

Ask Not What NALP Can Do for You...

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Wondering what you can do for the organization that has supported your career through resources, education, research, networking, and relationships? Wonder no further — what you can do is nominate yourself or a colleague for a leadership role in NALP.

No matter what aspect of NALP you find most valuable, there is a leadership role (or roles) making that happen. The annual nominating process begins in November, so now is the time to consider stepping up to take on these important responsibilities. Whatever your skill set or interest area, there is a way for you to serve — so nominate yourself. You are also the greatest resource for identifying the potential in your fellow members — so nominate them.

Beginning next month, NALP's Nominating Committee will be soliciting nominations for several important leadership roles. The open positions are:

- **2020-2021 President-Elect.** President-Elect is the first role in the three-term series that makes up the pinnacle of NALP leadership — President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President. The President, with the support of the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President, is responsible for shepherding our organization. This is the ultimate commitment you can make to the success of NALP for years to come!
- **2020-2022 Vice-President for Member Services and Education.** At the heart of NALP's mission are its myriad member service and education efforts. The Vice-President for Member Services and Education oversees all of these initiatives

including the Regional Resource Council and the Annual Education Conference Planning Team. If you want the chance to impact NALP's member offerings, this is the role for you!

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- **2020-2022 Directors (4 positions: 2 employers, 2 schools).** One of NALP's greatest strengths is how it creates and leverages collegial networks. The Board of Directors is a prime example of that professional collaboration in action. Directors serve two-year terms on the Board, governing all aspects of NALP business, education, resources, and services. Board service is a unique way to take your NALP teamwork to the highest level!
- **2020-2021 Nominating Committee Members (11 positions: an employer and a school representative from each general region, and one from Canada).** An organization is only as good as its members and leaders. The Nominating Committee is the key to ensuring that NALP has effective and committed leadership to lead the way into the next decade. This group manages the nomination and election process that

NALP relies upon to continue moving forward. This is a terrific chance to work with an inspiring group of industry colleagues and gain invaluable insight into our profession!

- **2020-2022 Regional Resource Council Representatives (11 positions: an employer and a school representative from each general region, and a Canadian Representative).** The Regional Resource Council is NALP's main vehicle for outreach and input from city groups, law school consortia, and individual members. Each representative is responsible for serving as NALP's ambassador in sharing resources and gathering information about the trends, needs, and issues that currently impact the industry. This is a great opportunity to grow your knowledge base and make contact with a wide variety of fellow professionals!
- **2020-2021 Conference Planning Coordinators (5 positions: West/Rocky Mountain Employer, Midwest School, Southeast Employer, Mid-Atlantic Employer, Northeast School).** Sunny Scottsdale, Arizona, will be the site of NALP's Annual Education Conference in April 2021. You can be part of the committee that selects among the multitude of proposals to put together a compelling and enjoyable conference for NALP members. Plus, you will be among the first to visit the location to ensure that all goes smoothly. You will learn a great deal about the challenges facing your colleagues and meet some amazing NALP leaders in the group!

To learn more about the responsibilities of these roles, visit www.nalp.org/nominating. The Nominating Committee looks forward to seeing you and your colleagues on the list of nominees come November. ■