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NASCOE SCOOP



President's Message - Happy 1st Birthday to the Scoop

I can hardly believe it has been one year since we launched the NASCOE Scoop! And what a year it has been. We have experienced a lot of challenges, changes, and—if we're being honest—a few moments where we probably wondered, "What's next?" Just when we think we've made it through one stumbling block, another seems to appear.

I know many of you are feeling the same way, and I want you to know that NASCOE is still here. We are here to listen, discuss, advocate, and help wherever we can.

For those who were unable to join us at National Convention, I hope you will join me in thanking our NASCOE leadership team for everything they have done this past year. A special thank you goes to our Committee Chairs and Area Executives who are stepping away after years of dedicated service: Marcy Logan (Publicity), Brian Gould (County Office Advocacy), Emilee Seier (Membership), and our Area Executives Janice Acree (MWA), Terry Cater (SWA), Matt Weddingfeld (NWA), and Sandra Scott (NEA).

I also want to recognize Glenn Thomas (Membership) and Dawna Hines (Technology) for their service this past NASCOE year and for stepping away from their roles prior to convention. Thank you all for your time, energy, leadership, and commitment to NASCOE!

Our new team officially takes office September 1, and we will soon be heading to Charleston, SC, for our organizational meeting. This is where we come together, talk through the concerns we are hearing, identify priorities, and set our goals for the coming year. I'm excited to get together with the new team and start planning how we can continue to build, grow, and serve each of you—our members.

If you weren't at convention, I hope your state representatives have shared the information presented by NASCOE, National Office leadership, and our many attendees. We will continue to amplify your voices and advocate on your behalf with Congress and USDA leadership. We will never stop advocating for you.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Scoop, for your support, and for helping us make this first year of sharing NASCOE information in a consistent way a success. If you could help us out and participate in the 2 surveys that are in this month's Scoop we would really appreciate it.

Here's to a new NASCOE year, a new team, and hopefully a few fewer stumbling blocks along the way!

On the Horizon

- Organizational Meeting - Charleston, SC August 29-September 2nd
- EC Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month
- Monitor Farm Bill Legislation, Economic Assistance and Appropriations bills along with USDA Reorganization
- Quarterly call with DAFO
- Legislative Training Fly-In to DC
- Leadership Development

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." — C. S. Lewis

COC Training Survey

One concern we continue to hear from our NAFEC friends and our members is the inconsistency in COC training across the nation. NASCOE was involved in developing the COC Orientation Training materials, and we continue to hear that these materials may not be consistently utilized or shared with COC members.

To help us better understand what is happening across the country, our County Office Advocacy Committee has developed a short survey for members and non-members. Your feedback will help us understand how COC training is being handled in your state and determine how NASCOE can best advocate on this issue.

Please use the QR code to the right to participate.



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We Have A Winning Hand Don't Gamble with Your Benefits - Keep a Winning Hand with NASCOE

When we launched our NASCOE Membership Promotion and Engagement initiative, our goal was more than simply increasing membership numbers. We wanted to encourage our members to learn more about NASCOE, stay engaged, and take advantage of the many benefits that come with being a member.

Throughout the year, members had opportunities to earn NASCOE Tokens by participating in our monthly engagement activities. And at our National Convention we revealed the members who played their cards right!

Engagement Winner - Teresa Holmquist (MN) 🏆

Congratulations to Teresa, our National Winner for the most engagement points! Teresa truly kept her winning hand going all year long! She received a \$250 gift card.

Area Engagement Winners:

Stephanie Knutson - MWA

Jeremiah Schartz - NWA

Lindsey New - SEA

Amanda Montgomery - SWA

Chrisna Sinn - NWA

Thank you for staying engaged, participating, and helping show what NASCOE membership is all about! Each of these area winners received a \$50 gift card.

🏆 And the Area with the Winning Hand...

Southeast Area (SEA)!

The SEA took the top spot for the most engagement points overall! Congratulations to everyone in the Southeast Area for bringing the energy and helping make this initiative a success! SEA Executive Dawn Ovesen was presented with a \$500 gift card for her to determine how best to use this for her area.

To everyone who participated throughout the year—THANK YOU! Your involvement is what makes NASCOE stronger. We hope this initiative encouraged you to learn something new, connect with your fellow members, and maybe even have a little fun along the way.

Congratulations to all of our winners! You definitely played your cards right!



67th Convention Survey

Two surveys in one Scoop?

Yes, I know. I'm sorry. 😊

But we want to hear from you about National Convention! Tell us what you loved, what could be improved, and what ideas you have to help us make the 68th National Convention in Charleston the absolute best yet.