

Candidacy Announcement for NASCOE Vice President Brandon Wilson

My name is Brandon Wilson and I am running for the office of NASCOE Vice President. NASCOE has invested in me since 2001 and I want to return that investment to NASCOE by serving for my second year in the capacity of NASCOE Vice President.

My personal background includes farm work, a formal education, and office experience working for both NRCS and the FSA. A summary of my personal background includes:

- Raised on a farm and continue to be involved in the family farm
- Graduated high school 1999 and college in 2003
- Employed with NRCS in 2001 and then later by FSA in 2003
- CED in Marshall County Kansas- my home county (have been a CED in 4 counties).

I have been very active in NASCOE and the Kansas Association (KASCOE). Upon gaining employment at FSA, I immediately became a NASCOE member and I attended my first NASCOE Convention in Rapid City South Dakota. My KASCOE and NASCOE roles include:

- KASCOE Director
- KASCOE Committee Chair
- KASCOE Vice-President
- KASCOE President
- NASCOE SWA Committee Chair
- NASCOE SWA Executive
- NASCOE Vice-President
- NASCOE Committees: Membership, Budget, ACRSI and 2-CP.

I am a strong believer in the locally elected County Committee (COC) system. This system is critical in delivering service to our customers. My thoughts on the COC system are:

- Local grassroots control gives FSA a bi-partisan edge.
- FSA can administer programs better than agencies such as IRS, EPA etc due to local credibility
- The most fulfilling jobs in all of USDA are the PT, CED and COC jobs and I want to keep these positions strong in the future.
- With more programs than ever, NASCOE needs to continue advocating and pressing for funding to support COF staffing.

The role of Vice President is a critical role. The duties of the Vice President as I see them are:

- Securing employee pay, benefits, and advancement opportunities.
- Shadowing the President by learning and observing.
- Working with the NASCOE Attorney to ensure that the rights of employees are preserved
- Taking on assigned roles.
- Building and maintaining relationships with County Office Employees, management and industry peers.
- Collaboratively assembling a leadership team.

I understand the role I am jumping into and I have the support of my COC, County Office staff, State Office District Director and family. My social skills pro-active nature, and organizational skills will allow me to do the job well. If you have any questions you should contact me or anyone who knows me. Thank you for your time and I would appreciate your support at the election in August.