

NASCOE NOW!

January 24, 2009!

Celebrating the 50th Year of NASCOE

NASCOE Now; Awards, Scholarships and Emblems

It's almost February 1st, do you know where your Distinguished Service Award Nomination are? If you are like me, it's right here in the back of my mind wrestling with everything every other deadline and commitment that I want to get done! I know full well who I feel is so deserving of this prestigious NASCOE Award, and how I want to put it on paper, but when do I find the time? Then I remember what my Grandma said to me "if you waste your time thinking about how you're gonna find time to do the task at hand, you'll soon find yourself out of time!" With that in mind, I'll get right to the point for this edition of NASCOE Now!

MOST PRESSING DEADLINE: Distinguished Service Award Nominations (Service to NASCOE, FSA-Agriculture, or Community Service) are due to your State Award Chairpersons by February 1st! Let your heart lead your pen to the paper and nominate the person you have always thought should receive a DSA Award, but you have always ran out of time to nominate him or her! You can do it!

Please remind your children that are eligible to apply for the NASCOE Scholarship program (High School Seniors or full time college students up to the Bachelor Degree level) to submit their NASCOE Scholarship application (available on the NASCOE web site (www.nascoe.org) to your State Scholarship Chairperson (or Area Chairperson if your State does not have a Scholarship Chairperson), by the deadline set by your State (most States have a deadline of February 20th, as the original and 5 copies must to be submitted to the Area Chairperson by March 1st).

Finally, I want to personally thank all of you that have purchased your NASCOE Emblems items through the NASCOE Store! Sales so far are just shy of \$21,500! If we can reach our goal of \$30,000 plus in sales, the NASCOE Scholarship fund will receive 10% of the sales proceeds that will go directly into the Scholarship fund! Conventions and Area Rally's are coming up, so make sure you look your best with new clothing available from the NASCOE Store (www.nascoeemblemsonline.com)! Many items are on sale, so you can look like a million bucks at a fraction of the cost!

Take care everyone!

Tom Oasen, NASCOE Awards, Scholarship and Emblems Chairperson



Jeanne Monday
NASCOE Membership Chair

Your NASCOE “Membership” at work...

The NASCOE Officers, Execs, Committee Chairs, Alternate Execs and Area Negotiating Consultants meet on January 17 and 18 in Charlotte, NC for the annual Pre-Negotiating Meeting. I believe the opportunity to submit an item of concern or a suggestion to be negotiated with Management is one of the **valuable benefits** we have as NASCOE members. Having had the opportunity to previously serve as the SEA Negotiating Consultant and now serving as your NASCOE Membership Chair, I know the process works. Let me assure you that none of the items submitted by the membership are viewed as too insignificant, for each and every item is discussed around the table with this group. If you have taken the time just recently or in past years to submit an item for negotiation, thank you for doing so. And in the future, if you have something that you want addressed, I encourage you to take part in the process and send in your thoughts or ideas. Many changes to procedure, securing additional benefits for all employees, and establishing personal level working relationships with the NO have been accomplished through the negotiation process. Negotiation does work for NASCOE members.

Now for a couple of items I would like to remind the membership about:

- **50 YR, 45 YR, & 40 YR Membership Awards** – This year marks the 50th year of NASCOE. State associations will need to certify to NASCOE their counties that have maintained 100% membership for 50 years. Plaques will be awarded to those counties at the NASCOE Convention in August. States should also certify those counties that have maintained 100% membership for 40 and 45 years. The NASCOE Membership Award form can be found at <http://www.nascoe.org/membership.htm>.
- **Honorary Life Membership** - A person is eligible for Honorary Life Membership if they have been a member of their state association since the second year of formation or from the first full membership year of employment until retirement and an annuity is earned. States must certify to the above at the time a request is submitted to the National Membership Chairperson for recognition as an Honorary Lifetime Member. NASCOE will supply an Honorary Lifetime Membership Card and Certificate of Appreciation. This certification form is available on the above webpage.
- **NASCOE Membership Invitation Brochure** – The Membership Committee has a brochure available that states may distribute to new employees. This brochure should answer any questions that a new employee might have about “why do I need to join NASCOE?” States may request printed copies of the brochure or download a copy from the webpage listed above.

NASCOE MEMBERSHIP – 1-20-09									
NORTHEAST		NORTHWEST		MIDWEST		SOUTHEAST		SOUTHWEST	
CT/RI	100%	ID	78%	IL	92%	AL	95%	AZ	59%
DE\MD	91%	MT	69%	IN	69%	AR	92%	CA/HI	61%
ME	81%	NE	63%	IA	89%	FL	91%	CO	60%
MA	56%	ND	93%	MI	58%	GA	84%	KS	90%
NH	0%	OR	54%	MN	93%	KY	69%	NV	47%
NJ	65%	SD	98%	MO	77%	LA	93%	NM	75%
NY	83%	WA/AK	72%	OH	91%	MS	80%	OK	89%
PA	30%	WY	70%	WI	81%	NC	80%	TX	82%
VT	85%	TOTAL	78%	TOTAL	83%	SC	81%	UT	94%
WV	85%					TN	89%	TOTAL	82%
TOTAL	67%					VA	69%		
						TOTAL	83%		
2008-09 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TOTAL 81%									

Anything you want to know about NASCOE can be found on the NASCOE website.....

WWW.NASCOE.ORG

NASCOE Officers, Area Execs and National Committees work extremely hard to keep the membership informed and updated with the latest issues. They are constantly adding and updating information on the NASCOE website.

CHECK IT OUT!!!!

Sign up NOW to receive an email every time there is information or updates added to the NASCOE website.

IT'S EASY!!!!

Go to www.nascoe.orgon the home page, scroll down to:

Sign Up Now!

To receive E-mail Notifications of updates to the NASCOE website.

Click

Type '**Subscribe**' on the subject line. Type the email address that you want the notification sent to in the message box.

Submitted by Diane Holowaty, NASCOE Webmaster

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NASCOE REPRESENTATIVE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
December 31, 2008	Second Quarter membership dues transmittal due within 10 days			
January 15, 2009	Deadline for NASCOE Members Scholarship to Area Awards Chair			
January 21, 2009	Deadline for State to submit newsletters			
February 1, 2009	State DSA nominations submitted to State Awards Chair			
	Deadline for Area selection of NASCOE Members Scholarship			
February 11, 2009	Area judges score sheets due to Area Publicity Chair			
February 20, 2009	State complete DSA selections and submitted to Area Awards Chair			
February 21, 2009	State Newsletters due to Area Judges			
February 25, 2009	Area Publicity selections made and send winners to Nat'l judges			
March 1, 2009	State Scholarships submitted to Area Scholarship Chair			
March 15, 2009	Area DSA selections complete and sent to Nat'l Awards Chair			
March 18, 2009	Nat'l Publicity Judges send score sheets to Nat'l Publicity chair			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NASCOE REPRESENTATIVE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
March 21, 2009	Maryland State Meeting	Denton, MD		Hidden Acres Farm
March 25 - 28, 2009	Far West Rally	Reno, NV		Grand Sierra Resort
March 27-28, 2009	IL/IN State Meeting	Terra Haute, IN		Holiday Inn

March 30, 2009	Area Scholarship selections Made			
March 31, 2009	Third quarter Des transmittal due within 10 days			
April 3-4, 2009	Virginia State Meeting	Orange, VA		Holiday Inn Express
April 3-4, 2009	MWA Rally	Des Moines, IA		Stoney Creek Inn
April 15, 2009	National DSA selections completed			
April 20, 2009	Area Scholarship selections sent to Nat'l Chair			
April 24-25, 2009	WI State Meeting	Madison, WI		
May 1-2, 2009	MI State Meeting	To be determined		
May 1-2, 2009	South Dakota State Meeting	Wall, SD		
May 1-3, 2009	NEA Rally	Plymouth, MA		Radisson Hotel - Plymouth Harbor
May 29-30, 2009	Nebraska State Meeting	Bridgeport, NE		
May 30, 2009	National Scholarship selection made			
June 1, 2009	Fourth Quarter Dues transmittal due Due one month earlier so delegate assistance can be computed			
June 18-20, 2009	AR State Meeting	Hot Springs, AR		Arlington Hotel
July 23-24, 2009	MN State Meeting	Alexandria, MN		
August 12-16, 2009	National Convention	Gatlinburg, TN		Park Vista Hotel http://www.nascoe.org/national_conventions.htm

Join the fun!

Northeast Area Rally

Hosted by MASCOE

May 1-3




Radisson Hotel - Plymouth Harbor
180 Water Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
(508) 747-4900



2009

Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

	Number	Amount
Registration Fee \$ 40		
Includes Continental Breakfast on Saturday Morning	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Boxed Lunch - \$10		
Assorted Sandwiches	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner - \$35		
Chicken Mayflower with Sage Stuffing & Orange Cranberry Walnut Sauce	_____	\$ _____
Broiled Scrod Topped with Seasoned Bread Crumbs	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Afternoon Activities		
 <i>Capt. John's Whale Watch</i>		
Adult - \$33	_____	\$ _____
Children Ages 3 to 12 - \$22	_____	\$ _____
Children 3 & Under - Free	_____	\$ _____
Seniors 62 & over - \$30	_____	\$ _____
 <i>Plymouth Plantation</i>		
Adult - \$24	_____	\$ _____
Children - \$14	_____	\$ _____
Seniors 62 & over - \$22	_____	\$ _____
 <i>Site Seeing & Shopping On Your Own</i>		
The Radisson is within walking distance of Plymouth Rock, The Mayflower and many shops & restaurants.		
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Guest Names: _____



Send Registration & Checks Made Payable to MASCOE to:
Nancy Miller
C/O Worcester County Farm Service Agency
52 Boyden Road, Room 103
Holden, MA 01520-2587

Registration Deadline March 27, 2009 - No late Registrations will be accepted!!!