

South Dakota State SDASCOE Convention-2019

May 3-4, 2019- Pierre, SD

The 2019 SDASCOE Convention opened with President Joel Foster welcoming us to Pierre. The General Session was called to order by Joel Foster. The National Anthem was played and we recited the pledge of allegiance. Rich Rische did the invocation and Mary Jane Lusk welcomed us to the convention. Mary Jane thanked Lyman County for hosting the convention.

Joel introduced our SED Paul Shubeck. Joel presented an appreciation plaque to Mr. Shubeck and Jamie White for their support of our organization and supporting our 2018 NASCOE Convention.

Mr. Shubeck visited with the group about the year in review. He talked about the hiring freezes, office closings, how the hiring picked up, and the furlough (Jamie and he were on the phone all the time during the furlough). Mr. Shubeck told the group we are all on the same team and the State Office has an open door policy. South Dakota has good people working for the agency and we know how to get the job done. We have the new Farm bill coming up as well this summer/fall.

Next we were addressed by congressional representatives: Lynn Tjeerdsma for Senator Thune. Lynn visited about his 30 years of service. He told us to never sell yourself short in working in the county office. The county office has great responsibility in delivering the programs that are placed in front of them. We need to work with the farmers and serve them. Lynn indicated that the environment is changing in D.C. Lynn stated that during the furlough nobody won. He also visited about the Conservation Programs. This is a real concern. There may be a General Signup in December. Lynn stated money would be lost if we don't get to the cap of CRP acres.

Jessi Colgrove, NASCOE NWA executive invited everyone to attend the 2019 National Convention in Manhattan, KS July 31-August 3rd 2019. Jessi talked about the IRS tax complaint issue. She also visited about NASCOE's role during the furlough and getting the information out to the members. NASCOE wanted its members to know that they were there for them. They had conference calls to keep up on the news.

Rich Rische, RASCOE president, visited with the group about how they support NASCOE & SDASCOE. A video was shown that showed what RASCOE was all about. They will be doing a 50/50 drawing for \$1.00 a ticket. Drawing will be at noon on Saturday May 4th. Associate dues for RASCOE are \$30.00.

Carleen Mack from SDACS addressed the group. They had their annual meeting at the Pizza Ranch. Their membership is growing but the members need to step up to the plate and volunteer.

Kim from Blue Cross visited with the group about the \$50 Blue Cross benefit for signing up under My Blue. She also talked about the Retirement Part B. This is a secondary insurance and not a supplement that Blue Cross has.

Teresa Dillard from Dillard Financial provided us with a retirement seminar. Dillard's offered good retirement information and she had some excellent handouts.

A power point presentation honored our departed members. We adjourned for the day.

The evening award banquet was held at the AmericInn Conference room. Length of Service and Sick Leave awards were presented. Three Distinguished service awards were presented. The Service to Community award was presented to Kari Sanders of Fall River-Custer County. The Service of agriculture was presented to Steven Minor of Brookings County. The Service to NASCOE was presented to Jeanie Emmett of Brookings County and Jeanie won the Northwest Area award as well.

We convened the meeting on Saturday Morning with roll call. We had 76 attendees at the convention. The minutes of the 2018 Annual meeting were read. Joel made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Brenda Wicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jennifer Chavez reviewed the treasurer's report. Jennifer reported where we were at with our funds. Approximately, we have a total of \$86,874.20 (includes the CD's). We are a non-profit organization and we need to get the money amount down. Jennifer gave the group the final report of income & expenses for the 2018 NASCOE Convention. Kristen Miles made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Courtney Hanson 2nd. Motion carried

Joel visited with the group about helping support the 2019 NASCOE convention and the 2020 NASCOE convention with the use of our extra money. It was discussed that Kansas was selling tickets for their fundraiser for the 2019 NASCOE convention. Jim Anderson made a motion to purchase 30 tickets for \$20.00 per ticket to help Kansas with their fundraiser. Courtney Beidler 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Joel also indicated the Missouri, Georgia & Iowa donated to our 2018 NASCOE Convention. In order to follow the pay forward for future conventions, it was discussed to donate \$500 to Kansas for the 2019 NASCOE convention and \$500 to Georgia for the 2020 NASCOE convention. Jim Anderson made the motion to go ahead and do the two donations, Donnie McManus 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Joel talked about putting some of the extra money into an endowment with Dillard. We could use the interest from the money to help fund the Scholarship program. Joel also visited with the group about the upcoming Leadership Workshop in Dallas TX Oct 24-26, 2019. This is a great opportunity for members to get involved and meet great people across the nation. Joel will send an email about this meeting to see who all is interesting in going. NASCOE will pay a certain amount of the travel/per diem. SDASCOE could help with the other half. We will need to get more information before making a decision.

SDASCOE Committee reports:

- Scholarship/Award Report: Courtney gave a report about the Scholarship Auction at the 2018 national convention and the balance we have for our future scholarship program. She talked about what each scholarship was and the criteria. The Scholarship program is new to SDASCOE.
- Membership: Lynn Smith indicated that we had 95% membership. 35 new members since Sept. 2018. Joel sent letters to the new employees.
- Publicity: We need to get our information to Shana so she can post to the website.
- Legislative: Keri visited about the Farm Bill-Dairy was the main focus. Keri was on a call April 3rd. They talked about the signup being for 60 days starting on Sept. 1st.
- Benefits: no report
- Ways and Means: no report

Motion was made by Courtney Hansen to file the committee report, seconded by Suzi Keck. Motion carried.

SDASCOE Old Business

- Review of Updated Travel Policy: Joel went thru the changes for the Travel Policy. The policy was amended on 02/07/2019.

SDASCOE New Business:

Proposed SDASCOE by-law Amendment: Joel went thru the changes of the by-laws. Most of the changes were word changes, being able to hold conference calls for meetings instead of face to face meetings, etc. These were posted to the members 60 days before the Annual SDASCOE meeting. Jennifer made a motion to accept the by-laws with the changes. Donnie McManus seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held of purchasing a new projector for SDASCOE. The old one isn't compatible with the laptop anymore. Motion was made to give the executive committee permission to purchase a new projector by Keri Niederman and seconded by Jim Anderson. Motion carried.

Election of officers was held: Mary Jane Lusk nominated Jennifer Chavez for treasurer. Donnie McManus moved that all nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Jennifer. Jim Anderson seconded. Courtney Hansen nominated Karen LaFurge for Secretary. Donnie moved that all nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Karen. Jim Anderson seconded. Jennifer Chavez nominated Mary Jane Lusk for President. Donnie moved that all nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mary Jane. Jim Anderson seconded. Megan Stevens nominated Diane Beidler for Vice President. Donnie moved that all nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Diane. Jim Anderson seconded.

Joel talked about our funds from the 2018 National Convention. We are a non-profit organization and need to keep our funds below \$50,000.00. SDASCOE did an awesome job on the 2018 National Convention.

Joel provided information to the group about the 2020 NWA Rally and the 2020 SDASCOE being held together next year. South Dakota is in charge of the rally for 2020. We would have our SDASCOE meeting on Thursday, have speakers on Friday and Saturday would be the NWA Rally. Donnie McManus made a motion to have the 2020 NWA Rally with the 2020 SDASCOE. Courtney Hansen 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Joel indicated that we need two people to volunteer to be delegates for the 60th NASCOE Convention July 31st-August 3rd, 2019. Delegates need to attend meeting, take notes and report back to the SDASCOE group. The delegates would need to vote this year for NASCOE to be IRS compliant. Courtney Hanson & Courtney Beidler volunteered to be the delegates. Megan Stevens made a motion to have Courtney & Courtney to be delegates for the NASCOE convention. Suzi Keck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joel indicted that the early bird deadline to register was May 31st.

Brenda Wicks moved to adjourn the meeting and Megan Stevens seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:

Karen LaFurge, Secretary