

Now Is a Great Time to Think about NALP Leadership

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“I’m a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn’t have the heart to let him down.” — Abraham Lincoln

Fall is a time to reconnect and move forward after the hectic end of summer. Some of us are greeting students, others are getting ready to welcome new lawyers. NALP sections and work groups gear up, city groups reconvene. It’s a great time to push ahead with this year’s initiatives, but also a great time to start thinking about your role in moving NALP forward. In about a month, your colleagues on NALP’s Nominating Committee will be asking you to nominate fellow NALP members to take on leadership roles. Whether you are working on a section project, joining a regional conference call, or sitting at a city group lunch, you will be surrounded by good candidates for the whole range of NALP offices (one of them might even be you). Now is the time to take notice and remember — November will be the time to nominate and encourage!

NALP offers opportunities for members with all different levels and types of experience. Here’s a quick introduction to the available positions.

Conference Planning Coordinator

Be among the first to say “Bienvenue à Montréal!” The Conference Planning Committee is a great way for seasoned or newer NALP members to enhance their involvement. You’ll work closely with the NALP staff to make the 2020 Annual Conference productive and fun for attendees and speakers alike.

- **OPEN POSITIONS:** *The Midwest and North-east regions will each elect an Employer member; the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, and West/Rocky Mountain regions will each elect a Law School member; and the Canadian region will elect a representative, who can be either a Law School or Employer member. The term is one year.*

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is a terrific chance to use all your NALP knowledge and share your NALP enthusiasm. The Nominating Committee is at the heart of NALP, offering you a unique opportunity to advance the organization by putting forward the next generation of NALP leaders.

- **OPEN POSITIONS:** *The Northeast, Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, and West/Rocky Mountain regions will elect one Employer member and one Law School member to serve for one year.*

Regional Representative

Whether you’re new to NALP or a more experienced member, as a Regional Representative you will have a fantastic opportunity to learn about the “nitty-gritty” of NALP and the legal industry from both the law school and employer perspectives – and a perfect platform to share your knowledge with colleagues in your region (and beyond).

- **OPEN POSITIONS:** *Each US region will elect two Representatives, one Employer member and one Law School member, to serve for two years; Canada will elect one Representative (can be either Employer or Law School member) to serve for one year.*

Board of Directors

If you’ve enjoyed being an active NALP volunteer and want to take your service up a notch, consider the Board of Directors. As a Director, you will play an active role in managing and directing the business of the association, from setting policies to approving the annual budget, supporting section leaders, or advising on current and future NALP projects. *Open Positions: Five Directors will be slated by the Nominating Committee to serve for two years.*

Vice-President for Finance

Your role as Vice-President for Finance includes service on the Board of Directors, but primarily you will work with a dedicated team of in-house and outside consultants and auditors to meet the financial objectives of NALP (a healthy respect for numbers is beneficial, but a sophisticated financial background is not required).

- **OPEN POSITIONS:** *The Vice-President for Finance will be slated by the Nominating Committee to serve for two years.*

President-Elect

You will serve on the Board of Directors as President-Elect, then become the chief volunteer officer of the organization and the leader of the Board. The President is a public face of NALP and oversees the creation, launch and implementation of NALP’s volunteer projects.

- **OPEN POSITIONS:** *The President-Elect will be slated by the Nominating Committee and will serve a total of three years as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President.*

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities — for yourself or for a friend — check out www.nalp.org/nominating. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, we will look forward to seeing you *and* your friends on the candidate roster when nominations open in November! ■

