

Fellow NHFOA Members-

I have had the pleasure of serving the NHFOA membership for the last 2 years as a member of the council. I have also had the opportunity to serve as the Apprentice Chair for the last year. I have thoroughly enjoyed both positions and am seeking reelection to the council for a 3 year term.

2 years ago, when I originally ran for the council, I spoke about recruiting and retention being our top priority. While we have made progress in both of those areas, there is still progress to be made! We have started to turn the tide against our falling numbers, but we need to keep pushing to keep our heads above water.

This year, as part of the technology committee we have brought our meetings into the virtual world due to COVID. While we got off to a rocky start, we are making progress with each and every meeting. I feel we need to continue to embrace the technology we have available to us and continue to make it better and more accessible for all members. I'd like to build on the momentum we have to bring our organization into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I took over the apprentice program during the craziest times we have ever had. We started meetings earlier than ever before, so we'd have apprentices ready to work week 1 of the season. Not only did we achieve that goal, we had multiple apprentices on varsity football games in the first few weeks of the season. I certainly could not have done that without the support of membership, I truly appreciate all of the time everyone involved has given. There are too many to list here, but Mike Lafond and Steve Hall have done a tremendous job helping with the rules meetings on a weekly basis.

For those of you that I've worked with or spoken to in the last 10 months, I hope my enthusiasm for the apprentice program was apparent. I want to make sure we have a capable group of officials and the appropriate numbers for years to come.

I thank you for your time and humbly ask for your vote so I can continue to work to put the NHFOA in the place it needs to be to succeed not just next year, but in the decades to come.

--Kyle Scofield