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FROM THE AFP-NNE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

New Opportunities in a New Year

Karen M. Jantzen, MPA, CFRE

Happy New Year and Congratulations! If you've gotten this far into your e-mail then you must have survived the celebrations of last month AND your year-end giving campaign-both noteworthy successes!



On behalf of all of us at AFP-NNE, I want to extend a warm welcome

to our Council on Fundraising colleagues. As of the first week in January 2015, all current CONFR members were formally transferred into the membership of AFP-NNE. We're excited about what 2015 might hold, and are working diligently to ensure a smooth transition so that the newly-merged AFP-NNE and CONFR organization can support the great work that fundraising professionals and colleagues are doing in the region. We're working to finalize our 2015 calendar of professional development workshops, coffee chats, and member mixers. Be sure to bookmark the [chapter's website](#) and come back often to find out what's going on.

On the international front, AFP continues to work to increase its public policy efforts. As noted in their Winter 2015 issue of [Advancing Philanthropy](#), through the work of AFP's government relations committee, significant milestones were achieved: Canada was the first country to officially recognize National Philanthropy Day and the US Congress extended the IRA Rollover provision. However, with our recent US elections, a careful eye will need to be kept on charitable tax deductions and we may call on you to get involved. The [AFP website](#) is an amazing resource and your membership gives you access to an extensive library on the latest research and trends in fundraising as well as tools to help you manage your development program.

On a personal note, I want to thank Pam McDonald for her dedication to the fundraising profession and her decade with CONFR. I have the great fortune of having known Pam personally and professionally for 15+ years in addition to her being--for all intents and purposes--my neighbor. I wish her the best of luck in her new vocation and know that she'll bring the same thoughtful listening, patience, and guidance to those whom she ministers that all of us have come to cherish.

I think that 2015 is going to be a fun and busy year for all of us. No

doubt there will be challenges, but I know that my AFP colleagues will be there to share resources and lend advice. I look forward to connecting with old friends and making new ones in the year ahead. After all, it's all about relationships!

Best,



[Karen M Jantzen, MPA, CFRE](#)

AFP-NNE Chapter President

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AFP-NNE has many opportunities for you to share your strengths and talents. Currently, there are **openings on the Education, Membership, and Marketing** Committees. If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact [Courtney Selstad, Chapter Administrator](#).

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AFP-NNE 2015 Annual Conference

November 5-6, 2015

Stowe, VT



More information coming soon!

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- [Development Coordinator, Johnson Hall, Gardiner, ME](#)
- [Assistant Director of Annual & Young Alumni Programs, New Hampton School, New Hampton, NH](#)
- [Development Director, York Land Trust, York, ME](#)

- Philanthropic Advisor for the Upper Valley & Southeastern Vermont, The Vermont Community Foundation, Middlebury, VT

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