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## National Association of FSA County Office Employees Northwest Area

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As the second year of serving as the Northwest Area Executive ends, I would really like to thank the membership of the NWA for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity and represent you and your concerns. I especially want to give recognition to my amazing team this past year:

Awards & Scholarships – Deana Tranby Benefits & Emblems – Pam Metz County Office Advocacy – Jill Lorang Legislative – Melissa Klucken Membership – Emilee Seier and Jenny Lee Program & Negotiations – Meghan Soderlund

The NWA had a total of 39 attendees at the 2023 National Convention in Texas.

During our area breakout sessions, we revisited the goals set for the year as well as discussed, the following items:

- \* NASCOE Benefits Provider
- \* NASCOE Secretary of State and Plan of Merger
  - Area was in support of the bylaw amendment and supported the plan of merger
- \* NASCOE financial status
  - Area did express concerns of the financial situation and would be interested in the proposal of a dues increase to help the stability of NASCOE's mission
- \* Reviewed the Resolution of Support for the COC submitted by the SEA Area
  - Area fully supported the resolution as the COC system is the basis for FSA
- \* 2024 NWA Rally
  - Area was on-board with a joint rally with the MWA as long as there wasn't a huge commitment needed for volunteer work.
    The area delegation was concerned that the majority of our time in the next year or two would be on the 2025 National Convention.

\* 2025 National Convention

 Area delegation as on-board and supported the NWA hosting the 2025 National Convention with the proposed location of Whitefish, Montana. The Exec and Alt Exec will be doing more research and discussion with the location and have more updates as soon as they are available.

Reports were provided from all area chair positions prior to the convention and read during the breakout session.

The NWA delegation had a discussion on the use of the NWA Fund account to which we wanted to revisit and ended up appointing a Treasurer to manage.

Matt Weddingfeld was elected to serve as the NWA Alternate Executive and Lacey Orcutt was elected to serve as the NWA Executive for the upcoming year. Matt and I will continue to work on the goals established that were not completed and are excited for the upcoming year.

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Respectfully Submitted, Lacey Orcutt Northwest Area Executive NASCOE