

Flowers of Leadership Installation Ceremony
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Supplies needed flower pot with foam. Paper flowers for each officer with the words representing their office written in the centers.

Today we gather in our flower garden to install the newly elected officers of the Extension Association of New Mexico. The membership has shown their faith in you by electing you to these offices, and now the time has come for you to assume your duties and obligations.

Imagine a beautiful garden scene before you. Extension Association Members throughout the state have sown seeds which have flourished into a realistic and bountiful garden.

The care of our garden is now in your hands. Some seeds are unwelcome to this garden, and it is your responsibility to eliminate them. Weed out doubt, envy, petty jealousy, selfishness, and any other seed that can harm any individual.

Newly Elected Officers the time has come for you to plant your seed in the Extension Association of New Mexico's garden.

As **President**, _____, you are being given the seed of achievement to plant in our garden – may your leadership guide our organization toward success. Your flower is the focal point of our garden as you guide our membership through the next year. Are you willing to lead with dignity and to the best of your ability serve this association from an impartial and impersonal viewpoint?

Pause to allow her time to answer the question

As **Vice President**, _____, your seed is the seed of ambition—that eagerness to achieve something great and good. Without ambition our garden would cease to grow. In you the membership has placed their faith. Believing that to the best of your ability you will support the programs of this organization. Are you willing to accept the duties and responsibilities of this office?

Pause to allow her time to answer the question

As **Secretary**, _____, your seed to plant the seed of focus. Focus will help you with your responsibility to pay attention and take accurate minutes during the associations meetings. Accurate minutes will keep the organization focused on our goals. Will you assume these responsibilities?

Pause to allow her time to answer the question

As Treasurer, _____, you have the seed of trust-- that confident reliance in the integrity, veracity, or justice of another. Your seed is the basic foundation of our garden. Your office is one of dignity and seriousness. It is your responsibility to keep accurate financial records while caring for the organization's assets. Are you willing to assume this responsibility?

Pause to allow her time to answer the question

_____, as **Parliamentarian** – legitimacy is your seed to plant. You are responsible for keeping our business meetings running according to parliamentary law. This will make sure all members have input and that the work of the organization is blessed by the majority of the membership. Are you willing to assume this responsibility?

Pause to allow her time to answer the question

As **Immediate Past President**, _____, you have accurate knowledge of the challenges of the president and the mission of the organization. By planting the seed of knowledge, you will help our flower garden blossom with your wisdom. Are you willing to share your knowledge with the new leadership?

Pause to allow her time to answer the question

District President and District Vice Presidents

District I

District II

District III

District IV

The district officers are very important to the growth of the flower garden of the Extension Association of New Mexico as you lead your districts and encourage your counties. Many members do not have the opportunity to travel to a state meeting, as district officers you inspire members to work toward the goals of the organization. Your seeds are Teamwork – working together you will make the garden bloom. Do you accept this new leadership role?

Pause to allow her time to answer the question

President – elect _____ you have the seed of Opportunity. During this year you will have the opportunity to observe the workings of the board and plan for the future. You are charged with recognizing new opportunities and carrying the organization on to new successes. Do you accept this charge?

Pause to allow her time to answer the question

The worker bees of this organization are the committees. These members work hard to complete their tasks and pollinate the flowers of the garden so they can grow. Our worker bees are led by committee chairmen who coordinate the work of the committees.

The seed of Happiness goes to the Cultural Arts Chairwoman

The seed of Optimism goes to the Newsletter Editor

The seeds of Legacy is for the Scholarship Chairs
_____ and

The seed of Compassion is for the Historian

The seed of Courtesy is for the Pioneer Woman Chairwoman

The seed of Kindness is going to the Heart of Extension Chairwoman

And the seed of Attitude goes to the Membership Chairwoman

The seed of Foresight goes to the Nominating Committee Chairwoman

All of these seeds are important for each committee to flourish.

Do you accept your committee responsibilities?

Pause to allow them time to answer the question

Our final flower seed is that of support as Advisor, I agree to support this board with their projects and share their visions with the whole organization.

I declare you duly installed officers of Extension Association of New Mexico.
May your flowers grow where you have planted them.