

NAPE/AFSCME LOCAL 61
NOMINEES FOR DELEGATE TO THE 2022 NAPE Bargaining Conference
Bargaining Unit C

Michele Anderson - DHHS - Resource Developer - Hastings

Michele has been a state employee for more than 30 years and would be honored to represent her colleagues as a delegate to the Bargaining Conference.

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!

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.

Paul Farrand - DHHS - Developmental Disabilities Service Coordinator - Omaha

Paul has been a union member ever since becoming a State Employee in 1992. He attends almost all of the Omaha monthly meetings and has been a delegate to past bargaining conferences. Paul has also served on the DHHS appendix bargaining team during the past two negotiations cycles. He is honored to have your vote.

Cassandra Fisher - Corrections - Master Social Worker - Omaha

Cassandra is a steward at the Omaha Correctional Center and is a passionate representative for our union. She has encouraged many to join the union by educating employees about the benefits of membership as well as our union victories. She would be honored to be a voice for all workers.

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.

Rachel Johnson - DHHS - Religious Coordinator - Lincoln

Rachel would like to see all facility employees, especially at DHHS and Corrections, included in pay increases. Additionally our members deserve to receive pay differentials for providing translation services. Union growth has wielded a leverage that has resulted in more competitive compensation and advocacy for worker's rights. It's important to continue that momentum to increase worker satisfaction, empower healthier work environments and provide better care to the people we serve. She would be honored to have your vote.

Rachel Kreifels - DHHS - DD Community Coordinator Specialist - Lincoln

Rachel has spent over ten years working for DHHS helping people live better lives. She now also wants the chance to help fellow state employees live their best life. Rachel has encouraged members to join our union and has advocated for them as a steward. She would love to be a delegate.

Steven Lemons - DHHS - Social Services Worker - Lincoln

Steve is a compassionate people person and he will fight for the best interests of all state employees. He would be honored to have your vote.

Kathy Owens - DHHS - Social Services Lead Worker - Omaha

Kathy has worked for the state for nearly two years and served as a delegate to last year's NAPE Delegate Assembly. She would be honored to represent her fellow workers at the bargaining conference.

Christy Slaymaker - DHHS - Social Services Worker - Lincoln

Christy has been with the state for nearly 10 years and has worked as a Social Service Worker and a Child/Family Specialist. She believes her background in political science as well as her strong belief in fairness regarding wages and treatment of employees, makes her an experienced delegate.

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.

Brian Wolesensky - DHHS - Social Services Worker - Lincoln

Brian has been a NAPE member for 34 years and is a long time steward. He has served as a delegate to past bargaining conferences and delegate assemblies, and he is very excited about the current direction of our union. He would like to see us negotiate the best contract ever this year and would appreciate your vote.