

Dear Fellow Officials,

My name is Gary Finkle, and I am running for President Elect in this year's election.

I joined the NHFOA in 2014 as an apprentice member and have enjoyed everything that comes with being involved with our association.

Prior to joining the NHFOA, I was heavily involved with coaching youth football. During my time coaching I always felt the officials were respectful, polite, and professional. I knew when my coaching days were done, I wanted to become involved with the official's organization. Football is the only sport I officiate and will only continue to only officiate football.

What can I offer the NHFOA as President Elect?

Since 2018 I have been involved with several different committees, sub-committees, and I am a currently elected council member. In 2019 I was asked by the mechanics supervisor to serve as the assistant mechanics supervisor which would be for two years then become mechanics supervisor for the 2021 and 2022 season. During the beginning of the 2021 season I was injured and while I knew I was part of a great organization, I truly learned the other side of how great the NHFOA is. I received many different calls, texts and emails. The support was amazing. I thought my season was over, and while I did not officiate any varsity games, I was able to get back on the field for the last couple of weeks of the season. During my injury, I spent countless hours working behind the scenes on several projects including the assignments, coordinating and overseeing mechanics observations. I also worked with committee members and created the presentations and content for all the weekly local meetings whether in person or on Zoom. In 2020 I was elected to the council and have been present at all meetings other than one due to "quarantine"

During the current year our committee has worked hard to improve upon our mechanics programs by bringing back the in-person clinic and continuing to improve the content delivered in the weekly in person or virtual meetings. Ultimately, I was responsible for the creation and dissemination of the local meetings. There is an enormous amount of time behind the scenes involved with creating and researching the content for the weekly meetings.

Professionally I have worked for myself and been a business owner for almost twenty-five years. I own an insurance agency and deal with many different people every day. Running your own business, you learn to work with employees, prioritize tasks and accomplish goals. Annually I am responsible to set attainable goals, lead staff and make sure those goals are met.

As an insurance agent it is my responsibility to "see the future" and provide professional guidance. We are all faced with inflationary pressures and this year has certainly been challenging. Most people do not call their insurance agent to say "hello", most contact is either due to a claim emergency or I'm not happy with my bill. I am required daily to balance those inquiries and work to find an equitable solution. I work hard to "put myself in the client's shoes" when addressing their concerns and questions. A trait I know I will bring as President- Elect.

My main goal for the NHFOA will be to continue working with the mechanics program and working with our apprentice program to grow our membership and "see the future".

In closing I know I have the ability, board experience, leadership qualities, and communication requirements necessary to represent our members as President-Elect.

Thank you for your consideration and I ask for your vote, and I am available for any questions or inquiries you may have.

Respectfully

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