

THE ROLE OF VICE PRESIDENT

The vice president shall exercise the functions of the president in the absence or disability of the president and, when so acting, shall have all of the powers and authority of the president. The vice president shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the directors or the president. The vice president is elected by the membership and serves for a term of one year from election.

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CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT: **CHERYL J. NODARSE, ACP**



Paralegal Since: 1986

NALA Member Since: 2013

Educational Background: Central Michigan University (Bachelor of Science); Lansing Community College (Associates Degree - Legal Assistant Program)

Professional Certification/Awards: NALA Certified Paralegal (1990) | NALA Advanced Certified Paralegal (Land Use - 2014) | NALA Affiliates Award (2017) | State of Michigan Licensed Realtor (2018)

Volunteer Activities: NALA Vice President (2022-Present) | NALA Secretary (2020-2022) | NALA Treasurer (2018-2020) | NALA Paralegal Educators/School Relations Committee Chair (2020-Present) | NALA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force Committee Co-Chair (2019-2020) | NALA Executive Committee Member (2018-Present) | NALA Budget Committee (Chair 2018-2020; Member 2020-Present) | NALA Continuing Education Council Member (2016-2018) | NALA Director (2013-2016) | Frequent contributing author to NALA's Facts & Findings Magazine | Great Lakes Paralegal Association (Founding Director 2015-2017; President 2017) | Great Lakes Paralegal Association CP Review Course Presenter | State Bar of Michigan Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section Chair (2007; 2012) | State Bar of Michigan Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section Annual Day of Education Presenter

Membership in Other Associations: Alabama Association of Paralegals, Inc. (Associate Member) | State Bar of Michigan Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section | National Association of Realtors | Michigan Association of Realtors | Greater Lansing Association of Realtors | Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners (associate member) | Previously: Great Lakes Paralegal Association (founding member of now-dissolved NALA Affiliate)

Other Qualifications or Comments: Entering into my 10th year of involvement with NALA's Board of Directors and Committees, I have had the great privilege of serving under numerous NALA Presidents, and their leadership has inspired me to push beyond the four corners of the elected/appointed position responsibilities to determine how I can help improve your NALA member experience. Through mentorship from the current and past NALA Presidents and other Board members, I have learned that progress comes when the Board considers all opinions and voices, reaches to a consensus, and then rolls up its collective sleeves to achieve its strategic goals and get the work done. With hard work comes great rewards, and this association can only be successful if we help YOU be successful.

I strive to be a mentor to newer Board members and a resource for all NALA members. I want you to feel free to email any time with any questions. I do not pretend to have all the answers, but I will work with you to get your issues resolved.

Thank you for considering me for NALA Vice President!

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.

This year marks my 10th anniversary of NALA volunteer service. It is incredibly satisfying and humbling to be trusted with the organization's present and future success. We are dedicated to helping all paralegals through their career journey.

My personal word of the year is "FOCUS" and this is particularly applicable to NALA service. A few months ago, the Board developed a new mission statement: "Equipping paralegals for the challenges of the future through certification, professional development, and advocacy."

The Board also developed a new, three-year strategic plan. We will home in on specified targets to effectuate some big hairy audacious goals for NALA in the next few years. I will lean on my past experience as a Continuing Education Committee member and NALA Director, Treasurer, and Secretary, to be a productive team member and to help accomplish those goals.

Your entire NALA Board is focused, with our collective eye on the prize of upgrading your membership experience.

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

