



## National Association of FSA County Office Employees Southwest Area

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It has been a privilege to get to serve the Southwest Area as your Executive these past two years. I can not say enough about the Executive Team that has been in place during my time. Each one on this team has given a large part of themselves to make sure that our membership is well represented, and their voices heard, even when it wasn't comfortable. We may not always agree on everything, but at the end of the day we have all done our job and came out as friends. The friendships I have made with you all are priceless and I have truly been blessed to have served with you.

If you missed the National Convention in College Station, Texas, you sure missed a good one! From the Howdy when we arrived to the See Ya Later when we left, it was so good for the soul! If you didn't get to attend, be sure and get next years convention marked on your calendar and join us in Quad Cities to see what the hype is all about! We would love to have you!

During the SWA Breakouts there was a lot of discussion about the hot topics of the Secretary of State Filing/Merger, SEA Resolution in support of the COC System and our Benefit Provider. The SWA was in support of the SEA Resolution and the Secretary of State Filing/Merger.

I had four of my seven area chairs in attendance with each of those providing their reports. Those in attendance were:

- Amanda Montgomery- Benefits
- Nancy Ensminger- Legislative
- Sabrina Blaser- Awards and Scholarships
- Leslie Leyba- Publicity

Reports were provided in advance of the convention from Jon Weishaar, Programs/Negotiations Chair and Breeann Fink, Membership Chair. There was no COAC report provided.

The SWA had a few "turn overs" of our area chairs and I would also like to thank Christa Kraatz and Carl Josefy for the time that you gave serving our area.

I wish to express my total appreciation to my area chairs for all their time and hard work over the past year. Without you we could not have done what we have been able to accomplish.

Terry Cater and I were elected to serve an additional term as the Southwest Area Executive and Alternate Executive respectively. During this next year Terry and I will be striving to improve communication by setting up monthly teams meeting that will be held on a set day and time. We will schedule those on our first call scheduled for September 6, 2023, at 6:30. In closing,

I want to express my gratitude to Terry Cater for serving alongside me as the Alternate Executive. Terry has been my sounding board and encourager through it all and I look forward to serving our final year as the SWA leadership together.

I look forward to this upcoming year and as always, I am just a text, phone call or email away from you. If you need anything, please let me know and I will be glad to help!

Respectfully submitted,

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