional speakers in a room full of 300 other people just like you, having the same daily issues, facing the same challenges, is indescribable. All of these experiences have been worth every ounce of myself I have given by volunteering.

It takes a village, and your part is a small amount with the right team. The only disappointing part of serving on the Wyoming board has the lack of interest from our members to volunteer. Every year, every meeting, we beg. We promise people it isn't scary, or too hard, or too much. We assure people that we are here to work as a team and nothing will be dropped on you to do alone. Every couple years we get someone to say "yes" and step up to be a part of the team. But it doesn't change the fact that our team is dwindling. We need the help. We need more people to say "yes".

I would challenge you to become more.

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BEGINNINGS IS NOW.**

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Important Dates

Save the date for future meetings, education, and cause for celebration

Wyoming

Spring 2025 – April 24-25, 2025

Fall 2025 - TBD

National

ACE 2025 – June 23-26, 2025, Bloomington, MN



Celebrate our Members

September / October Birthdays

Diana DeRock

Marsha Heintz

Karen Newcombe

Linda Osmond

Felicia Smith

David Souders

September / October Member Milestones

Diana DeRock 1 year

Joseph Mascarenaz 5 years

Vikki Seymour 1 year

Christopher Worden 1 year

Welcome New Members

Amanda Evans Pre-Professional

Faith Rodd Professional

Robert Adams Pre-Professional

