

## GENERAL BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES & BENEFITS OF BEING A VOLUNTEER

Thank you for your interest in becoming involved in your local WLA chapter. Each Board position has a specific position description. However, here are some general requirements that should be considered before deciding to run for office.

- + Be an active Board member. This includes attending chapter meetings and board meetings. It also includes being prepared for Board meetings, asking critical questions, and helping the Board come to agreement in making decisions that affect chapter membership.
- + Know or build your knowledge about your chapter, WLA, and its governing bylaws. Learn about WLA and its role with your chapter. The WLA Leaders
- + Stay informed of trends in the field of law and timely issues affecting your chapter.
- + Abstain from activities that may appear to create a conflict of interest. Follow the WLA Code of Ethical and Professional Standards in practice of law.
- + Be willing to provide contacts and resources to help your chapter grow and develop as an organization.
- + Maintain confidentiality, as appropriate, of chapter Board issues and membership data.
- + Be a chapter member in good standing. WLA membership is not required (except for chapter presidents), but is strongly encouraged.

### **Some benefits of becoming a chapter Board member include:**

- + The chance to make an impact and assist in the development of your chapter and the law profession.
- + An opportunity to be recognized as a leader in the field of law.
- + The opportunity to attend WLA's Annual Conference in November. Conference is FREE for Chapter President OR President-Elect. The conference registration fee for other chapter board members is only \$200.

If you have any questions regarding this information or you would like to get more information about a specific board position, please contact your chapter president or the Global Executive Director.

Thanks again for considering the donation of your time and effort to assist your chapter become the best that it can be. We congratulate you on your interest in serving your chapter and your profession.