

NASCOE PRESIDENT NOMINATION



In January of 1991, I began my career as a COT. During that first week, the State Office told me about this employee association called SDASCOE/NASCOE and informed me that I just as well join now before people like Gene and Big Jim would “convince” me to become a member.

I grew up on a farm the family still owns near a small town called Garden City in northeast SD, graduated from Clark High School, and then became an alumni South Dakota State University. After what some people refer to as an extended training opportunity, I was finally hired as a CED in May of 1994. After a couple moves, I have been in Grant County for almost 28 years. At that time, a wise person told me to quit moving around and make Milbank my home where I served on the City Council for 20 years until 2021. If you do not find me at the family farm, at a Milbank athletic event where I operate the clock and announce the lineups, you might find me about 75 miles south in a town called Brookings watching the SDSU Jackrabbits.

I have one son who is the golf course superintendent at Dakota Winds Golf Course at the Dakota Magic Casino on the SD/ND border. He lives in SD, but technically works in ND by just a few feet.

I have been a member of NASCOE since my first week of employment. Grant County has had 100% consecutive membership for the past 62 years. I was active during the first few years of my career, but then stepped away from NASCOE for a few years as life with my son got busy. Once I became an empty nester, I once again got involved in several capacities including SDASCOE President and the co-chair of the 2018 NASCOE Convention in Sioux Falls, SD. I was approached by a couple ladies by the name of Jenae and Jessi about becoming the NWA Alternative Executive, which started me on this journey.

The last year as the NASCOE President has been rewarding, and I am announcing my intention to run for a second year as the NASCOE President. I would appreciate your support as I give back one more year to the organization that has enabled me to have a great career.