VICE PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT

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As Vice President, I spend most of my time researching the changes in legislative issues. However, I do check on the progress of retirement processing. OPM does indicate that retirement processing takes 3-5 months depending on the state of an individual account. This is much better than 2 years ago, and the office continues to lower the timeframe for processing. If you are having trouble with your retirement processing, please consider contacting the NASCOE survey site or contact Becky or I with RASCOE.

We also worked with FEHB plans to help us understand the changes in coverage of drugs. This was a very confusing issue to many of us. We communicated with Blue Cross Blue Shield to attend their webinars for better understanding. Continuing to aid members in locating resources is a priority.

RASCOE has a very dedicated board consisting of Becky Zirpel, President, Cindy Hall, Treasurer/Membership, Micki Linehan, Secretary/Publicity, Shelly Odenkirk, Benefits/Webmaster, and myself. Each one is willing to aid our members as best we can.

Contact information is located on our website: rascoe.org.

I have spent time in my first year dealing in legislative research. With that, I have established contacts with groups similar to RASCOE (e.g. NARFE) to make sure that communications are passed on to members as appropriate. I hope to continue this effort in the future. It is important to stay tuned with NASCOE and NAFEC as well.

Thank you for allowing me to serve all of you!