

Benefits Report
2018 WASCOE Convention
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I appreciate the opportunity to serve as a committee chair for WASCOE. It is an opportunity to be involved with the association, be informed on what is happening within the association and an opportunity to help your fellow members.

I have served on the Benefit committee for WASCOE for several years and also served as the MWA Benefits Chair for the last three years. This committee is always looking for new benefits that will appeal to NASCOE members but it isn't easy. In the last year we have resurrected the Sam's Club discount in the form of a \$10 gift card.

I submitted a potential new benefit to the NASCOE Executive committee for a NASCOE Members Relief Fund that has been tabled for future consideration. The intent would be that NASCOE members could voluntarily contribute to this fund and when a member was affected by a natural disaster they could submit a request. The amount of assistance would be limited and only available for qualifying events. NASCOE has not approved this on a national level but this is something each state could set up for their own state association members. The WASCOE board of directors passed a motion that would allow this type of relief effort by WASCOE made available through our Sunshine Committee. The details of qualifying events and the process have not been established yet but should be drafted soon and then made available for membership approval.

Working Advantage is a group discount that is being utilized by some members and offices some pretty nice discounts and a variety of events. I was looking at tickets for the musical Les Miserables when it comes to Madison and tickets were about 50% less than going through Ticket Master. Discounts are available for local movie theaters, theme parks, and hotels so I encourage everyone to take advantage of this member benefit.

I encourage anyone interested in getting involved with WASCOE to consider being a committee Chair. It gives you the opportunity to talk to members from other states and provide a service to your fellow members. The responsibility of the benefits chair is to keep the membership informed and also help members take advantage of the benefits that are available through the association.

Members should look into the Working Advantage website, Dillard's Financial Services, and JM Marketing's insurance policies and see what services and discounts are available. This can be done by using the links located under the Benefits tab on the NASCOE.org website. There is something that every member can benefit from.

Hopefully, in the near future we will have a brochure available that will provide an explanation of all the benefits that are available through the association.

Sincerely,

Jon Williams
WASCOE Benefits Chair