

## SDASCOE President's Report Fall, 2019

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, I became your SDASCOE President. Thank you to past President, Joel Foster, for staying on an extra year so I could learn the ropes. For those of you who do not know me, I am Mary Jane West. I am the CED in Gregory Co. in Burke, SD. I grew up in Highmore, SD. I started my career with ASCS/FSA in July of 1986 as a PT in Hughes-Stanley Co. In 2006, I married my husband, John, who was living and working in the Spearfish area. In 2007, I got the opportunity to transfer to the Butte-Lawrence Co. office. I worked there until the fall of 2013, when I transferred back to the Hughes-Stanley Co. office. In 2015, I applied for the COT program and after training until March of 2016, I was hired as the CED in Gregory Co. My husband and I have 6 children between the two of us, and 12 grandchildren! Needless to say our Christmases are loud and exciting!!

I have met many of the current employees during my PT years and with my COT training travels! We have been so fortunate lately to be able to hire many new employees so there may be a few of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting. Please come introduce yourself the next time we have training! I have seen your names but would love to put a face with it!

We had a smaller than normal State Convention May 3-4<sup>th</sup> in Fort Pierre, SD, but no less important. The minutes of the meeting have been published, so take some time to review what your association is doing for you! Better yet, join us next year and get in on the knowledge shared first hand!

Your 2019-2020 officers are:

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Feel free to reach out to any of us if you have concerns that you feel we can help you with.

Next year's state convention will be held in conjunction with the NWA Rally. It is SD's turn to host the NWA Rally so we will be in Deadwood, SD. It is going to include the SWA as well so it will be the "All West" Rally! This will be another great opportunity to see not only your state association at work but your national organization as well! We will have NASCOE leadership here as well as our FSA dignitaries from Washington DC. You will be able to get firsthand information sometimes even before you see it in a notice! AND it is in Deadwood! So many things to see and do there after our business is finished! Please consider joining us in the beautiful Black Hills! We will be at the Lodge in Deadwood and the dates are May 14-16, 2020. More information will be available when the date gets a little closer.

We just returned from a Leadership Development Training in Dallas, TX. I attended as a mentor and SD was fortunate enough to have seven aspiring leaders attend! We will hear more from them and their experience very soon!

With the upcoming trainings, please reach out to me and say hello! And please feel free to give me a call or send me an email if you have an issue you need help with. Thank you!