

Northwest Area Report

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Northwest Area (NWA) Delegates and members met in a break-out session at the 2016 NASCOE Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Roll call was taken and there were 22 NWA members present at the break-out session and 69 in attendance at the Convention. The meeting was presided over by Jenae Prescott, NWA Executive and Jessi Colgrove, NWA Alternate Executive. Special guests included Wes Daniels, Dennis Ray, Hunter Moorhead, Jackson Jones, Teresa Dillard, Deb Essleman, and Curt Houk.

We started the meeting off with each of the NWA Committee Chairs giving their reports; Jennifer Dutton – Programs, Kyra Hagberg – Scholarship/Awards/Emblems, Lori Jones – Membership, Harold Boggs – Negotiator (written report), Greg Chewakin – NAFEC, Linda Fegler – Legislative, & Deana Tranby – Benefits. Due to a family illness Publicity Chair, Christy Randall was unable to attend and I briefed the area for her report. There is a lot going in NASCOE and I am thrilled to see where we are going. Committee Reports will be distributed in an email to membership. Items discussed from the committee reports:

- Scholarship Submissions:
The NWA representatives decided that they did not want to make any changes in how they submit their scholarships from the state to the area level. It is felt that since all states do not have a scholarship program and since this is a NASCOE benefit we should continue submitting all applications. They understand how complex the judging can get and it is hoped that the new on line submissions will help streamline the process. It was voted upon and passed that the NWA Scholarship Chair should recommend to the NASCOE Scholarship Chair that they feel strongly about continuing with the current method of submitting and judging.
- Membership Cards:
The NWA agreed that the membership cards are a good idea if Dillard's are printing them at no cost. They feel that Dillard should not be allowed to mail out all the cards, they are in favor of Dillard printing the cards and sending to State Presidents and allowing the State Presidents to disburse.
- Area Chair Stipends:
The NWA discussed the adequacy of the stipends to the Area Chairs for Rally and National Convention attendance. It was the consensus of the NWA that the current level of stipend is sufficient for this year and they would support an increase to \$500 for Rally and \$750 to Convention next year if supported by the budget.
- NASCOE Credit Card:
The possibility of NASCOE having a credit card as a benefit was discussed and the group decided they would support that as a benefit to members.
- Legislative:
The group was briefed by the NASCOE political consultant. Linda Fegler reported on the PAC, NWA has 81 contributing. It was asked or everyone not contributing to raise their hand, forms were passed out. The upcoming Leadership Training/Legislative Conference was discussed, those attending the Training/Conference can start making reservations and booking airfare. Hunter Moorhead will be assisting on making contacts in DC. More information about the Training/Conference will be coming out soon.

Following the committee reports and discussion the following business items were addressed:

- Nominations & Elections:
Jenae Prescott was nominated and elected to serve as the NWA Executive. Jessi Colgrove was nominated and elected to serve as the NWA Alternate Executive.
- Resolution:
The group was briefed on the resolution to the NASCOE Constitution and By-Laws that would be voted on during the Saturday session. A discussion was held regarding the current language, all understood and agreed with the proposed language.
- Area Rally:
The NWA Rally will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska this coming late Spring/early Summer. States were asked to poll their membership and see what month works best. Summer time is hard and we want to plan it when majority of membership can attend. It was asked for a month to be submitted by September 1st.
- Communications:
Communications are very important to the success of NASCOE. It was discussed whether the attendees felt that communication over this past year was ok within the NWA or if we needed to make some improvements. One NWA Newsletter was distributed this past year and I committed to do at least two this next year. We will also use the NWA Facebook page & added 3 more administrators to the page in hopes that it will be more frequently updated and become a great resource for the NWA. It was also asked of the state presidents to submit updates to the NWA Directory by September 1st to Jessi Colgrove. We need this to be accurate so that communications can flow properly.

The NWA wants to thank all of IASCOE for putting on a wonderful and successful convention. Many present from the NWA know firsthand what it takes to put on a National Convention and we commend you for a job very well done.

I request that this report be accepted by the NASCOE Executive Board as filed.

Respectively Submitted,

Jenae Prescott
Northwest Area Executive