

AFFILIATE CONNECTION



IMPORTANT MESSAGES



Message from Bridget Stuhr, ACP ***2022-2023 Affiliated Associations Director***

Hello Affiliates!!

As usual, NALA's 2023 Conference & Expo did not disappoint! It was great to see and chat with so many of you with a backdrop like historic Boston, Massachusetts. Yet again, it was definitely a conference to remember. I am already looking forward to seeing everyone next year in Louisville, Kentucky, from Wednesday, July 11, through Saturday, July 13!! Do not be afraid to start dropping hints to your boss, co-workers, and local association members to let them know you are interested in attending. I am hoping to see you there!!

Until then, I wanted to give one more shout out to all of you who have entrusted me and our NALA staff with your questions, struggles, and accolades over the last two years. It has been a true blessing to become acquainted with you and your associations during my tenure as NALA's Affiliated Associations Director. I have observed the highs and the lows of our affiliates as we maneuvered through COVID-19 and beyond. I have been front and center to your tears and disagreements and a witness to your resiliency as we have joined together to take the next step. Our Affiliated Associations would not survive if it was not for you and your commitment to the paralegal profession. I commend each of you, whether you are the glue holding the association together and planning all the events and meetings or if you are simply an interested party who attends in support of those who labor to make it all happen. As members of NALA and our local affiliates, we all have a part in our success, and it has been an honor to support you along the way.

Although I will no longer be serving the members of NALA as the Affiliated Associations Director, I have full confidence in the AA Team who will succeed me. I encourage you to continue to reach out to them with whatever questions and/or requests you have. The AA Team is meant to be a resource to your association, to provide you with additional guidance and resources to help you and your local

associations be successful in whatever endeavors lie ahead. I have no doubt they will be ready and willing to assist you in any way they can.

Thanks again for everything, and here's to seeing you in Louisville!



Message from Sharon D. Jones, ACP
2022-2023 Affiliated Associations Secretary

Hello Fellow Affiliates!

As usual, another impeccable NALA conference in Boston! Whether you attended in person or virtually, conference is an exciting and amazing opportunity to continue to enhance and develop our knowledge in vast areas of the legal field through such dynamic speakers and presentations shared. I also enjoyed meeting and talking with so many of you from across the nation, seeing old friends as well as developing new friendships. If you were not able to attend conference this year, hopefully I will see you next year in Louisville, Kentucky!

One of my all-time favorite people is Carol Burnett. I love the closing theme song for The Carol Burnett Show. From time to time, I love to use it. This is such a time. "I'm so glad we had this time together, just to have a laugh or sing a song...seems we just got started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say, 'So long.'"

Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Affiliated Associations (AA) Secretary. It has been such a great honor and pleasure serving all of you and being a part of the AA Team. I enjoyed coming alongside many of you in strategizing, implementing, and sharing your thoughts and ideas for your associations, assisting with the new annual and mid-year online reporting form, as well as reading your wonderful and informative newsletters, and learning and hearing of all the remarkable things your associations are doing and/or planning to do. Your tenacity and commitment to NALA, your associations, and the paralegal profession has been both uplifting and motivating! Keep being AWESOME!

Again, thank you for allowing me an amazing opportunity to serve as AA Secretary! Best wishes and continued growth and success in your associations and your paralegal career. I will not say so long or goodbye, but I will say see you around as the new director.

The achievements of an association are the results of the combined effort of each individual. ~ Vince Lombardi

Congratulations to the newly elected
2023-2024 Affiliated Associations Leadership Team
Affiliated Associations Director, Sharon D. Jones, ACP

& Affiliated Associations Secretary, Rich Hahn, ACP



2023 Affiliated Associations Annual Meeting

Thank you to Bridget & Sharon for such a fabulous annual meeting! Keep an eye on [NALA's Youtube Channel](#) for the recording of that meeting to be posted soon.

Affiliate Milestones!

Wow! Thank you for your dedication to NALA and the ongoing support and value you bring to the organization. To view the list, click [here!](#)

2023 Affiliate Awards!

Congratulations to all our Affiliate Award Winners for their awesome accomplishments and well-deserved recognition. If you would like to view the complete list of names and their associations, click [here!](#)



2023 Affiliate Exchange presented by Houston Paralegal Association

Thank you to the Houston Paralegal Association for their insightful presentation: "FOMO: How to Keep Your Association Relevant in a Technology-Driven World."

If your association is interested in that presentation and would like to contact someone at Houston Paralegal Association for more details, please let us know, and we would be happy to connect you with their NALA Liaison!



2023 Affiliate Showcase at The Westin Copley Place in Boston, MA!

NALA Affiliated Associations from every region hosted tables to share swag and energy for a fun evening of networking. Thank you to all registrants and attendees for making such a fantastic moment by joining this exciting evening event in Boston. Everyone at NALA is so proud to have such an incredible community of individuals from across the country coming together to celebrate and grow in their careers. Looking forward to another fantastic showing next year in Louisville!



Are you proud to be a NALA Affiliated Association?

Make sure everyone knows it by adding the NALA AA logo to your website and social media channels! Not only does it identify you as meeting NALA's professional and ethical standards, but it also makes it easy for prospective members to find and

recognize your association. Choose from three colorways for the perfect fit for your brand. Do not miss this easy way to enhance your association's visibility and credibility! Complete logo guidelines for NALA Affiliated Associations are linked [here](#).

Also, found [here](#) is a step-by-step guide to making an image a link for sending your association members to the NALA website for an easy connection to our resources!

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

Are you a member of a NALA Affiliated Association?
If so, you will see a 25% discount when renewing!
If it isn't reflected please contact NALA.

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2023: SAVE THESE DATES!

AA Presentations –

September 19th, 6:00pm-7:00pm CT, presented by Kerry Blackburn with Central Oklahoma Association of Legal Assistants (COALA), *“Community Outreach: Why Is It Important?”*

December 19th, 6:00pm-7:00pm CT, presented by Amber Roberts, ACP, & Kim Brown, ACP, with Nebraska Paralegal Association, *“Cultural Competency: Organizing an Impactful Diversity and Inclusion Seminar.”*

AA Town Hall –

TBD during the week of August 21st-25th, 6:00pm-7:30pm CT

Schedule will be shared via email and on NALA Commons once the date is solidified.

AA Annual Dues –

October 1st: Renewal notices will be sent out in August, prior to the deadline.

For detailed instructions on the annual dues payment process, click [here](#).

Do you know about NALA Commons? Have you joined the NALA Liaison and/or Affiliated Associations groups? Check it out!

NALA posts information and updates for Affiliated Associations under the pages titled “Affiliated Associations” & “NALA Liaisons.”



Plus, we encourage all NALA affiliates to post their association news, activities, and events directly to [NALA Commons](#). General questions for the group? Ask here to get answers from other affiliates. Join in and be part of the conversation today!



Celebrate the new CPs!

After months of arduous work and dedication, many new Certified Paralegals (CPs) have earned this prestigious certification from NALA and have joined a group of dedicated professionals who make up the paralegal community! This certification shows a commitment to upholding the highest standards of professional excellence and ethical behavior. As a CP, there is a wealth of knowledge and experience to help make a difference in the legal field while excelling and becoming a successful leader in the paralegal profession. Congratulations to the new CPs!

Is your leadership team looking for a way to celebrate and announce this achievement for members of your NALA Affiliated Association? Consider gifting the NALA CP pins to individuals! Reach out to the Affiliate Team at affiliates@nala.org for more information on purchasing these pins and to request a list of newly-earned CPs in your association.



Are you already a current NALA CP or ACP and need a new certificate?

Order one today and have it emailed or shipped directly at no cost to you!

Contact CLE@nala.org for assistance.

RECERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

Starting on January 1, 2024, your recertification fee will vary, depending on whether you are a NALA member.



For more information about this price change, please visit our [website here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Accepting speaker proposals from now until September 1, 2023!

Speaker selections will be contacted starting October 1, 2023. Those who are not selected will be notified in December. All applicants will be notified of their selection status.

Please add elarning@nala.org to your contact list to ensure communications are received. Any questions can be sent directly to [eLearning](#). To submit your proposal, click [here](#).

RESOURCES



Shine the spotlight on your Affiliated Association!

We know that our NALA Affiliated Associations are out there doing great work, and we are excited to give you a platform to tell your stories. We hope to highlight the amazing work done by all your associations and give you the well-deserved spotlight! We would love to learn more about your association and the services/benefits you provide to your members and community and share that information with other associations!

This newly added feature article will include pictures of the association, quotes from the members and leaders, and highlights of the work you are doing. We want to provide other associations with a comprehensive look at your association and the impact you are making in your community. We are also open to any suggestions for how you would like your association to be featured, to make sure the article reflects your vision and mission.

We look forward to hearing from you and featuring your association in our new feature article! Do not miss this opportunity to be in the spotlight and show off all the great work your organization is doing. We cannot wait to see the amazing stories you all have to tell!

If you're interested in participating, please email affiliates@nala.org.



Let NALA Share Your Association's Newsletter and CLE Events!

Newsletters

NALA wants to share with the nation all the fantastic work that NALA Affiliated Associations do every day to grow and develop the paralegal profession.

NALA Affiliated Associations are invited to send their association's newsletter to affiliates@nala.org for it to be posted for all NALA website visitors to view.

Visit the [Affiliate Resources](#) page to see what some of the other associations have already shared. Be sure to scroll down and expand the section on Affiliate Newsletters.

CLE Events

Our affiliates provide CLE events every month. When submitting your CLE request to NALA, do not forget to check the box that allows NALA to share your event on the NALA website.

See what is being offered this month by clicking [here](#).

Improving our response time to NALA Affiliates!

The dedicated inbox for Affiliated Associations email contact is affiliates@nala.org. This is the best way to reach the NALA Affiliated Association leadership team. Using one centralized way to reach NALA improves our ability to respond to your inquiries faster. Please take the time to update your records. This address should also be used for email communications to the current Affiliated Associations Director & Secretary, Member Services Coordinator, Cate Benge, and the Affiliate Member Services Representative, Mary Carwile. We appreciate your association & support!

Questions? Email us: affiliates@nala.org



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