

**Message from the NCFE Operating Committee Chair - Lorelle Steach (PA)  
- September 2018**

On September 1, Millie Langley from North Carolina passed the Chair's baton to me. (She has this "small event" that she is helping to plan for 2019.) Thank you, Millie, for serving as chair over the past two years. We are thankful that you will continue to be a member on the Operating Committee.

Idaho, thank you for all the work you did to make the 2018 NCF-Envirothon competition a success. Besides coming away with a little dust on our boots, everyone had a great time; teams gained new knowledge; participants made new friends; and we all now have a greater appreciation for the West. Congratulations to the New York team from Mount Academy!

Looking to next year's event, North Carolina here we come! The North Carolina host committee is busy planning the 2019 NCF-Envirothon event to be held at North Carolina State University located in Raleigh. *Mark your calendars for July 28 – August 2, 2019!* North Carolina has chosen "Agriculture and the Environment: Knowledge and Technology to Feed the World" as the Current Issue topic. The learning objectives are posted under Current Competition on the NCF-Envirothon website.

During this summer's NCF-Envirothon state/provincial representatives' meeting, we had great discussions, and here are a few of the outcomes:

- We extend a huge thank you to Smithfield Foods for sponsoring this year's cash awards for the top three teams.
- Another huge thank you is extended to Canon U.S.A. Inc. for sponsoring this year's cash awards for teams that placed fourth through tenth.
- We also wish to thank the U.S. Forest Service for funding the Diversity Enhancement and Underserved Audience Grants.
- Revisions to the NCF-Envirothon Rules and Regulations, specifically regarding four-person teams, were adopted. The most current version can be found on the NCF-Envirothon website.

The National Conservation Foundation and the NCF-Envirothon Operating Committee are committed to the Envirothon program, and we appreciate all the ideas you have to offer! We welcome Andrea McKeown, Missouri, as a newly appointed at-large member to the committee. As always the [Operating Committee](#) is here to assist you with building your program, expanding your outreach, and answering your questions. Please contact me, the Envirothon staff, or your Regional Representative on the committee.

Lorelle Steach, NCF Envirothon Chair

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