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The NASCOE Legislative breakout session was called to order by the Chair. Roll was taken and the Area Chairs were recognized with certificates of appreciation. The Legislative Consultant was recognized and awarded a certificate of appreciation for his efforts.

Each area chair gave a report of their efforts since the last convention. All areas reported that communication continues to be an issue at the state level. Often times state chairs have to be called in order to get a response to action requests. The PAC coordinator gave an update on the state of the PAC.

The Chair gave an over view of the Leadership/Legislative conference and the planning to this point. Attendees should have gotten an email detailing hotel reservation and travel directions. Members who are attending should be scheduling travel and setting up hotel rooms at this point. The focus of the conference will be directed more toward leadership growth, and membership growth than previous conferences. The consultant agreed to help states set up appointments in the coming week.

The consultant noted that many members have told him they are not contributing to the PAC because they do not agree with the members of congress that NASCOE is supporting. Hunter stated that NASCOE uses only one criteria to determine who the NASCOE PAC supports and that is if the member supports NASCOE. We do not base our support or non-support on any other issue such as stance on immigration, abortion, foreign policy etc.

The floor was opened to questions from the attendees. Most discussion was based on the current election cycle and the effects on FSA. Other questions were in regard to the conference as well as the availability of distribution material for members to use when advocating to stakeholders and members of congress. One member stated that he felt that NASCOE as a whole could do a better job of communicating with membership.

The chair closed with a statement, that as a whole, our agency does not do a good job of telling our story, or advocating on our behalf. It will ultimately be up to our membership and all of the employees of the agency to ensure that our stakeholders know and understand our impact and our role in the agriculture economy. If we want to be relevant in the future we need good leaders growing and learning within the FSA system, as well as within NASCOE.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackson Jones
Legislative Committee Chair