



KASCOE e-News

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President's Monthly e-News

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Labor/Management Forum January 11, 2010

The KASCOE officers will be attending the quarterly Labor Management Forum on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in Manhattan. The quarterly meetings serve as a way for suggesting changes or providing feedback to the STO. These meetings also allow for the SED to let employees know of policy changes or other decisions that will have an effect on employee working conditions.

Mr. Polansky has asked KASCOE if there are any concerns that we would like to discuss with the STO while we are in Manhattan. Please let your KASCOE Director know by **noon on January 6, 2011** if you have any concerns or questions that you feel should be brought up at the meeting. The KASCOE officers will have a teleconference prior to attending the meeting to review discussion items before presenting them to the STO.

REMINDER- Free Trip to NASCOE Legislative Conference!

In an effort to promote membership participation, NASCOE is providing an exciting opportunity to for members to participate in a drawing for an expense paid trip to the 2011 Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. March 7-9, 2011. **For more details see last month's e-News posted on the KASCOE Website: <http://kascoe.org/default.aspx>.

IMPORTANT: Interested parties should fill out the application posted on the NASCOE website and e-mail to Ernie Battin at: ebattin@pld.com or mail the application to: PO Box 609 Syracuse, KS 67878. Entries must be submitted by **January 15, 2011**. KASCOE is collecting applications so that they can gauge participation & interest in the contest. Ernie will bundle the applications and forward to the NASCOE Legislative Committee by the applicable deadline. Contact Ernie Battin for additional Details. The NASCOE website can be found at: <http://nascoe.org/default.aspx>.

Mark Your Calendar!

- **Ongoing:** visit with your COC members about joining NAFEC– January is a great month to do this
- **January 6th:** Deadline for KASCOE Employee/Management Forum Discussion Items
- **January 15th:** Legislative Contest Deadline
- **January 31st:** Sam's Club Deadline for members (including associates). *You should be sure to use your personal e-mail and note which state you are from when applying to NASCOE for this benefit.*
- **February 1st:** NASCOE Distinguished Service Award Deadline

KASCOE is on the Web at
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NASCOE Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) Deadline

NASCOE has long ago made the commitment to honor fellow members that have gone over and above their ASCS/FSA duties to make a difference within NASCOE, their Communities, and with FSA-Agriculture. There are three Distinguished Service Awards (DSA's) that recognize these efforts: Service to Community, Service to FSA/Agriculture & Service to NASCOE.

Nominating someone for outstanding efforts and accomplishments the right thing to do and a great way to recognize someone you know. Everyone knows someone who qualifies for this award, therefore there are many potential award winners waiting for a nomination. Winners will be recognized at the 2011 NASCOE Convention.

Who may Nominate? Any member of the Association may make a nomination.

Who is eligible? Only members of KASCOE who are in good standing, who are serving under a permanent appointment, or who have voluntarily retired during the current year are eligible to receive these awards.

Who is ineligible? No National Officer, Executive committee person or alternate, National committee chairperson, nor Area Awards committee members are eligible for consideration for a Distinguished Service Award at the Area or National level while serving in any of these capacities.

Submission? Send any 2011 nominations to Ernie Battin, KASCOE Interim Awards Chairperson by **February 1, 2011**. Nominations can be mailed to Ernie at: PO Box 609, Syracuse, KS 67878 or e-mailed to: ebattin@pld.com. Nomination forms & the Awards/Scholarship Booklet can be found on the NASCOE Website by clicking on: <http://nascoe.org/Awards.aspx>.

Award Type

Service To Community

Items to Include

What organization(s) has nominee worked with?; Does the nominee hold an office or any special committee assignment?; What is their church affiliation, family status, children, etc?; What has nominee done to improve the community he/she lives in?; Has nominee received any special recognition?; What is nominee's FSA and NASCOE background?

Service to FSA Agriculture

How long has nominee worked for FSA?; What program(s) or special project have they worked with?; What is the size of the county and number of farmers; What are nominees outstanding contributions to FSA and/or Agriculture?; Has nominee received any special awards or promotions?; What is the nominee's NASCOE background?

Service to NASCOE

Years of NASCOE membership; committee activity; offices held; contributions to the organization; FSA background.