

2026-2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

THE ROLE OF AREA 1, 2, 3 DIRECTORS

Area 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.

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CANDIDATE FOR AREA 3 DIRECTOR: BECKY WINEGARD, CP



Paralegal Since: 05/15/2019

NALA Member Since: 02/25/2026

Educational Background: Masters in Science, Western Governor's University (2015) | Bachelor of Arts, Colorado Mesa University (2006)

Professional Certification/Awards: NALA, CP Certification (2022)

Volunteer Activities: I was a member of the local LAWS Group which was affiliated with NALA before it disbanded in 2025.

Membership in Other Associations: LAWS (2019-2025)

Other Qualifications or Comments: Serving on the Board of Directors for NALA would be both an honor and a natural extension of my professional commitment to the paralegal field. As a senior paralegal with significant leadership responsibilities, I bring both practical experience and strategic perspective to the role. In my current position, I oversee staff within my firm, manage workflow, and ensure that legal operations are conducted efficiently and ethically. This experience has strengthened my ability to lead collaboratively, make thoughtful decisions, and balance competing priorities. These skills that are essential for effective board governance.

In addition to my professional experience, I hold a master's degree, which has enhanced my analytical abilities and deepened my understanding of organizational leadership and policy. My academic background complements my hands-on legal experience, allowing me to approach issues with both critical insight and practical judgment.

I have also served on multiple local boards, where I contributed to organizational planning, policy development, and community engagement initiatives. These roles have reinforced my commitment to service, accountability, and advancing professional standards.

I am passionate about supporting paralegals nationwide, strengthening professional development opportunities, and helping guide the future of the profession through dedicated and thoughtful board service.

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.

As a civil litigation paralegal for seven years, I take deep pride in a profession I believe is indispensable to the legal process. That conviction draws me to NALA's board.

My work as a litigation specialist directly advances NALA's mission. I have trained and mentored ten paralegals through the full arc of civil litigation and collaborated to develop a paralegal career pathway that brings individuals with limited legal experience into fully trained roles. NALA's certified paralegal program, which I completed in 2022, has been foundational to my professional growth and my ability to mentor others.

My board experience complements this work. As secretary for the largest LGBTQ organization in Eastern Utah and Western Colorado (2021–2024), I helped oversee the annual budget, fundraising, and programming. As secretary for a local youth soccer program (2019–2021), I gained hands-on experience running board meetings and implementing policy in service of a community mission. Both roles taught me that effective board service requires showing up consistently and enthusiastically.

Serving on NALA's board would allow me to advocate at a national level for a profession I have spent my career advancing and to give back to the organization that has given so much to me.

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