

ANGELA A. OBERLE, ACP

Candidate for the office of: Area 2 Director

Paralegal, since: 1993 NALA Member, since: 2006

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelors in Business Administration

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION/AWARDS: NALA Certified Paralegal 2011; NALA Advanced Certified Paralegal 2017; Notary Public

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES: NALA Continuing Education Council member 2017-2020; Kansas Association of Legal Assistants - NALA Liaison 2016-2018 and Director 2018 to current

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS: Kansas Association of Legal Assistants; Kansas Bar Association Paralegal section

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OR COMMENTS: I found the NALA organization on my own. That membership and subsequent attendance at conferences and meeting of other paralegals encouraged me to take the CP and ACP exams and to become involved with the nearest association and to graduate from the LEAP program. My experiences make me a good voice for other paralegals on the opportunities NALA has to offer, either by involvement with committees, certifications, or continuing education.

QUESTION RESPONSES

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE NALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I have grown so much by my membership and involvement with NALA that I want to give back to the organization and other paralegals everywhere.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR PRIOR BOARD OR SIMILAR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES?

I have been on the Kansas Association of Legal Assistants Board for 4 years now, first as NALA Liaison and now as Director.

WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS AND STRENGTHS WOULD YOU BRING TO THE BOARD TO HELP NALA MOVE FORWARD?

I have the unique perspective of first being a member of NALA without an association and then later as a member with an association.

WHAT MAKES NALA'S MISSION MEANINGFUL TO YOU?

The professional development in our mission statement is very important to me. I work in an area where most paralegals are considered legal secretaries or legal assistants.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS ANY POSSIBLE DISRUPTIVE FORCES IMPACTING NALA?

COVID-19 will be a great disruptive force going forward. Many paralegals have been laid off and there have been so many changes with working from home. As an organization, NALA is going to have to focus on these changes that are coming and be very proactive.

