

My name is Barbie Parsons, and I would like to announce my candidacy for Northeast Area Executive.

I have had the privilege of serving as your Northeast Area Alternate Executive for the past two years, and during that time, I have gained a deeper understanding of the work NASCOE does and the impact it has on our members.

I've served as a County Executive Director (CED) in West Virginia since October 2023, where I manage the Parkersburg office serving Pleasants, Ritchie, Wirt, and Wood Counties and I'm currently in a shared management role in Sutton, WV serving Braxton, Clay, Nicholas and Webster counties. I've been part of the FSA family for 18 years, and from the start—even as a temporary employee—I joined both WVASCOE and NASCOE, understanding the value of strong representation.

I live in Mason County, West Virginia with my husband, Lacey. I'm a proud mom to Zack and Maggie. Zack and his wife, Anna, have given us the joy of a grandson, Ford. Lacey and I also have legal guardianship of our daughter Maggie, who is 47 and has Down Syndrome. We are also lucky to have a bonus grandson, Moe, thanks to my niece Shelbie and her husband Justin.

Outside the office, I enjoy life on our family farm—helping my husband and son raise Angus cattle, chickens, and one spirited donkey. I also tend vegetables, blueberries, and strawberries in our high tunnel and enjoy crafting.

I've had the privilege of attending Leadership Conferences, area rallies, and national conventions—and I've seen firsthand how hard NASCOE works to support each of us.

If you've ever considered getting more involved with your state association or NASCOE, I encourage you to get involved. The knowledge you gain and the relationships you build are truly invaluable. It would be a true honor to serve as your NEA Executive., and I respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you.