

NEA Alt Exec Candidacy Announcement

Hello Northeast Area! I am Barbie Parsons, currently your NEA COAC Chair. I am a CED in West Virginia. My office is in Parkersburg serving Pleasant, Ritchie, Wirt, and Wood Counties. I've been with FSA for 15 years. I was a temporary Program Technician for 7 years; a permanent Program Technician for 7 years and have been a CED for 1 year. I live in Mason County, West Virginia (the home of the Mothman) with my husband Lacey. I'm the proud mom to Zack and Maggie. Zack and his wife Anna have blessed me with a grandson, Ford. Lacey and I have legal guardianship of Maggie, she's 45 years old and has Down Syndrome. My niece Shelbie and her husband Justin also blessed me with a bonus grandson, Moe.

In my spare time, I help my husband and son raise Angus Beef cattle, chickens, and a donkey. I also like to raise vegetables, blueberries, and strawberries in the high tunnel. I also love to craft. My newest project is recycling old feed bags into reusable bags.

At the beginning of my employment with FSA, I became a member of WVASCOE and NASCOE. Even as a temporary, I paid Associate Dues. I have served in various roles at the state, area, and now national level. Currently I'm the President of WVASCOE and your NEA COAC Chair.

Being active in NASCOE has been a great experience! I've been given the opportunity to attend a Leadership Conference, attend rallies and conventions. If you've ever thought about getting involved with your state association or NASCOE, I encourage you to do so. It's a great learning experience and more importantly, you'll see how hard NASCOE works for you and your coworkers.

Serving as your NEA Alt Executive would be an honor and I'm requesting your support as I run for your NEA Alt Executive.