

Meet NIRMA's Three Incoming Board Members

The NIRMA Board of Directors is pleased to welcome three outstanding new leaders, who bring their ideas, proven dedication to county government, and momentum to NIRMA's mission. Their appointments become effective with their first board meeting this May:



Carl Grotelueschen
Colfax County Commissioner

Motivation for Board Service:

"I am inspired by the challenge of being part of the Board of Directors to oversee the continuation of the high-quality of member services provided to counties across Nebraska."

Experience He Brings: Recently retired from the business of farming, nearly seven years as a Colfax County Commissioner and current county board chair, Nebraska Farm Bureau State Legislative Committee, trustee for Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust, past service on the Schuyler Rural Fire Protection District Board, and on the USDA Farm Service Agency Colfax County Committee.

Favorite NIRMA Service/

Resource: Legal Help Lines and high-quality training opportunities



Amy Nelson
Fillmore County Clerk

Motivation for Board Service:

"Throughout my career, I have consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence, dedicating my full effort to achieving high performance and meeting established goals and deadlines. Through my participation in NIRMA meetings, I have gained valuable insight into the organization and its mission, which has inspired my interest in serving on the NIRMA Board for several years. I am now well positioned to devote the time, focus, and dedication necessary to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of this role."

Experience She Brings: Twenty years in county government as Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Election Commissioner for Fillmore County; past service on the Fillmore County Development Leadership Board, seven years on the MIPS board, United States Election Commission Assistance Commission, Local Leadership Council, past positions in HR and financial accounting.

Favorite NIRMA Service/

Resource: HR Help Line and programs/training provided



Elyse Schlake Lukassen
Kimball County Commissioner

Motivation for Board Service:

"From my background in insurance, I understand how liability can hurt an entity. I want to help counties make sure they are in a positive position."

Experience She Brings: Self-employed at Lukassen Cattle Company, four years as a Kimball County Commissioner, Founder of Communities 4 Kids – Kimball Chapter, National/Nebraska NaSCOE leadership roles, past Ag Underwriter and Claims Supervisor experience with private insurance companies, past Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Kimball and past KAAPA Coop Executive Director.

Favorite NIRMA Service/

Resource: "The underwriting process is a special interest of mine."