



**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.**

In the 15 years of my volunteer service with NALA as past Ethics Chair, Continuing Education Council member, Professional Development Committee member and now Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair, I have supported the growth that we experienced as an organization in our leadership including our Chief Executive Officers, Presidents, Directors, volunteers, fellow members and our amazing staff, ultimately what is NALA. In my own leadership journey, I have grown and learned from observing and connecting with others. The importance of building **connections** with our colleagues, peers and friends strengthens NALA and our profession. By actively listening to each other, boldly testing ideas and getting directly into the arena time and again, my **commitment** to our profession helped build my character and **courage**, knowing who I am and proceeding with my moral compass in check. As Theodore Roosevelt stated: "... there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if [s]he fails, at least fails while **daring greatly...**" [emphasis added]

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