

## NACOLE CANDIDATE ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidates are encouraged to fill out the following questionnaire, to give NACOLE members relevant information when voting for Board members.

Name: Janna Lewis

- 1) Position Sought: Board Member at Large
- 2) Geographic Location: Seattle, King County, WA
- 3) Current Oversight Position and Organization: Deputy Ombuds, King County Office of the Ombuds
- 4) Number of Years as a NACOLE Member: 9
- 5) Please list Annual Conferences or training opportunities in which you have attended:

### Annual conferences

- 2010 Seattle, WA
- 2012 San Diego, CA
- 2013 Salt Lake City, UT
- 2014 Kansas City, MO
- 2015 Riverside, CA
- 2016 Albuquerque, NM
- 2017 Spokane, WA
- 2018 St. Petersburg, FL
- 2019 Detroit, MI

### Regional Networking and Training Events

- 2018 Seattle, WA
- 2019 Nashville, TN

### Academic Symposiums

- 2015 Seattle University School of Law
- 2017 Arizona State University

### Webinars

- 2017 Justice Based Policing
- 2018 What does an Effective Crisis Intervention Program Look Like
- 2019 False Confessions

- 6) Are you currently a member of the NACOLE Board? Yes

If so, in what capacity:

President  
 Vice President  
 Board Member At-Large

**For the following questions, please respond in no more than 200 words.**

- 1) Why do you want to serve on the NACOLE Board?
  - In the almost decade I have been a member of NACOLE, I have seen it grow and prosper into what it is now. I have worked in committees and have served on the board to help NACOLE make an even bigger impact on oversight, it's practitioners, and the communities they serve. I would like to see NACOLE move further into the national spotlight and be the "Go-to" organization for all things law enforcement oversight related whether that is information, training, or community support.
  
- 2) What skills/experience/qualities do you bring to the NACOLE Board?
  - The most important quality I bring is my proven commitment to get the work done. With a mostly volunteer organization, you need people who are committed to do the work in order to keep this organization growing and flourishing. I am that person. I like doing the work and I get the work done.
  - I also bring 13 years of active oversight experience where I have been able to work towards positive outcomes despite competing priorities.
  
- 3) What challenges does NACOLE face as a rapidly growing membership organization?
  - Right now, NACOLE faces capacity issues as it continues to grow. As a mostly volunteer organization, we need to make sure we are capitalizing on the talent we have within this organization, not just in the Board of Directors but in the membership as a whole, to continue to get projects done, bring more regional trainings and webinars to our membership, and find ways to meet other needs of our members. Finding new ways to increase capacity, be that by hiring additional employees/contractors, obtaining grants, reframing the organization, or raising money are all necessary items to focus on to make an impact on capacity.
  
- 4) How have you contributed to NACOLE's work? Please include all committees you have served on or led, as well as any other NACOLE volunteer efforts.

Committee work:

  - 2017-2019 Committee Co-Chair: Training, Education, and Standards
    - Oversaw and/or directly contributed to growing the regional meetings and webinar programming. In the last two years, we

have put on 8 webinars and 5 Regional and Training Networking Programs. I have also worked with the sub-committee for the Annual NACOLE Awards recommendations to the Board for the last several years.

- 2017 Committee Chair: Website and Digital Media Committee
- 2014-2017 Member: Strategic Planning Committee
  - Worked on the FAQ's currently on NACOLE's website
  - Contributed to the written procedures NACOLE operates under
- 2015-2016 Member: Training, Education, and Standards Committee
  - Worked on revising the Certified Practitioner of Oversight (CPO) credential program by establishing guidelines for certification.

Other Projects:

- Drafted and formalized the Statement of Commitment to the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Board
- Drafted and Formalized the Candidate Questionnaire in response to a member suggestion at the 2018 NACOLE Annual Meeting
- Shepherded panels at the Annual Conferences.
- Helped draft and/or edit letters and other NACOLE publications

5) Please share highlights of your background/experience in law enforcement oversight.

For the last 13 years, I have been employed at the Office of the Ombuds in Martin Luther King, Jr. County (Seattle, WA) as a Deputy Ombuds. Our office has a broad mandate to investigate most misconduct by employees or agencies in the executive branch. My primary focus has been working to resolve or investigate complaints that involve the two law enforcement agencies in the county – the sheriff and the jail. Prior to this, I have worked as both prosecution and defense counsel, giving me broad experience in the criminal justice system.

6) If elected/re-elected, what would you most like to accomplish as a Board member?

- I would like to continue building the NACOLE training program.
- I would like to continue to grow the NACOLE membership as new oversight agencies are being formed. I'd like to see NACOLE help guide the new agencies through the transition from creation to inception so they can become robust oversight agencies and NACOLE members.
- I would like to see NACOLE viewed as the national authority on all things oversight. This includes getting more involved in the national discussion.
- I would like to see NACOLE continue to grow as an organization including finding financial revenue sources to grow our number of paid employees, which would help the organization increase its capacity.

7) Additional information for voters to consider:

I am committed to continue working for NACOLE and its membership. Thank you for the opportunity to serve over these past few years, and please consider re-electing me to your Board.