

Hello, IAFESHE Members:

I have been privileged to serve as your IAFESHE President for the last four years, and I appreciate the support that you have shown to the current IAFESHE Board and myself. As the next FESHE conference is just around the corner, I would like to formally announce that I will not be a candidate for the office of IAFESHE President again next year. This decision was made with much thought on my part, and included input from my family.

I will continue to support and assist the new IAFESHE leaders, and I plan to continue to play an active role in the association. But I will not be filling the major leadership role I have held recently. Some of the accomplishments under my tenure as President and with the help and support of our current board have been the development and approval of a non-profit 503-c status, the donation from the California Fire Directors for the Bronze FESHE Marker, member ID Cards, Webpage development, IAFESHE Regional Reps, Last year's Successful Fundraiser which finally gave the association some capital, and a donation to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Some of the items I would like to have seen come to fruition, but did not was the development of a scholarship fund, and a donation to the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership and Ethics program. I had hoped to be with you this year, but budget cuts at the college would not allow it. This is the first year I have missed since I start attending back in 2003.

I have enjoyed serving you the past four years, and I ask that you would continue to support your new leadership. I have always felt the two main themes IAFESHE should always consider when making decisions are will this benefit and support students, and will it benefit and support the continual growth of our members.

Thank you for the pleasure of representing you.

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