



President's Message

It's often said that a picture is worth a thousand words, and I hope you enjoy the photos from NASCOE's recent trip to Washington, D.C. While the pictures capture some great moments and meetings, they only tell part of the story. Behind each photo were conversations focused on one of the most important issues facing FSA today—staffing.



Officers with Jared Hagert (DAFP)



Secretary Rollins with Katie & Amanda



Officers with Kim Floehr & Caleb

This month's Scoop highlights Membership, and after spending last week in Washington, D.C., I cannot think of a better example of why NASCOE membership matters.

NASCOE Officers and Legislative Co-Chairs met with FSA leadership, FPAC officials, USDA staff, and congressional offices to deliver a consistent message: **FSA cannot continue to successfully serve producers without adequate staffing and resources.** From meetings with Administrator Bill Beam and his leadership team to discussions with national office staff and congressional stakeholders, we heard a common theme—leaders at every level understand the challenges facing county offices and recognize the need for additional staffing.

Perhaps the most important takeaway from the week was that our message was heard loud and clear. Leadership consistently acknowledged the staffing challenges facing county offices and the impact those shortages have on our ability to serve producers. We were encouraged to hear that, should additional appropriations become available, staffing remains a high priority. While the federal budget process is complex and involves many levels of review and oversight, it was evident that those involved understand the critical work being performed in county offices across the country.

Our Legislative Co-Chairs, Amanda and Katie, spent the week on Capitol Hill advocating for FSA employees and sharing the story of our staffing needs through real-world experiences and data. They also had the opportunity to attend the Senate Agriculture Committee hearing where Secretary Brooke Rollins testified. Following the hearing, they were able to meet Secretary Rollins and introduce themselves as FSA county office employees. If you have followed her testimony and public comments, you know she understands the importance of FSA and the employees who deliver programs to producers every day. That personal connection helped reinforce the message NASCOE has been carrying to decision-makers across Washington.

These conversations and relationships do not happen by accident. They are possible because NASCOE has a seat at the table and a voice that is strengthened by every member we represent. Strong membership gives us credibility, provides us with valuable feedback from the field, and allows us to advocate effectively on behalf of employees nationwide.

As our agency continues to navigate staffing shortages, organizational changes, shared management, workload shifts, and other challenges, NASCOE remains actively engaged at every level. We are working to ensure employee concerns are heard and that county office voices remain part of the conversation.

Thank you for your support of NASCOE and for the work you do every day. Whether you are already a member or considering joining, know that a strong membership makes a stronger organization—and a stronger voice for all FSA employees.

NASCOE is active and working for you every day. The success of our advocacy efforts in Washington is a direct result of the strength of our membership, and together we will continue ensuring that the voices of county office employees are heard loud and clear.

On the Horizon

- Membership Awards due June 15
- 4th Quarter Dues due to Treasurer June 30
- EC Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month
- Monitor Farm Bill Legislation, Economic Assistance and Appropriations bills
- PAC Promotion
- Membership Promotion and Growth
- National Convention
- Stay abreast of 2026 Reorganization Plan
- Quarterly call with DAFO
- Legislative Training Fly-In to DC
- Leadership Development

Every member strengthens our voice & every voice strengthens our ability to serve & advocate for FSA employees

Membership Feedback



Don't Gamble With Your Benefits - Keep A Winning Hand With NASCOE

June's activity is fairly simple - to help us stay relevant and build our plans for the coming year, we are asking you to participate in a survey to provide important feedback. **Scan the code to the right to participate.**

NASCOE SCOOP



Get to Know NASCOE



NASCOE Membership Co-Chair: Emilee Seier

Location: Nebraska **FSA County Location(s):** Antelope and Boone Counties

Family: Husband Brian, son Brantley and Baby Seier arriving any day

Something Others Don't Know About Me: Outside of work, you'll usually find me soaking up the outdoors with my family. We love hunting and fishing, snapping photos along the way, and turning any free time into a mini adventure exploring new places.

Why I Serve NASCOE: I serve NASCOE because the work we do for farmers and ranchers truly matters to me. Being part of NASCOE has given me a sense of belonging and connection that I didn't even realize I was missing. I love knowing that the time and effort I put in helps support my co-workers and the producers we serve—not just here in Nebraska, but all across the country. It's a constant reminder that what we do every day really does make a difference.

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NASCOE Membership Co-Chair: Maureen Cope

Location: Missouri **FSA County Locations:** Montgomery, Warren & Pike Counties

Family: Husband Ed & 3 Daughters: Quinn (11), Delila (9), Claudia (6)

Why I Serve NASCOE: I serve NASCOE because I value the opportunity to support and advocate for our agency employees while contributing to meaningful improvements across the agency. Through my involvement at both the national and state levels, I've seen firsthand the dedication, collaboration, and ingenuity of colleagues working together to ensure employees' ideas and concerns are represented. NASCOE and MASCOE have allowed me to build strong relationships with peers who understand the challenges of our work and share a commitment to serving our producers well, while also giving me a chance to grow professionally and support the success of county office teams.



Membership Awards Due June 15th

- Consecutive Year County Award
- Consecutive Year Individual Award

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