

THE ROLE OF TREASURER

The treasurer submits recommended policies to the Board concerning financial planning and budgeting; approves all Board expenses for payment; serves as chair of NALA's Budget Committee, which develops a budget for each fiscal year; presents financial reports to the Board and membership; and sits on the Executive Committee. The treasurer is elected by the membership and serves for a term of one year from election.

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CANDIDATE FOR NALA TREASURER: DEBBY J. SAWYER, ACP



Paralegal Since: 1992

NALA Member Since: 2003

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science in Leadership & Management, Regent University Paralegal Certificate, Jackson State Community College

Professional Certification/Awards: ACP 2010 | CP, 2004 | NALA Affiliated Associations Award 2007 | Tidewater Paralegal Association Founders Award 2007

Volunteer Activities: NALA 2003 - Present: Currently serving as NALA Treasurer | Board Member 2009-2021 | At Large Director - Region III Director - Affiliated Associations Director - Region II Director | Affiliated Associations Secretary | Affiliate Exchange Presenter | Tennessee Paralegal Association 2014 - Present: Immediate Past President | 1st Vice President - 2nd Vice President - Secretary | Federal Judicial Assistants Association 2015 - Present: Currently Serving as Parliamentarian/Board Member & Chair of Ways & Means Committee | Secretary/Board Member | Annual Conference Committee | 6th Circuit Representative & Scholarship Chair | North Carolina Paralegal Association 2007 - 2014: Scholarship Chair

Membership in Other Associations: Tennessee Paralegal Association | Federal Judicial Assistants Association

Other Qualifications or Comments: Completed Beta Testing of NALA LEAD Program | NALA Facts & Findings - Article contributor | FJAA Newsletter - Article contributor | TPA Newsletter - Article contributor | Audited first NALA LEAP Class | Facilitated CP/CLA Study Groups | Volunteer at Virginia State Bar Conference | Guest Speaker for paralegal programs | Volunteer for NC Mock Trial Competition

Serving on the board of directors of a national association requires a unique skill set that includes passion for the profession, an understanding of the association's mission and vision, and the ability to commit time and energy to advancing the strategic goals of the association. Tell us why serving on the NALA Board of Directors is important to you. Share your achievements related to board service and how your experience makes you suitable for the position.

My motto has always been "The sidelines are not where you want to live your life. The world needs you in the arena."

I have served in various Board positions over the past several years, both with NALA and with my local paralegal association. These opportunities have provided me with valuable leadership opportunities and training, enhanced my interpersonal skills, and inspired me to be a positive influence on my colleagues and to the paralegal profession. Being a volunteer has taught me the true meaning of teamwork and the importance of being a productive team member.

Serving this past year as NALA Treasurer has enhanced my knowledge of financial planning and budgeting, preparing and presenting financial reports, and has strengthened my comprehension of the fiduciary responsibilities involved with an organization such as NALA.

No other organization serves paralegals as well as NALA. The paralegal profession is constantly being challenged, and no matter what gets thrown at us, NALA continues to lead the charge in keeping paralegals relevant and valued. I don't want to sit on the sidelines. I want to utilize my leadership experience, skills, and knowledge to continue to serve NALA and its members in this great paralegal arena.

To watch Debby's candidate video, click [here](#).

