

Hot Air Balloon Installation Ceremony

Extension Association of New Mexico

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Fall Skies in New Mexico are full of color as Balloonist enjoy the perfect ballooning temperatures for their adventures. Balloons are on our minds as we look forward to next week's International Balloon Fiesta. Today we are installing new officers that will lead our organization on new adventures over the next year. EANM is like a Hot Air Balloon getting set to Soar to new heights in 2019.

Consider our organization to be the balloon envelope laying on the ground waiting to be unfolded and blown up into a magnificent colorful craft that will take us to new places. Our officer team all have roles in the success of our EANM Balloon flight.

_____ District Vice Presidents you are the crew for the EANM Balloon. The crew is there to assist the pilot with set up and take off and then helps him land and pack up. All the while the crew is on the ground helping the pilot with navigation and logistics and of course chasing the balloon to be there when it lands. As with our organization, our balloon cannot fly without its crew making sure everything is right behind the scenes and who is there as we touch down in new areas.

District Presidents: _____ and _____ you are the ropes for our balloon. The ropes are important to the success of getting our organization off the ground. You are the guides as the balloon is filling up and taking off, making sure we do not crash or burn. In our organization, you are the link between the Executive Board and the members in your district. Your job is important as you share information to your members and concerns back to the board.

Once a balloon is unrolled and the crew are holding the ropes air is force into the envelope by a blower.

Members, we are the blower which pushes air into the envelope of the EANM Balloon to make it full and raise it off the ground. You bring enthusiasm to the organization which pumps it full of energy and

excitement for projects and programming. Continue to be positive enthusiastic members during this upcoming year.

There are many other parts to our Extension Association Balloon.

_____ as our treasurer, you serve as the basket of our balloon. The basket keeps the pilot and passengers safe in the balloon. Your job is to keep our assets safe and to let us know when there is a small hole in the basket, so it can be repaired before it is too late.

Inside our basket we have the fuel tanks. Our committee chairs

are the Extension Association's Fuel tanks. Committees is where the work of the organization happens. Impacts from these committees will provide the fuel to keep our organization soaring.

Our Vice President, _____ is the burner, which heats the air to make our balloon rise. With fuel from the committees, you will lead the organization's programming. This organization is known for its service, so you will bring new service and training opportunities to help our organization stay afloat and current with the needs of the communities.

Sometimes an organization can get a little too ambitious and overwork its members so just like a balloon that got a little over inflated, our organization needs a Deflation Port. Deflation ports also help a pilot to land a balloon slowly and safely. _____ as Immediate Past President, you are EANM's deflation port using your wisdom to guide us safely through the next year.

Every Hot Air Balloon has some kind of communication system for the pilot to talk to the crew and a way to read how the parts of the balloon are holding up. _____ as Secretary, you are our

Communication System making sure everyone is informed of the heading and status of our EANM Balloon.

All Hot Air Balloons have some type of compass or navigation system to keep it away from dangers. _____ as Parliamentarian, you are the compass for the EANM balloon, you will make sure our meetings are run smoothly and accurately navigated to keep all the members working in together, for our flight.

Newer balloons have an Electronic Ignition on the burner to make it quicker to add a burst of heat for the balloon to rise a little higher. As advisors _____ we are here to help you bump up your programming and assist your officers to raise your balloon to a higher level.

And of course, No Hot Air Balloon could fly without a Pilot to read the navigation and communication systems, to turn on the burners or deflate the balloon in order to head the balloon to a destination.

_____ as President of this organization, you must pilot our organization with a destination in mind and do all in your power to keep our balloon floating in a positive direction.

With everyone in place our EANM Balloon is full and ready to soar. Let us let light the flames and rise to new heights.