

Southeast Area Executive
2024 Candidacy Announcement

Neil Burnette

My name is Neil Burnette and I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of SEA Executive. I am running for this position because I believe that my previous experience with NoCASCOE and NASCOE position me well as someone that can continue to lead the SEA as an Area of Excellence. I will continue to strive to provide our members with the best representation possible, as we work to guide NASCOE in navigating current and future challenges. **I will continue to base my decisions on two questions: will the outcome strengthen NASCOE and/or the county committee system and, does it provide the best result possible for membership.**

As an FSA employee with over 33 years with the agency, I know how vital the County Committee system is, not only to the farmers in our communities who feed the world, but also to us as employees. The local committee system of government is the greatest form of Federal Program Administration in America and is something that should be emulated and celebrated. Our local farmer elected committees provide us flexibility and protection as employees that cannot exist as General Schedule employees. I intend to fight for this system of government and do my best to educate others on the importance of the County Committee.

I have a desire to share what I have learned and experienced with others to help preserve FSA as a great place to work. I want to help develop future leaders within our association and there is no better place to do that than the SEA. We must invest in the next generation and train them to carry forward the benefits and values of NASCOE, that so many have worked diligently to obtain.

I have been a NASCOE member my entire career and have served in many State and National Association positions. I am currently in my 1st year serving as the SEA Executive and I would be proud to spend another year serving in this capacity.

I respectfully request your support in my effort to further the mission of NASCOE and make positive impact. I would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve each of you as your SEA Executive.

Respectfully,

Neil Burnette