



Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals 2025 ANREP candidates

President-Elect

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Leslie Boby

I have worked in Extension at a regional capacity for nearly 13 years. My specific role is focused on a 13-state region of the United States as compared to a county or state, therefore my perspective may be a little different than other Extension specialists. As a member of ANREP, I have served as the ANREP executive Secretary for 18 months, served on the Professional Leadership Development (PLD) committee for the past year and became the representative for the Public Issues Leadership Development group. Lastly, I am one of the founding and continuing members of the National Extension Wildland Fire Initiative (NEWFI) of ANREP. I would like to serve in this role, because ANREP is an important professional organization and I want to give back to the organization. I also completed my Doctorate in Adult Learning, Leadership and Organizational Development last year as well, and am happy to apply some of what I've learned in this role.

Amy Rowe

My name is Amy Rowe and I'm an environmental county agent in two counties in New Jersey as part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. My programming focuses on environmental education, food waste reduction, and sustainability. I have been a member of ANREP for more than 10 years and I truly love this organization. I have previously served on the board as the Northeast regional representative and I would be honored to serve as President-Elect in 2025. I am also a member of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, but the ANREP folks are my people. I want to serve as President-Elect in order to continue the progress the organization has made over the time I have been a member and to hear from all of you about ways to improve and grow. I have relationships with several current board members and look forward to working with everyone in the future!

Treasurer

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Renee Strnad

I joined the NC State University Extension Forestry team in July 2000 in a newly created position to focus on K-12 youth education; leading our forestry and wildlife 4-H programs, coordinating the

Project Learning Tree program statewide, and supporting other Extension Forestry Team members. I have a B.S. from Kansas State University in Wildlife Biology and second major degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, also from Kansas State. I was awarded a M.S. from Lesley University in Ecological Teaching and Learning in 2015. Environmental education is where my heart lies, and I especially enjoy facilitating professional development events where participants are challenged to think systemically.

In May 2022, I was approached by an ANREP board member to help manage a multi-year Dissemination Partner Grant from the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). I had been an ANREP member on and off during my Extension career but was intrigued by an opportunity to bring together the two professional organizations that are the roots of my career. I carry a very broad definition of an environmental educator, and under my definition, many Extension professionals are also environmental educators! The 2024 ANREP conference was very energizing for me because of the number of youth education focused presentations, which was something I felt like past ANREP conferences had lacked. I was also able to meet many of the Extension professionals that had enrolled in the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion 101 course that was supported by ANREP through the NAAEE grant program I am managing for ANREP. Looking forward to 2026, I am part of the North Carolina core planning team for ANREP conference we will be hosting! I am seeking the role of ANREP Treasurer because I understand how daunting this role can be for volunteers, but it is a role I have previously held for a statewide organization which saw its budget grow from around \$40K to \$80K, hire its first full-time paid staff, and helped move bookkeeping practices from Excel spreadsheets to QuickBooks.

I have provided service to my personal and professional communities by serving on the Board of Directors of various organizations. In the mid-2000s, I served on the board of The Scrap Exchange, a creative reuse center based in Durham, North Carolina. In 2011, I began an eight-year term with the Environmental Educators of North Carolina (EENC) Executive Board, serving in a three-year Presidential track and five years as Treasurer. I returned to this organization in 2020 as the Partnership Chair for a two-year term. In November of 2021, I was invited to join the Board of the Schoolhouse of Wonder (SHoW) which provides nature-based day camps in a three-county area. I currently serve as the SHoW Secretary, but will be rolling off at the end of my term in March 2025. I am currently an Advisory Team member for the Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance (SEEA), where I served as Chair from 2021-2023. Other past roles include serving on the North American Association for Environmental Education's (NAAEE) Affiliate Network Advisory Group and as a moderator for the NAAEE Guidelines for Excellence eePro group.

Northeast Regional Representative

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Katie Brooks

I am a forestry and wildlife extension educator for Penn State. Prior to working for Penn State Extension I received a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Penn State and a master's degree in Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Oklahoma State University. I have been in this role since May of 2020 and have been active with my state ANREP chapter since 2021. I

have served as a forestry team liaison on the state ANREP board for the last 2 years to engage our forestry educators and provide input to the board from the forestry and wildlife team. I was co-chair of the program committee for the 2024 ANREP National Conference held in Hershey, PA in May and I am the current team leader for the Forestry and Wildlife Team within the Agronomy and Natural Resources Unit of Extension.

Keith Tidball

I have not served in any official leadership roles in ANREP. I have worked at Cornell University in natural resources and environment extension for over 20 years. As an administrator now, I see strong value in ANREP and in making sure New York and our Northeast colleagues continue to pass along and share in the legacy of the Association. My collaboration team website (lab site) is available here - <https://blogs.cornell.edu/spear4/>

My up-to-date CV is here - <https://blogs.cornell.edu/spear4/home/keith-tidball/>

North Central Regional Representative

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Carrie Brown

Carrie Brown is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator for Ohio State University Extension in Fairfield County. She brings specialized knowledge on topics including native plants, citizen science, small woodland management, and invasive species identification & control. Carrie is a member of the OSU Woodland Stewards and Buckeye Environmental Horticulture Team, and she is a contributing author to the Buckeye Yard and Garden Line (BYGL) blog. Other responsibilities include teaching both adults and youth, pollinator research, and collaborating on publications on an assortment of natural resource topics.

Currently, Carrie serves as President of the Ohio chapter of ANREP and is a member of the ANREP Professional & Leadership Development Committee. She is the chair for the Ohio NACAA Scholarship Committee and a member of the Ohio JCEP Global Relations Committee. The last two years she has served as chair for the Speaker Committee for the Gwynne Conservation Area of Ohio's annual Farm Science Review.

Carrie is eager to continue to provide leadership to ANREP and feels serving in a national role would be a rewarding growth opportunity. She is appreciative for the insight, knowledge, and connections she has gained by attending and presenting at the past two ANREP Conferences, and she is interested in furthering her involvement by serving as the North Central Regional Representative.

Anna Stockstad

Anna Stockstad is an Extension Educator in Forest Ecosystem Health with the University of Minnesota Extension. She develops and delivers educational programs focused on forest ecosystem health and resilience for woodland stewards across northern Minnesota. She is currently president-elect of the Minnesota ANREP chapter, with her term as president starting this

fall. She is also a new member of the ANREP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. Outside of ANREP, she also participates in various other service roles in Minnesota, including serving on the executive committee and as chair of the education committee of the Minnesota Women's Woodland Network, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee of the Minnesota Society of American Foresters, and several of the Minnesota Regional Landscape Committees. She views her role as an Extension Educator and with these many collaborative efforts as an opportunity to act as a "connector", like the fungal networks that connect forests together. She deeply values bringing together diverse experiences and perspectives, finding shared understandings, and co-creating processes or solutions to problems. She is interested in the opportunity to serve as the North-Central Regional representative for ANREP because it would allow her to work with educators not only in her region, but across the country as well. She is excited for the opportunity to serve ANREP in this way in order to further connections between Extension Educators in the North-Central Region and beyond.