

My motivation for seeking an elected position on the AILA Board of Governors is to contribute to the association's efforts to maintain and increase its relevance to its members, the federal executive agencies and the courts. As one of the largest nationwide organizations driving the immigration discussion, AILA faces the challenge all large, mature organizations do: maintaining relevance to its membership and to the larger associational goal of advancing the jurisprudence of immigration law. To do so, AILA must continually (as it has done) invent program and content for its members, increase its profile before the federal executive agencies and the federal courts.

There are two elements to maintaining and increasing relevance: nimble ability to create program content (webinars, podcasts, teleconferences, in-person conferences, practice advisories) that are available to members on current issues as well as the basics (AILA does this well now) and increasing its grassroots clout through strategic leadership development in chapters outside of the chapter officer route.

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