

Lori Jones – 2014 SDASCOE Distinguished Service Award Nomination for Service to NASCOE

Lori Jones has been a loyal member of SDASCOE/NASCOE since she began working for ASCS/FSA as a PT in Aurora County (SD) and then as a COT to a CED currently serving Mellette/Todd County (SD) FSA Office. Lori has seldom missed a State Convention and has attended several of the NWA Rallies and NASCOE National Conventions. Lori's family knows how important her employee's organization is to her and has given their support to her over the years. Lori started being active in SDASCOE/NASCOE since she first started working with the agency in 1986.



Lori has served as a Delegate in 2002 to the NWA Rally and to National Convention in Little Rock AR and attended Legislative Conference in WDC for the first time in 2012. Lori was at awe over the workings of NASCOE and all the members that would come together for one cause. Lori was also instrumental in helping in 2005 when SD hosted the National Convention, by assisting in any area needed. Lori has also given of her time for NASCOE as an Awards and Scholarship Judge in the past. Lori has also served as the SDASCOE Membership Committee Chairperson since July of 2005. Lori has not had an easy task in front of her to keep the membership up for the State. Lori is willing to talk with anyone that has questions about our employee organization and regularly throughout the year talks to non-members to get a better understanding of why they would not want to join our great organization. Each year Lori contacts all employees with FSA in South Dakota to encourage membership. Lori continues to contact non-members throughout the year by making phone calls and sending letters to keep them informed, as she strongly believes that communication is a key to success with membership. Lori's hard work in South Dakota membership has paid off with maintaining 97 – 98% membership each year since 2005. Lori has established an electronic record keeping of Members for South Dakota for preserving the history for our state.

Lori is very creative and has been campaign manager (unofficial) for members of SD running for office in their state organization. Lori is always willing to help with special projects in SD when ever asked. She gives advice when the current President and Vice President of SDASCOE ask, especially if it involves handling a delicate situation with a member or employee in SD.

Lori is not only dedicated to SDASCOE/NASCOE she is dedicated to FSA by developing a working relationship with the Rosebud Sioux Tribal officials, and was instrumental in promoting Annie's Project, which is a program, designed to empower women by providing detailed ranch and farm management information and by helping them develop networks with their peers. On the weekends and in spare time, Lori travels home to her family and enjoys spending time with her husband Don, three daughters and their families and especially with her grandchildren.

Lori commutes to her job on a weekly basis maintaining two households, but still finds time and energy to serve SDASCOE/NASCOE. She is a loyal member and continues to reflect commitment and dedication to SDASCOE/NASCOE and to her producers and other employees with FSA. Lori has worked hard and is proud of her 28 years of service to FSA and especially to SDASCOE/NASCOE. She is a "can do" positive person and it reflects with her success in her career and home life.

We are proud to nominate, Lori Jones our CED and SDASCOE Membership Chairperson for the Distinguished Service to NASCOE award.

Kay Massingale

Janelle Adrian

D'Ann Gehlsen

Donna Bouman