

## 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: ANGELA A. OBERLE, ACP



**Paralegal Since:** 06/01/1993

**NALA Member Since:** 01/06/2006

**Educational Background:** I worked as a legal transcriptionist and then as a paralegal for 10 years. I then went back to college and completed my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I then came back to being a paralegal and have obtained my Certified Paralegal and three Advanced Paralegal credentials.

**Professional Certification/Awards:** I obtained by Certified Paralegal in 2011. I obtained my first Advanced Certification in Workers Compensation in 2017, my second Advanced Certification in Business Organization:

Incorporated Entities in 2021 and my most recent Advanced Certification in Real Estate Principles in 2023. I have been a Notary Public for the State of Kansas since 1993.

**Volunteer Activities:** I was on the NALA Continuing Education Council from 2017-2020. I have been NALA's Area 2 Director since 2020.

**Membership in other Associations:** I have been on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Association of Legal Assistants\*Paralegals since 2016 in a couple of different roles.

**Other Qualifications or Comments:** My first two years on the NALA Board of Directors was a wild ride of innovation and overcoming adversity. The pandemic knocked everyone off balance but NALA accomplished quite a bit in that time with having the first two virtual seminars and now having the hybrid. NALA has also come quite a ways with advancing paralegals and I would love to continue serving the membership.

**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.**

Some of the most important traits of a good leader are active listening, communication and adaptability.

Active listening is very important. A good leader tries to concentrate on the person talking and really listening to the tone and/or emotion of the person talking. I feel I bring this to the table. Everyone who knows me knows I am usually very quiet in meetings but I am really listening to what everyone is saying and processing it, listening for their tone and any underlying emotions, thinking about potential pitfalls and conflicts and/or resolutions.

Communication is also very important. You have to be able to get your message to people in a clear and concise way. This is something that I work on constantly and feel that through my local association and NALA, I am growing and becoming better at communicating my thoughts and ideas.

The last trait is adaptability. Every paralegal must be able to adapt to sudden changes in our daily activities. This is extremely important when volunteering in an organization. Things can change at the drop of a hat and you have to change and improvise.

Angela A. Oberle, ACP

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