



## HOW TO GAIN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved in **varied LRA tasks**. The more tasks you become involved in the better you will understand the organization.

Be sure to **attend the major events** at the conference each year including:

- All plenary sessions
- Town Hall Meeting (Thursday evening)
- Annual Business Meeting (Friday evening)

Volunteer to **assist with the conference**. Contact the Annual Program Chair (who is LRA's President-Elect) in the winter to volunteer as a reviewer, session chair, or discussant. To volunteer to be an Area Chair contact the Vice President in the spring. The Vice President appoints new Area Chairs in the fall each year.

Gain understanding of how the organization operates by **serving as a Standing Committee Chair**, the Secretary, the Treasurer, or the Parliamentarian. Each is an appointed position that involves attending all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President makes these appointments.

Volunteer to **serve as an Awards Committee Chair**. Awards Committee Chairs demonstrate leadership capabilities and gain visible exposure at the LRA Conference by presenting awards at plenary sessions. Contact the Past President in the spring to volunteer as appointments are made in the fall each year.

Volunteer to **serve as a member of an Awards Committee or Standing Committee**. Contact the Past President in the spring to volunteer. Appointments are made in the fall each year.

**Once you have experience in a variety of LRA-related opportunities you will have sufficient knowledge of the organization to consider leading LRA as an elected Board Member or Officer.**