



Most of you already know me, but let me re-introduce myself. My name is Becky Zirpel and I have been the NWA Membership Chairperson for the last five years and have enjoyed every minute of it, but it is time to serve you in another capacity as your NWA Benefits Chairperson. This works better with my duties as NASCOE Benefits Chairperson.

My goal is to keep you informed on a regular basis of your benefits that NASCOE has provided for you and how they can work for you. When sending information your way I will provide it to the State Benefit Chairs and to the State Presidents. At times I will also forward it to the State Membership Chairs to help in promoting membership. I ask that if you know of something that would benefit the membership in our area to please let me know. I need your help and input to keep our membership informed of our benefits and to always be watching for something that would add to our benefit packet for members to enjoy!

I have worked for the ASCS/CFSA/FSA for 22 years first as a PT and the past 12 years as a CED. Yes I can say and do say "I love what I do". When I started for the agency I knew it was going to be a great job when my first day was a Holiday and my second day I was given annual leave and I hadn't even worked yet! WOW! I have served in different capacities within SDASCOE since the first year I was hired. Two years ago I was asked to serve you as the National Benefits Chairperson. I believe membership and benefits work or should work together on a regular basis. I have been asked to serve NASCOE as the Benefits Chairperson for another year and with that Cindy Peterson, NWA Exec asked if I would like to also serve you as the NWA Benefits Chairperson.

I do not seem to be busy enough or maybe I just can't say no very easy, but I also love to be involved in organizing Art Shows and Art and Craft shows. I enjoy fund raising and helping in many events in my hometown. I am active with Thrivent, Gregory County Chapter and in Regional projects with Thrivent for Lutherans. I like to garden, take long walks and create when working on craft projects. I love to travel and enjoy being with family. I stay very active in our church by being a part of our small choir and being a member of the Grace Lutheran Women's Group.

I grew up in the SE corner of South Dakota went to college at USD, Vermillion with intention of becoming a Probation Officer or working with troubled youth. I transferred to Mitchell and met my husband of 29 years. We now reside in Burke SD in the southern part of the State just west of the river.

I look forward to serving you as the NWA Benefits Chair and will continue to help with membership where needed. I do want to truly thank Cindy for asking me to serve in this capacity and allowing me to serve you as the NWA Benefit Chairperson.

Remember "Membership has its Benefits".