
[texas] IMPORTANT: AILA National Call for Volunteers Deadline 2/19

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Please take a moment to read the message sent by AILA President-Elect, Bill Stock. Before you do, let me add my own personal plea for Texas Chapter members to volunteer in AILA national committees.

Folks, we are the SECOND LARGEST AILA CHAPTER; and yet, here is rough breakdown of the representation of our chapter in AILA National Committees:

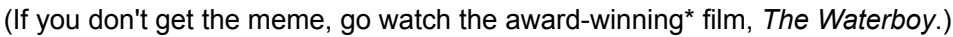
Agency Liaison Committees: 5 out of 45 (members from the Texas Chapter)
Governance and Finance Committees: 1 out of 17
Immigration Issue Development and Advocacy Committees: 9 out of 142
Ethics, Professionalism, and Practice Management Committees: 9 out of 56
Steering Committees: 2 out of 31
Conference/CLE Committees: 6 out of 97
Member Services Committees: 3 out of 62

Not to mention that there are no elected Texas Chapter members currently on the Board of Governors (more on that later).

As the second largest chapter, our voice in the governance of AILA National is woefully inadequate compared to our numbers. There are many small chapters that have us beat in terms of representation. Unfortunately, if we do not seek out positions in AILA national, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Fortunately, that is very easily remedied.

I challenge every recipient of this email message to take a few minutes to fill out the volunteer survey in the link below. I have already done so myself; it should take no more than 5 to 10 minutes. I also ask that if anyone has a particular interest in one of the committees described above (see them in detail here: <http://www.aila.org/about/leadership/national-committees>), or wishes to suggest particular members for positions in these committees, please let me know by Friday and I will pass this on to AILA National.

THE VOLUNTEER SURVEY IS DUE THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016.



One of the most important jobs of any volunteer leader is to secure the organization's future leadership by supporting the involvement of members newer to the practice, and getting them to deepen their involvement in the Association.

Here's the link: <http://www.aila.org/about/announcements/call-for-volunteers>

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