

THE ROLE OF AT LARGE DIRECTOR

At Large Directors are required to either reside or be employed within areas 1, 2, or 3. Their role involves fulfilling the duties assigned to them by the Board officers. These directors will serve a two-year term.

CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE DIRECTOR: **DANA G. WELCKER, ACP**

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Paralegal Since: 04/01/1994

NALA Member Since: 01/01/2005

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 in 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. I am currently serving on the Affiliated Association Task Force.

Membership in other Associations: None

Other Qualifications or Comments: I am very passionate about the paralegal profession and what the future holds. I enjoy serving NALA in any position because I have seen how much goes in to offering members the information by way of Facts & Findings, webinars and conferences.

To be a truly great board member requires having good character, a strong commitment to the paralegal profession, the gift of time, and a willingness to use personal and professional resources to advance NALA's mission. Tell us your "why." Why are you interested in serving on the NALA Board of Directors?

My interest in serving on the NALA Board is to use my knowledge and experience for the advancement of the paralegal profession. Years ago, I learned about a small group of paralegals and attorneys who were meeting at a secure location monthly, to help survivors of domestic abuse. Shortly after my involvement began, we discussed formalizing what we were doing. We identified a name, logo and drafted informational forms and procedures. We formed a 501(C)(3)corporation, formed a board of directors and elected officers. I was elected the second President and served in that position for several years. During my term, we developed a budget and goals for our future and possible expansion. We discussed the monthly workshops and how to help the most abuse survivors as the list was growing. At the workshops, the paralegals worked with the survivors to get all of the needed divorce forms filled out, get them reviewed by the attorneys in attendance and then have copies finalized and made so that all the survivors needed to do was to take all copies to the Clerk of Court. This organization is still in operation, 2025 marks the 20th year since incorporating.

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