# THE ROLE OF THE REGIONS

*ACWA Regions provide the grassroots support to advance ACWA's legislative and regulatory agenda.*

### Background

As a result of ACWA's 1993 strategic planning process, known as Vision 2000, ACWA modified its governance structure from one that was based on sections to a regional-based configuration. Ten regions were established to provide geographic balance and to group agencies with similar interests.

### Primary Charge of Regions

- To provide a structure where agencies can come together and discuss / resolve issues of mutual concern and interest and based on that interaction, provide representative input to the ACWA board.
- To assist the Outreach Task Force in building local grassroots support for the ACWA Outreach Program in order to advance ACWA's legislative and regulatory priorities as determined by the ACWA Board and the State Legislative, Federal Affairs or other policy committees.
- To provide a forum to educate region members on ACWA's priorities and issues of local and statewide concern.
- To assist staff with association membership recruitment at the regional level.
- To recommend specific actions to the ACWA Board on local, regional, state and federal issues as well as to recommend endorsement for various government offices and positions.

Region chairs and vice chairs, with support from their region boards, provide the regional leadership to fulfill this charge.

*Note: Individual region boards CANNOT take positions, action or disseminate communication on issues and endorsements without going through the ACWA Board structure.*

## GENERAL DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REGION OFFICERS

### Region Chair

- Serves as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors at bimonthly meetings at such times and places as the Board may determine. The Chair will also call at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Serves as a member of ACWA's Outreach Program, and encourages region involvement. Appoints Outreach Captain to help lead outreach effort within the region.
- Presides over all region activities and ensures that such activities promote and support accomplishment of ACWA's Goals.
- Makes joint recommendations to the ACWA President regarding regional appointments to all ACWA committees.
- Appoints representatives in concurrence of the region board, to serve on the region's nominating committee with the approval of the region board.
- Facilitates communication from the region board and the region membership to the ACWA board and staff.

### Region Vice Chair

- Serves as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors at bimonthly meetings at such times and places as the Board may determine. The Vice Chair will also participate in at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Performs duties of the Region Chair in the absence of the chair.
- Serves as a member of ACWA's Outreach Program, and encourages region involvement.
- Makes joint recommendations to the ACWA president regarding regional appointments to all ACWA committees.

### Region Board Member

- Participate in at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Supports program planning and activities for the region.
- Actively participates and encourages region involvement in ACWA's Outreach Program.
- May serve as alternate for the chair and/or vice chair in their absence (if appointed) to represent the region to the ACWA Board.