

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS
2018-2019 OFFICER CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET**

Position Sought: Secretary
Name: Emily D. Walterscheid, PP, PLS
Chapter: Lubbock LPA
Year Joined NALS: 2013

Service on the Local, State, and/or National Level:

Local

Vice-President, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association 2018-2019
Treasurer, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association 2017-2018
President, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association 2016-2017
President-Elect, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association 2015-2016
Vice President, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association 2014-2015
Recording Secretary, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association 2013-2014
Chair 2018-2019 – Membership, Bosses’ Night, member of every committee
Chair 2017-2018 – Bosses’ Night, TALP Annual Conference Chair, Member of every committee
Chair 2016-2017 – Legal Professional of the year, Member of every committee
Chair 2015-2016 – Legal Professional of the year, membership, Christmas party, member of every committee
Chair 2014-2015 – Boss of the Year, membership, Christmas party, CLE, Education, Newsletter member of every committee
2013-2014- member of every committee

State

Marketing Chair - 2016-2019
Membership Chair – 2018-2019
Texas ALP Fall Conference Co-Chair – 2017-2018
Education Chair - 2015-2016

National

BMLP Review Committee 2017-2019
Certifying Board – 2016-2017
BMLP Review Committee 2014-2016
Professional Development Chair 2014-2015
Obtained speakers for National Webinars

Certifications: Professional Paralegal –September 2014
Professional Legal Secretary March 2014

Honors:

Legal Professional of the Year, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association 2014-2015
Inspiration of the Year, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association; 2016-2017

Mentor of the year, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association,
Rookie of the Year, Lubbock Legal Professionals Association

2015-2016
2013-2014

Personal Statement: Explain in less than 100 words why you are the best candidate for this office.

I love the legal profession and my role as a paralegal, helping clients through a hard time and learning along the way. Continuing to learn and grow to help not only the staff at my firm, but my colleagues in the legal field. Texas ALP is more than another organization to me it is a way to grow and promote the legal field and to continually help others. I want Texas ALP to be strong and grow and engage other legal professionals.

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QUESTIONS FOR 2018-2019 OFFICER CANDIDATES**



1. **Membership.** Do you have a vision for sustaining and growing the TALP membership in the coming year? If so, please describe.

Answer:

My vision for TALP to grow in the way we educate not only members but in the communities we all live and work in. I feel like we should work to help educate attorneys and other in the field who may not know what TALP can do and how we can help them to educate and grow their staff. To encourage membership I think TALP should plan to reach out to members who have left TALP and to find out why they left and if there is a way we can help them want to come back and be a member. Also local associations continuing to reach out to the legal communities around them who may be new the field, or may be in a close county or area who do not know they can still join and participate in TALP.

2. **Participation.** Do you have a plan to encourage membership participation at local, state, and national conferences and events? If so, please describe.

Answer:

To encourage membership to attend educational events I think TALP needs to look at offering scholarships to members who feel they cannot afford to attend. I think we need to look at ways for members to attend the CLE events and conferences via live web feeds or telephone. Sometimes members want to attend but their attorneys are not willing for them to miss work or the trial schedule will not allow and having a chance to stream the CLE would be beneficial for TALP and the membership. Finding local venues where the hotels and travel are more cost effective would also be beneficial for those members who pay out of pocket to attend.

3. **Commitment.** Describe your commitment to the association and your fellow officers and board for the continued success of Texas ALP in the coming year?

Answer:

I want TALP to be the “go to” when local and state professionals think about how to educate or certify their staff. I talk to other members on the staff I work with, my local association, and attorneys about how TALP can grow and educate and the benefits it can offer for everyone.

- 4. Education. What suggestions do you have in making the continuing legal education offered by Texas ALP entertaining as well as educational?**

Answer:

Sometimes legal education can be dry, but I think having attorneys or even members who speak who are well prepared helps in the way the education is perceived. Having the mock trial as we had in Houston was a great way to learn some trial procedure and it kept everyone entertained at the same time.