



KASCOE e-News

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<http://kascoe.org/default.aspx>

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Free Trip to NASCOE Legislative Conference

In an effort to promote membership participation, NASCOE is providing an exciting opportunity to receive an expense paid trip to the 2011 Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. March 7-9, 2011.

Members in good standing who are currently enrolled in CAP-WIZ and have never attended a National Convention or Legislative Conference may complete the 1st Time Attendee Legislative Contest Form, which is available on the NASCOE Website. If you are not a CAP-WIZ member and wish to participate, you can join CAP-WIZ by going to the NASCOE website and enrolling. Once you are enrolled for CAP-WIZ you will be eligible to apply for the contest.

Winners will receive reimbursement of actual expenses not to exceed \$1,000 for expenses to attend the March Conference. One entry per NASCOE Area will be selected. Kansas will be competing with TX, OK, CO, NM, CA, NV & AZ for one position. At present there are approximately 190 Kansas Cap-Wiz Members eligible for the drawing.

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>.

Retirements: Notice PM-2768

Recent and upcoming retirements may have County Offices thinking about how they are going to plan for training and business continuity. Notice PM-2768 provides some relief to this dilemma by allowing for the "Re-employment of Annuitants/Retirees Without Salary Offset." This is a provision that NASCOE had previously asked for as a solution to allow for training and knowledge transfer with newly hired employees.

According to the notice, retired employees may come back to work without any penalties to train new employees. They can receive both their full annuity and full salary. The employment period is not intended for "project like duties," but rather activities with a "specific anticipated duration."

This position will need to be approved by WDC. There are a limited number of positions that can be used at the same time. Positions depend on temporary funding availability. For more details you should read Notice PM-2768 and visit with your District Director.



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Sam's Club Discount Available

Sam's Club is again offering a \$10 gift card for joining or renewing a Sam's Club membership. All you will need to present at the time of the membership purchase is the Sam's Club certificate and possibly your membership card. You can get your certificate from the NASCOE website. If you do not have a current 2010/2011 membership card you should contact David Sweany, Membership Chairperson. To print the certificate go to the NASCOE Website & click on the benefits page. This offer is for members only. You can find the NASCOE Website at: <http://nascoe.org/default.aspx>. **The offer expiration date is January 31, 2011.**

National Association of Farmer Elected Committees (NAFEC) Membership Drive

The ballots are in and will be counted across the nation this month for the 2010 County Committee Elections. January would be an excellent time to discuss with new and current County Committee Members about NAFEC membership.

NAFEC (National Association of Farmer Elected Committees) is an organization for Committee members that is similar to NASCOE. NAFEC promotes the well being of the Committee system and agricultural communities.

NASCOE is certain that support from NAFEC is important to our organization in 2011. Soon the process of developing the 2012 Farm Bill will begin and a strong NAFEC membership working hand in hand with the goals of NASCOE could have a real impact. First and foremost, NAFEC needs more membership and it is our hope that KASCOE members will promote NAFEC in the upcoming year. NAFEC members can provide Congress their ideas on the programs we administer and can ask for policy-type changes that we cannot.

NAFEC membership is only \$35.00 per year and County Committee can join by completing an application and signing a withholding form (FSA-444). The application goes to NAFEC and the FSA-444 goes to the State Office. NAFEC members are also eligible for benefits provided through JM Marketing. These available benefits may serve as an incentive for membership, however members are not required to purchase products from JM Marketing.

More information can be found at the NAFEC Website: http://fsacountycommittees.org/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=28.

“Guarantee Insured” Insurance Deadline

JM Marketing offers members a wide variety of products for insurance needs at a discounted rate exclusively for NASCOE Members. One of the most recent is the Fidelity Life Long Term Care Insurance. This is quality policy that converts to a Life Insurance Policy if the long term care is never used or its value is not depleted. The “Guarantee Insured” offer ends on **December 31, 2010** for KASCOE members.

“Guarantee Insured” refers to no questions asked when purchasing this policy. County Committee Members are also eligible for this insurance if they are members of NAFEC (see related article). The policy will continue to be available to NASCOE & NAFEC members but will require eligibility screening. If you have any questions or wish to take advantage of this offer call JM Marketing at 877-523-0176 or visit the NASCOE website and click on “benefits.”