

BIO FOR NASCOE WEB SITE – TOM OASEN – NASCOE AWARDS,  
SCHOLARSHIPS AND EMBLEMS CHAIRPERSON

I was hired in September of 1988 as a Field Reporter and then kept on as a Temporary Program Assistant to work on the disaster program and my beloved Livestock Feed Program. I have been a proud member of WASCOE (WI) and NASCOE since I was hired as a permanent ASCS employee in 1990. In 1995 I was accepted into the COT program and six months later I was hired as a new CED in Walworth County, WI, that I still have the pleasure of calling home today!

I have been asked to do many exciting things throughout my career such as going around the State of Wisconsin and training my fellow co-workers in Customer Service Skills, training several COTS, attending National training sessions and coming home to train our team, and going to Puerto Rico on two occasions once in 1997 and again in 1998 (the first time for two weeks and the second time for five weeks) to help them issue much needed disaster benefits to their farmers after the devastating hurricanes they suffered. To this day, I remain only a phone call or email away from the friends I made in Puerto Rico to help them with the current programs we administer. I hope to go there again soon to see all of my friends again!

I was a WASCOE Director for a few months when our new President took a new job outside of FSA, so our new Vice President with very little NASCOE/WASCOE experience and only in office for 4 months called me up and said since I know hardly anything about WASCOE or NASCOE and you know even less than I do would you be my new Vice President? He finished by saying “we only have to finish out the remainder of this two year term”. How could I say no, what’s a year and 8 months gonna cost me – it will be over before I know it!

That led to 5 plus years as WASCOE VP, 4 Years and WASCOE President, and now I am entering my 4<sup>th</sup> year as your NASCOE Awards, Scholarships and Emblems Chairperson. Someone told me once that there is a word that only consists of two letters that I have to learn, but for the life of me I cannot remember what they were! Oh well, it really doesn’t matter, as I love what I do for NASCOE and WASCOE and what NASCOE and WASCOE have done and continue to do for me!

Well that’s my bio, please make plans to attend the NASCOE Convention in beautiful Boise Idaho and tell me all about your ASCS/FSA adventures! Can’t wait to meet you!

Tom Oasen, NASCOE Awards, Scholarships and Emblems Committee Chairperson