

**SECRETARY REPORT
2019
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Another year gone by and it has been a fun and active year. Your RASCOE Executive Board has been very busy during this past year. And once again, I will sing the praises of our monthly conference calls. They pull us together as a group whose main focus is the needs of the RASCOE membership. Of course, we always catch up on each other's lives during the calls. The comradery that takes place is what makes us happy and productive. We listen to each other, and all of us provide input and ideas that make us stronger together.

As Secretary, most of my time is spent on preparing and implementing the newsletters and transcribing our recorded meeting into accurate and understandable minutes. I always catch myself smiling when I'm listening to the recorded minutes. It takes me mentally back to the meeting, seeing all of our members that are in the room visiting, laughing and sharing their latest adventure. In my view it is so important to maintain that connection with our friends across the country.

I put the 2018 draft Unapproved Minutes in our summer newsletter. Hopefully everyone had a chance to read and review them prior to this meeting. If not, they are in your Annual Report. Please take the time to read them and offer any input you may have on how to improve our method.

There is another issue that I would like to talk about. By the time you read this you are most likely aware that I was unable to attend this Annual Meeting. My son has decided to get married in Lake Tahoe on Aug 1st. So, as you are having fun in Manhattan, KS, I'm enjoying myself in Lake Tahoe. When I found out the date that my son and his soon to be bride chose, I thought about asking him if they were flexible. Then they started telling me about the plans that had already been put in place. Needless to say, I didn't say a thing about it happening the same week as the Annual Meeting. I'm so excited to go and be a part of their wonderful event and see them start their new life together as husband and wife.

I will miss seeing all of you this year, but hope to still be part of the Executive team. I'm planning to submit my willingness to serve as your Secretary again in 2020. Thank you all for having faith in me and entrusting me with this important job.