

Nomination Application Questions

List your current professional responsibilities. (Please be sure to highlight any financial, writing, communication, leadership, etc. responsibilities where possible).

Currently, I am working full time as a staff nurse in within my specialty, Labor and Delivery. I typically work Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, as I am on the weekend program at work for an addition stipend. Since I have a rather free schedule during the week, I also have a part time job as an educator through an ADN program nearby at one of the best nursing programs in the state. One day a week, I teach didactics four 4 hours and one day a week, I supervise clinicals with a group of 4-5 students. Outside of that, I currently have 16 open cases in various stages for expert work.

How would you add value to the AALNC Board of Directors?

The job was described to me as a volunteer position that attends leadership meetings, supports team members over a few states, and has a social media presence to help support new and current members to all that AALNC has to offer. This actually sounded exactly like my role as community outreach coordinator for Apraxia Kids. I'm already doing this in many ways as my Facebook and LinkedIn presence has encouraged many novice nurses to reach out and ask how to get started. I've set up zoom calls and FaceTimes to make it more personalized as I have shared my great experiences with AALNC lounge, the forum, and the chapters. I have found the community here so very welcoming, unlike most other "virtual" communities. So for taking a big leap in legal nursing, I couldn't have asked for more support. I'd be happy to continue to do the same thing in a more official capacity.

What is your vision for AALNC and the legal nurse consulting profession?

To me, AALNC has never been a business but rather an organization. When I was originally finding my footing in "what is legal nurse consulting," I took a deep dive on every website I could find and what drew me to AALNC was that I wasn't be sold anything. Yes, there was a plentiful library of learning opportunities, but there was more from job opportunities, the directory, the forum, the chapters, each of the board members with real names and faces. I felt this was a community and not a business. So for me, my vision of AALNC would be that this community can continue to get the message out about all we have to offer because THAT's how new (and experienced) members are going to be successful.

The legal nurse consulting profession is too valuable to the law profession to going anywhere. I do not believe we will be replaced by AI or by physicians speaking on behalf of the RN. Neither have a clue what we do or to the standards we are held to. Neither are able to review a chart in the way we do. The work we do in the legal profession is important and the attorneys that haven't realized that are missing out.