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CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE DIRECTOR: **JEANNE MARIE ELLIOTT, ACP**

Paralegal Since: 2010

NALA Member Since: 2010

Educational Background: St. Louis Community College Degree: Associate in Applied Science Major: Legal Studies for the Paralegal
| University of Missouri – St. Louis Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Communication Major: Communication;
Minor: Philosophy



Professional Certification/Awards: Certified Paralegal, November 01, 2013 - CP Credential | Advanced Certified Paralegal, Corporate Structures, January, 2017 - ACP Credential | Advanced Certified Paralegal, Contract Management, February, 2023 - ACP Credential

Volunteer Activities: Women In Manufacturing Missouri Chapter - VP: 2022-present | AME Consortia - Association Manufacturing Excellence - Missouri Board: 2022-present | NALA - Continuing Education Council Ex-Officio 2019-2020 | NALA - Continuing Education Council Chair and Facts & Findings Editor 2016-2019 | NALA - Continuing Education Council 2015-2020 | St. Louis Paralegal Association - Board (Director, President-Elect, President) 2012-2015

Membership in other Associations: Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) 2014-present | Women In Manufacturing - Missouri Chapter 2022-present | AME Consortia - Association Manufacturing Excellence 2022-present | St. Louis Paralegal Association - Member 2010-2016

Other Qualifications or Comments: I've been the secretary for Christy's Advisory Board of Directors since its inauguration in 2020. This provides me with additional experience working with Association Administration.

A unique qualification of mine is that I've lived in seven states as an adult, ranging from the west coast to the midwest, southeast and on to my current residence in Pennsylvania. I'm grateful that this has given me a diverse background that is well suited to the At Large Director position.

Comment:

I must provide additional information on my NALA Membership. For full transparency, I want to disclose a gap in my membership that should be noted. My initial membership began in 2010 though it lapsed from August 2020-April 2021. At this time, I inadvertently let my renewal expire while handling our corporate COVID policies and absences. I renewed in April of 2021 when I realized what had occurred.

My current membership reflects the recent member start date of April 26, 2021. For my candidacy, I was only able to select one date due to formatting so I chose my original membership date which is aligned with my NALA volunteer activities to avoid confusion.

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.

Sharing my passion to help people improve their position is the reason I want to serve on NALA's Board of Directors. This passion was nurtured by NALA as the association has helped me grow professionally through certifications and through the leadership of many incredible NALA members. These leaders have volunteered and contributed hours – and years – to bring NALA to where we are today as providers of the leading National Paralegal Certification. In return, while I'm humbled by the measure of their contribution to NALA, it is important for me to follow in their footsteps and pay it forward so we can continue to develop, share and grow the Paralegal profession.

I've previously served on NALA's board as the CEC Chair under NALA Presidents Cassandra Oliver and Jill Francisco. Through this experience I've learned about NALA's administration, the role of the National Board and the NALA Committees. Above all, I've learned the value of our Affiliate Associations and contributing members. I've participated in Board strategy sessions to review update and the Mission & Values of the Association and know that these reflect the values and love of the profession that are shared by many NALA members, including myself.

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

