

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Dear ALA Member:

I am amazed at the dedication and talent that members bring to the leadership ranks of ALA. Because of these leaders, the Association is blessed with record membership levels and the financial strength to provide outstanding programs, products, and services. This makes it an excellent time to be a member and to be a leader in our professional Association.

The challenge we face around this time each year is to perpetuate the strength of the leadership team at all levels. We need you to carry out an important responsibility: nominating the colleagues you believe can best lead and guide ALA. There are many highly qualified members within our ranks. Some of them are serving (or have served in the past) as Directors, Regional Officers, committee or task force members – or perhaps in a leadership position within your chapter. Each of these roles offers excellent training for Board and Regional Officer service. (To view job descriptions for ALA Director and Regional Officer positions, visit www.alanet.org/members/solution/docs.aspx.)

You can help us to identify the best candidates in two ways: first, by nominating strong, capable individuals and encouraging them to consider service in ALA's leadership corps; and second, by seriously considering nominating yourself. And, while you're at it, jot down a few notes about why you or these individuals would be good leaders for ALA and attach them to your nominations form. We will confirm each individual's interest and support in serving in the role(s) for which individuals are nominated.

If you want to know more about the value of serving as a Director or as a Regional Officer you can contact me – or read what a few other ALA leaders have to say:

"I was truly honored to be selected to serve as a Regional Officer for ALA. After many years of service on my chapter board, I felt that this was an opportunity to continue giving back to the organization that offers so much to all of its members. The interaction with other leaders locally, regionally, and nationally this past year has been extremely rewarding both personally and professionally. Even better, it's been a lot of fun. Jump in, the water's fine!"
– Paul Farnsworth, Region 1 Officer

"I credit ALA for my professional development and growth, so giving back feels natural. When I joined ALA in 1993, I was surrounded by a welcoming network of colleagues I hadn't known existed. Before too long, I was asked to serve as President-Elect of the Puget Sound Chapter. To say I was nervous at the thought of getting up at the podium is an understatement, but I recognized the opportunity to stretch. Saying 'yes' is the most important development decision I have made. Overcoming my anxiety about public speaking, developing leadership skills, and working with colleagues who supported and encouraged me has profoundly changed my professional career."
– Rita Alli, At-Large Director

"Throughout my professional career, I have made a commitment to be involved in professional organizations pertaining to my position in the legal industry. So, when I became a legal administrator, my attention naturally turned to ALA. Membership in the organization proved to be essential; leadership in ALA proved to be incredible! Leadership has enhanced my skills as an administrator beyond what I would have gained otherwise. My firm and I have benefited significantly from the experience. The opportunity to serve has honed my leadership skills, enhanced my presentation skills, developed an international network of colleagues and friends, and increased my complex decision-making skills. It is the source of much pleasure and satisfaction. In short, service in ALA's leadership corps has been the peak of my professional career and personal life. Taking the next step in leadership will not disappoint you!"
– Susan French Koran, Region 4 Director

I urge you to take a few moments right now to identify and recommend potential candidates for President-Elect, Director, and/or Regional Officer; a form for doing that is on the facing page. We must have your nominations by August 1, 2008, so that the candidates will have sufficient time to discuss their opportunities with their employers and complete the required background information.

Thank you for your contribution to this important responsibility, the success of which will guarantee a strong future for ALA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Rice-Isaacs".

Wendy Rice-Isaacs
2008-09 ALA President



**ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS
LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS FORM**

Terms of service begin in May 2009

I recommend the following individual(s) for the position(s) indicated below.

(Optional: Attach a separate sheet explaining why you recommend these members.)

Name/City/State

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PRESIDENT-ELECT (must be a currently serving or past member of the ALA Board of Directors)

1) _____

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DIRECTOR (four positions open in 2009 – one At-Large Director, and Director positions in Regions 1, 3, and 5)

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REGIONAL OFFICER (one 2-year term)

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Your Name (required): _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Return this form by August 1, 2008 to: Jan Waugh, ALA Headquarters, 75 Tri-State International, Suite 222, Lincolnshire, IL 60069-4435; or fax to (847) 267-1329.