

NAPE/AFSCME LOCAL 61
NOMINEES FOR DELEGATE TO THE 2022 AFSCME DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Ashley Augustin - DHHS - Child/Family Services Specialist - Beatrice

Ashley feels keeping our benefits is important. Listening to members' wants, ideas, and experiences to bring discussions to the table is a must. Ashley would like to learn how to leverage members' collective voice to benefit all. Thanks for your vote!

Eric Bachenberg - DHHS - Office Technician - Lincoln

State employee since 2/1/79. Proud NAPE steward. Served as delegate to conventions, delegate assembly, and bargaining conferences over the years. Has a radio program on community radio KZUM Lincoln featuring folk music with union songs.

Susan Bergmeier - DHHS - Child/Family Services Specialist - Beatrice

Susan has worked in Adult Protective Services for the last 4 years. She has worked with the aging population for the last 20 plus years. She is committed to protecting our benefits through contract negotiations and continue to keep the progress the union has made recently.

Brandon Brown - Revenue - Senior Agent - Lincoln

Brandon is currently on the NAPE Board of Directors and serves on the Government Affairs Committee. He wants to see NAPE continue to grow so our members have a strong voice in the workplace. Brandon is a strong leader and would be honored to represent us in Philadelphia.

Bob Colman - Electrical Board - Electrical Inspector - Geneva

Bob is a proud NAPE member, and has been an electrician since 1973. He is licensed in Nebraska, earned his journeyman Class A in 1975, and his Master Class A in 1976. He has worked as a State Electrical Inspector since 6/23/1998 and would be honored to represent fellow union members.

Anthony Coniglio - Motor Vehicles - Motor Vehicle Examiner - Omaha

Tony started working for the state two years ago because he enjoys helping people. That is his primary motivation. He believes the DMV needs more representation, and would be honored to represent NAPE and his coworkers at the AFSCME convention.

Jessica Davis - DHHS - Behavioral Health Practitioner IV - Lincoln

Jessy is a Behavioral Health Practitioner at the Lincoln Regional Center where she works with patients with mental illnesses. She is a member of the NAPE Board of Directors and zealously advocates for all workers. She would be honored to be a delegate in Philadelphia.

Blayne Glissman - Environment & Energy - Environmental Specialist II - Lincoln

Blayne is a 23 year state employee, all at t DEE. He is truly excited about our NAPE leadership and the vision that our union has for both the near and long term future. His contributions to our goals will be from encouragement of members, to recruitment of all State employees to join with us to work for our vision. It's a great time to be a NAPE member working for all to benefit.

Sam Hansen - Environment & Energy - Engineer - Lincoln

Sam is an active union member and steward who has attended numerous NAPE meetings and steward trainings to become a better advocate and leader. Sam wants to learn as much information about the labor contract as possible to protect the rights of workers. He would be honored to represent NAPE in Philadelphia.

Avery Hulse - DHHS - Social Services Worker - Lincoln

Avery is an excellent speaker and has always had a passion for helping people. She has already been a driving force in initiating changes to better the workplace for employees at the DHHS Customer Service Center in Lincoln. She would be honored to be more involved in helping all employees across the state.

Jay Jensen - Transportation - Senior Highway Maintenance Worker - Omaha

Jay is honored to be an officer of NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, having served as Treasurer since 2019. Jay last served as a delegate to the 43rd AFSCME convention in Boston in 2018 and would love to represent NAPE again. He is also looking forward to attending treasurer's meetings to ensure that he has additional knowledge and learns best practices from other AFSCME affiliates. Our continued growth is Jay's top priority as part of the NAPE leadership team..

Juan Montes-Flores - Transportation - Senior Highway Maintenance Worker - Omaha

Juan has recently gotten involved in NAPE through steward training and is excited to be a delegate to the NAPE bargaining conference. Juan wants to advocate for better compensation for night crew workers at NDOT.

Carlos Ndirangu - Veterans' Affairs - Staff Care Technician II - Norfolk

Carlos has a background in business, but loves his job caring for our veterans at the Norfolk Veterans' Home. Carlos is a union steward and strives to make sure our contract is followed across all shifts and departments at NVH. He plans to continue studying to become a nurse. He would be honored to have your vote and represent our union at the AFSCME convention.

Chanda Parker - Transportation - Traffic Operations Center Lead Operator - Omaha

Chanda has been a NAPE member for 15 years, and more recently became involved as a steward. She has enjoyed attending area meetings and training sessions with her fellow NAPE members. Chanda wants to get more involved in organizing and has worked hard to get her colleagues involved at the workplace.

Amy Peters - DHHS - Scientist I - Lincoln

Amy has worked at the State Laboratory in Lincoln for about three years. She wants to be a great advocate and make state employment better for all. She wants to be a delegate in order to be a voice for those who have not had their voice heard, and she would be honored to represent NAPE in Philadelphia.

Jody Riskowski - Corrections - Community Health Educator - Lincoln

Jody stepped into her role after working at Kearney's Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center and Central Nebraska Veterans' Home. Having experience at both a 24-hr facility and central office, she is acutely aware of the unique obstacles and potential opportunities that exist as a part of our state employment. Jody would like to build on NAPE's successes to reduce the barriers to overcoming those obstacles and to bring those potential opportunities to fruition for our members.

Autumn Schafer - Insurance - Claims Investigator II - Lincoln

Autumn believes heavily in the work that the union is doing and it is very exciting to be a part of it! Being the only steward at the Department of Insurance, she always strives to bring awareness to the good work that we are doing and also help change some minds and perceptions about what the union does and can do!

Morgan Smith - DHHS - Child/Family Services Specialist - North Platte

Morgan has been a CFS Specialist since March 2017. She received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from San Diego State University, and has extensive training and experience with child welfare. Morgan has lived in several states as a daughter of a military family, and moved back to Nebraska to be closer to family and with hopes for helping children and families. Morgan is an active union member, and steward, since she began working for DHHS in hopes of bettering the lives of children and families in Nebraska, and being a delegate for child welfare in Nebraska starts with the field workers.

Kelly Soderling - DHHS - Social Services Lead Worker - Fremont

Kelly believes we are a better Union when we are united, and she would love to take our ideas and see them put into action. She would be honored to be a delegate.

Lisa Steiner - DHHS - Developmental Disabilities Community Coordinator Specialist - Lincoln

Lisa is a current member of the NAPE Board of Directors and a steward. She has been with the State for 11 years. She has worked across many agencies, including Corrections, Education, Labor, and now DHHS. She will represent NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 with pride!

Nicolette Ware - Corrections - Master Social Worker - Lincoln

Nicolette has worked for NDCS for four years in four different facilities. She started as a Unit Caseworker and worked with FOP as a steward then, and is now a steward for NAPE. Nicolette has been a Master Social Worker since January 2022, and she looks forward to using her skills to strengthen our union.

Sharon Waters - Game & Parks Commission - Administrative Technician - Lincoln

Sharon has worked for various state agencies including NDCS, DHHS, NDOL, NFGC and feels her experience in all of these agencies gives her an array of experience that would be beneficial for all of our union members. She has been a union member for over eight years. In 2017 she testified before the legislative judicial committee in support of a bonus for correctional employees.