## MWA Alternate Executive 2024 Candidacy Announcement Stacia Slover

My name is Stacia Slover, and I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of MWA Alternate Executive. I started my career as a Program Technician with the Farm Service Agency in 2017 in Wayne County, Illinois. I administered CRP, FSFL's, NAP and ELAP. One of my greatest achievements as a Program Technician was serving on a Jump Team in New Mexico to assist in the devastating wildfire and flooding disasters that occurred that summer and serve as NASCOE's Programs and Negotiations Consultant for the Midwest Area.

Today, I am humbly proud to say, I am the County Executive Director for Effingham County, Illinois. From the day I started working at the Farm Service Agency, I have been a member of NASCOE. Even after having been a member since the start of my professional career, I had never gone to any conventions or rallies. I was aware that NASCOE provided benefits, such as scholarships, to county office staff members, but at the time, there was little talk about involvement in my county office. Over the last couple of years, I've learned about and come to fully appreciate NASCOE's accomplishments, which makes me eager to tell others about them. Many "firsts" have happened to me the past couple of years, including my first NASCOE meeting, MWA Rally, Illinois State Convention, Washington, DC Programs and Negotiations Trip, and the National Convention in College Station, Texas. It has been the most gratifying and humble experience to advocate for the county office employees' needs, whether they included software upgrades, policy changes, or increased pay for program technicians.

I have learned so much this past year, being involved with NASCOE and have been so grateful for the impact NASCOE has had on my personal and professional growth. Knowing the countless hours, years of hard work, and commitment from both the former and present NASCOE leadership during the announcement of the Program Technician Reclassification was incredibly motivating.

NASCOE is a FAMILY, NASCOE is a TEAM, and NASCOE is and will continue to work hard for all County Office Employees.

I hope to have a positive influence and inspire membership to grow, participate, and contribute to the association and that's why I am announcing my candidacy to serve as your Midwest Area Alternate Executive.