

THE ROLE OF AREA DIRECTOR 1, 2, AND 3

Area Directors are required to either reside or be employed within their specific area 1, 2, or 3. Their role involves providing awareness and representation for that particular area.

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CANDIDATE FOR AREA 3 DIRECTOR: AMY JO MCGUIGAN, ACP



Paralegal Since: 06/01/2011

NALA Member Since: 1/23/2020

Educational Background: Paralegal certificate- University of California Extension, San Diego 2013 | Forensic Identification- City College of San Francisco 2008 | San Jose State University, 1994-1998, 2004-2006

Professional Certification/Awards: CP- 12/01/2022 | CEDS- 5/4/2021 | ACP, Discovery | CAS- 11/30/2022 | 2019- Paralegal of the Year, California Alliance of Paralegal Associations | 2020- NALA Affiliate Award

Volunteer Activities: President Emeritus- San Francisco Paralegal Association (President 2020, 2021 & 2023) | Chair- Bar Association of San Francisco, Paralegal Section | Director- Women in eDiscovery, San Francisco Chapter | Ethics board member- NFPA

Membership in other Associations: San Francisco Paralegal Association

Other Qualifications or Comments: I have been an active member of several paralegal associations and volunteer regularly to write articles and present CLE topics since 2019. I presented at the 2023 NALA conference and have been asked back to present in 2024. I worked really hard to get my paralegal certification and want to make the experience less frustrating for those starting out.

Without strong leaders, often associations struggle to succeed. What are three values you believe you demonstrate as a leader? Take each trait and explain how that value would add benefit to your service on the NALA Board.

I believe my abilities to adapt, advocate, and be accountable have helped me greatly in my leadership roles.

Adaptability: In 2020, SFPA needed to adjust to the new normal that COVID left us with. Because of my ability to adapt and think outside of the box, I created several new virtual programs for our members. SFPA kept our membership numbers high when other California associations were dissolving. It broke my heart to not be able to help my sister organizations keep themselves going, and I hope to mend that heartbreak by joining NALA as a board member.

Advocacy: Through every action I take in leadership, I make sure it is something that will push our profession forward, never backward. I strive to help facilitate CLE programs and other events to promote the paralegal profession.

Accountability: Even though I am a member of several associations, I have always stood strong on my responsibilities. If I pledge to complete something, I will. If I take on a new leadership role, I will support that organization to the best of my ability without being distracted by the others.

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