

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Public Relations Director – Jennifer Crumly



Distinguished LPA Members, my name is Jennifer Crumly, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Director of Public Relations.

Having grown up in the LPA since I was a little girl, I was always so excited to engage with the wide variety of people our community was comprised of. LPs from all types of backgrounds, vocations, cultures, races, countries, genders, and identities. People who were incredible mechanics, stylists, doctors, social workers, actors, artists, mothers, fathers, and caretakers. I could go on and on listing the vast number of exceptional individuals that form the LPA, but I'm limited to 750 words. And growing up amongst these remarkable LPs I couldn't understand why the public's perception of us was so inaccurate.

This erroneous perception is something that I already passionately advocate against on behalf of our community and the Public Relations Director position would be a perfect fit to continue this passion.

A little about my background and credentials: I have a Bachelor of Science degree in communications with an emphasis in multiculturalism. I have been employed in numerous roles in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries for over 22 years and currently a CMC Regulatory Associate for a gene therapy company. My job involves interacting with global health agencies, such as the FDA and MHRA, to get our applications approved. Negotiation, framing narratives and creating influential and data driven content is something I'm well-versed in.

I've previously held the D12 Director and Assistant Director positions and can often be found at Nationals volunteering at the registration desk.

I have several pieces published on the lives of LPs both from a first-person narrative and the objective point of view to educate the general population. Engaging with the public is something that I am comfortable with and have been doing for quite a while.

Coworkers, teammates and Sr. leadership I work with consistently describe me as affable, collaborative and a solid team player. I am results driven and a problem solver - I enjoy finding solutions to complex issues. My company used to have an acronym that we lived by – G.S.D. Get "Stuff" Done. I am ready to get "stuff" done for the LPA!

As an outspoken individual I am eager to take this role into the future. I will align with Board on our position statements and suggest we reach a wider audience with more content featuring interviews of our diverse LP community. I will engage in honest dialogues with the press and media not only about what our community stands for, but what our community demands. I will bridge the current gap in our online presence by leveraging information across social media platforms. I want every new parent, family member, friend, or partner, to never worry or wonder if their loved one won't accomplish everything that they have set out to achieve simply because of their dwarfism. It breaks my heart to see new parents so concerned about their child's future and I hope the initiatives I will set forth in my term will help alleviate some of those concerns.

We are explorers and adventurers, intellectuals and scholars - a diverse community of respected individuals that I will promote on the vast array of media channels across the country. I have an aggressive personality, and I am admittedly assertive to a fault. However, I believe that is exactly what this position needs in the future. I want to see our community pushing forward and demanding what other minority communities have been able to achieve. I know that our numbers are small. I know that we don't have the same size nor impact as other outspoken minority groups. However, that does not mean we can't have a stronger, more unified and much louder presence in the future.

Won't you join me in this next phase of the LPA? As one of my hero's John Lewis famously stated, "Speak up, speak out, get in the way. Get in good trouble, necessary trouble!" Let's go get into some good trouble together! I'm Jennifer Crumly and I humbly ask for your support in electing me your next Director of Public Relations for the Little People of America.

Public Relations Director – Rebecca Fava



My name is Rebecca Fava, and I am proud to announce my candidacy for Public Relations Director for Little People of America. For the last 17 years, I have been a member of LPA and seen it grow, develop, and thrive. Thanks to LPA, I met my husband and some of my closest friends. It's also the first place I felt I belonged; a feeling undoubtedly shared by many.

While I currently call District 2 home, I am also a proud former member of District 5. I have served both LPA and DAAA through holding office as Chapter President of the Mets (New York City) and working on the Public Relations team with the 2013 World Dwarf Games in East Lansing, Michigan. Those experiences have allowed me to gain knowledge of both organizations and work to serve their members while educating the public about dwarfism.

I am now asking for your vote as Public Relations Director.

My main objectives as PR Director will be the following:

- Educating the public about dwarfism through large- and small-scale efforts, ranging from working with major media outlets to produce content aimed at spotlighting the LP community to educating new parents at hospitals with information about dwarfism and LPA.
- Connecting with other disability communities and learning how they became pioneers for advocacy while creating that same path for those with dwarfism.
- Keeping an up-to-date social media presence to inform members on LPA events/news on local, regional, and national levels.
- Partnering with the LPA Today Editor on informing the LPA community on topics happening in LPA.

Due to efforts that I spearheaded at my workplace, during the upcoming season, the Brooklyn Nets and New York Liberty will become one of the first professional sports organizations to celebrate Disability Awareness Month, including recognizing Dwarfism Awareness Day.

If elected as your next Public Relations Director, I will help make LPA continue to grow, develop, and thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Public Relations Director – Rachel Keller



My name is Rachel Keller, and I am running for the position of Public Relations Director. I have been a member of LPA all my life and consider myself to have grown up within the organization. The community that LPA has given me is one of the most treasured things in my life, thus I am excited to have this opportunity to return this gift. I am a clinical social worker, a trained mediator and have strong writing skills. I have previous board experience with another organization that provided training on diversity issues. I feel that my background combined with my natural love of communication makes me a strong candidate for this position.

People with dwarfism are facing new unique challenges that raise questions about our ability to live our lives. If elected I will work to strengthen our community and create a more dynamic presence both within disability communities and the general public. I want the public to know how rich and vibrant our dwarf lives are and how much pride we have. I will continue to advocate for self-respect and determination for all our members.

Thank you for your consideration in giving me your vote for Public Relations Director in this election.