



I am running for AILA Board of Governors by petition. I have served AILA for many years. I currently serve on the AILA Interagency Committee, the Annual Conference Committee, and Chair the FOIA Liaison Committee. Last year I served on the AILA Comprehensive Reform Committee and the Verification Committee. I helped organize the Global Migration Action Group which has enjoyed much success. I previously served as Chair of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) liaison committee (2008-2010), Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee (2008-2009) and served on the Spring Conference committee (2008-2010). I was chosen as the Editor of the AILA Midyear Conference materials in 2010, and was the past Chair of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) liaison committee (2004-2006). Long ago I chaired the Iowa-Nebraska chapter (2001-2003), perhaps one of my favorite AILA positions. I received the President's Award for Worksite Compliance in 2008.

I handle a variety of immigration matters. In addition to having a large business/compliance practice, we also handle deportation/removal, family, VAWA, SIJS, U visas, TPS, NACARA, and related cases. My associate and I currently have 2 complex cases being litigated in the 8th circuit on a pro bono basis. I am involved with spearheading an effort to get two Volunteer/Pro Bono projects off the ground that would provide "attorney for the day" services in the detained docket, and "Know Your Rights" presentations in the jails.

In addition to my AILA volunteer work, I also serve on the Lutheran Family Services Executive Board and Executive Committee. LFS is Nebraska's largest nonprofit provider of services, and has the largest refugee resettlement program in the region. LFS also has an immigration program which provides low cost solutions to immigrants for simple cases. I believe strongly that it is vital to have ethical, competent nonprofit immigration services in a region, and my participation in the LFS Board furthers this goal.

I believe that AILA has significant challenges ahead and will discuss two of them. The issue of webcast BOG meetings will likely be recurrent. Certainly cost is a factor but soon technology will reduce costs where webcasts are feasible. I would support moving towards a solution that would allow our membership to view BOG meetings on line. Transparency within governance is something that AILA needs to improve.

Another issue is the size of the BOG. AILA's BOG is too large. Basic responsibilities of a nonprofit board are not handled well when 80+ people are in a room. In order to have deep and meaningful discussions which will further the interests of the organization, we need to find a way to have a smaller BOG while utilizing the vital voices of the Chapter Chairs and the ex-

Presidents. This issue has been studied and recommendations have been made, but it will take strong leadership to finalize a solution and make the changes.

If elected I pledge to work hard at bringing different ideas and people together, for the betterment of AILA. I appreciate your consideration.

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