

2026-2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

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.

CANDIDATE FOR NALA TREASURER: ADRIENNE D. BERRY, ACP



Paralegal Since: 04/01/2001

NALA Member Since: 03/31/2011

Educational Background: Bachelors of Arts in English in August 1996 from The University of Alabama | Paralegal Certificate April 2001- The University of Alabama in Birmingham | MBA- December 2006- Colorado Technical University

Professional Certification/Awards: I obtained my NALA Certified Paralegal (CP) in May 2006; completed the ACP for Criminal Litigation in June 2022 and the ACP for e-Discovery in November 2024. | I have received the following awards: US DOJ Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces-Southeast Region- Team award for "Operation Untouchables" August 2008; US DOJ Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces-Southeast Region- Team award for "Operation Chico and the Man" February 2010; US DOJ Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces-Southeast Region- Directors award for "The Heroin Initiative October 2014; Alabama Association of Paralegals, Inc. "AAPi" Paralegal of the Year 2012-13; 2014-15; Alabama Association of Paralegals, Inc. "AAPi" President's Award 2017-18; NALA Affiliate award: July 2018

Volunteer Activities: I first joined NALA as an active member in the early 2000s. In 2010, I changed to Associate membership type but quickly realized that I was missing out on some amazing benefits. When it was time to renew my membership in 2011, I changed back to Active membership type and have held that membership status since. As of 2026, I have 15 years of continuous Active membership. During this time, I have served on the following NALA committees: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Task Force which later transitioned to the DEI Standing Committee (2020-22); NALA Ethics Chair (2023); Professional Development Committee (PDC), member (2024, Chair 2024-present); NALA Talent Acquisition Committee (2024-25); NALA Executive Committee (2025-26); NALA School Relations Task Force (2024-present); NALA Ambassador & Hospitality Committee (2024-present); NALA Membership Task Force (2025-present); NALA Student of Year Award Committee, Chair (2024-present); NAPA CP exam contributor (2025); NALA ACP module contributor (2025) | I am also a frequent contributor to NALA's Facts & Findings magazine (2022-present); NALA Affiliate presenter- NALA 2020 Conference@Home, "How to Plan and Present a CP Course; and NALA Affiliate Town Hall presenter, "Building Successful Paralegal Associations Together" (Oct. 2021) | I am also a member of Women in e-Discovery (WIE) (2019-Present).

Membership in Other Associations: I am an Active member of the Alabama Association of Paralegals, Inc. "AAPi" since 2001 and joined the Board of Directors in 2002. AAPi is an NALA affiliate since 1982. I have served on the AAPi Board in the following positions: Ethics Chair, Employment Chair, Student-School Liaison Chair, Ways & Means Chair, Secretary, NALA Liaison, 2nd VP- Seminars, 2nd VP-Membership, 1st VP, and President (2021-23). I returned to Board this year as the 2025-26 2nd VP Seminars. In my current employment with DOJ, I have served as a member of the USAO Evaluation and Review Systems (EARS) team (2019-present). This position works as part of an evaluation team traveling to US Attorney's Offices (USAO) across the nation to provide management consulting recommendations for best practices within each office.

Other Qualifications or Comments: I believe that my current service on the NALA Board of Directors has laid a good foundation for serving in the next level of service to our members. I have attended NALA conventions consistently since 2015 and I love interacting with our members in all forums. I have learned the processes associated with board governance through my years of board service within my affiliate and NALA. As a former president of my affiliate, I am very familiar with the fiduciary responsibilities to the membership, working with budgets, and making sound business decisions for an organization. My years of experience as paralegal working on teams, working as a supervisory, working with many diverse groups has prepared me to represent NALA in any needed capacity. I always say that being a paralegal is a passion not a job. I have enjoyed serving NALA members in my various roles with serving on committees and the board of directors and I would like to continue in providing service as Treasurer. If elected, I will dedicate my time, effort and due diligence to advancing NALA and our paralegal profession.

Serving on the board of directors of a national association requires a unique skill set that includes passion for the profession, an understanding of the association's mission and vision, and the ability to commit time and energy to advancing the strategic goals of the association. Tell us why serving on the NALA Board of Directors is important to you. Share your achievements related to board service and how your experience makes you suitable for the position.

I am completing my fifth year as a NALA volunteer beginning with serving on the inaugural DEI committee, then as Ethics chair, and as a member and then Chair of the PDC. My time on the NALA Board of Directors, including serving on the Executive Committee, has strengthened my understanding of NALA's governance and prepared me for the next level of leadership. I have attended every NALA Conference since 2015, building meaningful connections and engaging directly with members.

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Board governance has always been a priority for me. In more than two decades of involvement with my affiliate, AAPi, including my term as President, I implemented a monthly board transparency recap to communicate fiduciary responsibilities such as financial oversight, administrative issues, and regional initiatives. This work reinforced my commitment to open communication, fiscal responsibility, and accountability.

I also bring extensive experience collaborating with teams, supervising staff, and working within diverse groups – skills that align strongly with NALA's strategic goals.

If elected as NALA Treasurer, I will apply disciplined attention to detail, thoughtful decision-making, and an unwavering commitment to advancing NALA and the paralegal profession. Being a paralegal is my passion, and I appreciate your support.

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