

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 2 DIRECTOR: LISA M. STONE, ACP



Paralegal Since: 12/01/1995

NALA Member Since: 05/01/1996

Educational Background: I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government/Political Science with a writing and journalism minor. I also completed 24 hours of courses in the Tulsa Community College Paralegal Studies program in preparation for the Certified Paralegal exam.

Professional Certification/Awards: Certified Paralegal (1996); Advanced Certified Paralegal credentials in Discovery (2008), Contract Administration & Management (2016), and Business Organizations: Incorporated Entities (2021) | Tulsa County Bar Association Paralegal of the Year (2014) | NALA Affiliates Award from the Tulsa Area Paralegal Association (2017)

Volunteer Activities: NALA Certifying Board member (2016 to present); Certifying Board Chair (2021-2023); Certifying Board Past Chair (2023-present). | NALA Board of Directors (2021-2023, as Certifying Board Chair). | CP Champion Award Committee Chair (2021-2022). Unsung Heroes Hall of Fame Award Committee member (2024). | Tulsa Area Paralegal Association (multiple board positions from 2016 to 2022, including President 2018-2019; Communications 2016-2017; Vice President - Education 2021-2022). | Tulsa County Bar Association Vice Chair (2015-2016); Publications Chair (2014-2015).

Membership in other Associations: Oklahoma Paralegal Association (present) | Tulsa Area Paralegal Association (2008-2022) | Alabama Association of Paralegals (Associate Member) (present) | Corporate Legal Operations Consortium (2019-present) | Society of Corporate Governance (2022-2023).

Other Qualifications or Comments: After nearly eight years of serving NALA as a volunteer I am more passionate than ever about the future of our organization and the paralegal profession. NALA's presence as the leading paralegal professional association positions it to influence policy, maintain the "gold standard" in voluntary paralegal certification programs, and provide professional development and educational opportunities for the current and future generations of paralegals.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, I was a member of Beta Test Group of NALA LEAD Program (2022-2023), an article contributor to NALA's Facts & Findings magazine, a member of the Advisory Board for the Tulsa Community College Paralegal Studies program (2018-2019), a church small group leader, organizer of multiple national sales conferences for my employer, a mentor for new and junior paralegals, a member of my workplace employee committee, a leader of a workplace special interest group, and I hold an Adult Mental Health First Aid certification.

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.

A diverse board is at its best when every leader brings different values and talents to the table. I will bring the following values to the NALA Board:

- Commitment - I am passionate about our organization, which results in a commitment of my time, energy, and ideas in being a part of continuing to see NALA evolve and be the leading paralegal association.
- Collaboration -- I am a firm believer a truly healthy board works best when everyone can contribute and be heard. I love the exchange of ideas and working together as a team to serve the membership and grow NALA.
- Creativity -- I love to look for new and innovative ideas, processes, and solutions. "We've always done things this way" does not foster growth and inspiration. As NALA moves into its next 50 years, we need to be open to finding creative ways to continue its mission and vision.

Watch Lisa's candidate video [here](#).