



# National Association of FSA County Office Employees Membership Committee

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## Post Membership Report 2016 NASCOE Convention Cedar Rapids, IA

### Recent Activities

It has been a pleasure to serve as the NASCOE membership chair for the past seven months. It has been a very exciting, overwhelming and rewarding opportunity. I can't think everyone enough for their assistance with all my questions. The Executive Committee and all the national chairs have been beyond helpful, I am so grateful for the chance to work with such outstanding leadership. My fellow area chairs have been an amazing resource and have been so quick to respond when I've asked for their assistance. I couldn't have accomplished so much without them.

We have many exciting things happening this year. Dillard Financial Solutions, Inc., our Benefits Provider, is offering a special membership drive for 2016 and beyond. The state with the highest increase in new members, including associate membership, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 will receive a \$1,000 award sponsored by Dillard Financial Solutions, Inc. The state president will receive a plaque on behalf of his or her state association, presented by the NASCOE President at the National Convention. A traveling trophy will also be presented to the state to have for a year. Each year the winning state will have their name engraved on the trophy. States are ineligible for the contest in any dues year in which they received a NASCOE Jump Team assistance with their membership drive. States also need to be in good standing for both years to be eligible. It was a pleasure to announce that Massachusetts received the Membership award with a 30% increase in membership.

I've added to the membership training that had been started prior to me becoming the current membership chair by creating a membership user guide. The guide is a great resource for membership chairs to see what they need to be tracking from month to month along with examples of the forms and reports that need to be completed.

I am very pleased to announce that we had 34 offices for 55 years 100% Consecutive Membership, 26 offices with 50 years 100% Consecutive Membership, 5 offices with 45 years 100% Consecutive Membership and two individuals receiving 40 years of consecutive membership.

### Breakout session at convention

The breakout session was very productive and I felt there was a great turnout. There were over 20 people in attendance and that included four of the five area chairs. I covered the membership training guide during the break out session and went over the membership report and how the percentage is figured for the membership contest. I went over what the membership chair responsibilities are and ways they can maintain their records. I asked the area chairs to go to their states and ask their thoughts on a membership card that would be supplied by Dillards. It would have our typical membership card on the front with the working advantage and the Dillard benefits listed on the back. I also asked the area chairs to have a discussion with their states about adding 25, 30 and 35 years to the individual and office 100



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% consecutive membership award. I had a very productive brain storming session on ways to tackle the issue of why individuals won't join and ways to overcome that obstacle.

### Goals for the Upcoming Year

This past year I tried to appealed to members to **“be the voice”** of NASCOE. I wanted to encourage members to start conversation with nonmembers to spread the word about what NASCOE is and what it has accomplished over the years. For this coming year I am going to ask members to **“lead by example”**. With the leadership training this fall, I wanted to incorporate this great opportunity into encouraging and motivation members to take a more active and leadership role with the association. I also plan to focus on assisting membership chairs on keeping updated records and reaching out on a regular basis with their membership. Not only is it importuning to increase membership, it is also important to stay in contact with your current membership. I am excited and looking forward to making this another successful year. It is an honor to be working with and meeting fellow members throughout the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

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NASCOE Membership Chair