

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: **DANA G. WELCKER, ACP**



Paralegal Since: 04/01/1994

NALA Member Since: 11/25/2005

Educational Background: I attended the College of Charleston in Charleston SC for a liberal arts degree and later attended Trident Technical College for accounting courses. I did not receive a degree due to work restrictions.

Professional Certification/Awards: I have 3 Advanced Certified Paralegal designations, Trial Practice, Real Estate Principles and Contracts Management/Contracts Administration. I was awarded the NALA Affiliates

Award inn 2015. I participated in the NALA LEAP program and graduated in 2009. I was later asked to be a mentor in the final year of the LEAP program and led a team of 4 participants.

Volunteer Activities: I served as the Vice President of the Charleston Association of Legal Assistants in 2001. I have served on my local NALA Affiliated Association, NEFPA, as the NALA Liaison multiple times and the Association President and have remained active in various activities since 2005. I served as a founding board member for a 501 (c)(3) corporation with other paralegals and attorneys to assist abuse survivors compile the necessary documents to file for divorce. I also served as the organizations President and was involved for 10 years. The organization is still ongoing. We protect the name and location of events to protect all participants. I served on the state board of FAPA, Florida Alliance of Paralegal Associations including as President. FAPA was implemental in forming the Florida Registered Paralegal, FRP, program in place today. I have served on NALA's Continuing Education Council for a 3 year term. I have served on NALA's Professional Development Committee for a 3 year term. I have served on the NALA Board of Directors for 2 terms as the Area 1 Director.

Membership in other Associations: I am a current member of the Northeast Florida Paralegal Association, NEFPA.

Other Qualifications or Comments: I have taken and passed accounting courses in college. My father was a CPA in Orlando with his own firm. I worked at his firm every summer in high school and during college. I have also kept all of my family budgeting, accounting and taxes since being married for 38 years (in June).

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 I demonstrate Integrity, Confidence and Teamwork. I value my integrity more than any other quality I may have. I cannot expect people to trust any financial reports I present if I do not exhibit trust. Secondly, serving in any leadership position requires confidence. Confidence is not arrogance. I am confident enough to speak up at meetings to offer my position or to ask pertinent questions. Thirdly, a good leader needs to have excellent Teamwork qualities. I come prepared to meetings with reports on what I have worked on and have read other team members' reports. I review the President's meeting agenda so I know what to expect and what additional items I may need to report on. When I am attending a meeting, I am interested to hear what other team members have to say while discussing NALA opportunities or suggested changes. My Integrity, confidence and teamwork are all at play when I interact with other NALA members and NALA Board members. I always strive to maintain my integrity, build my confidence and hone my teamwork skills.

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