

Advance Your Career Through Volunteering with IMSA

Info Session



Advancing the Future of Public Safety



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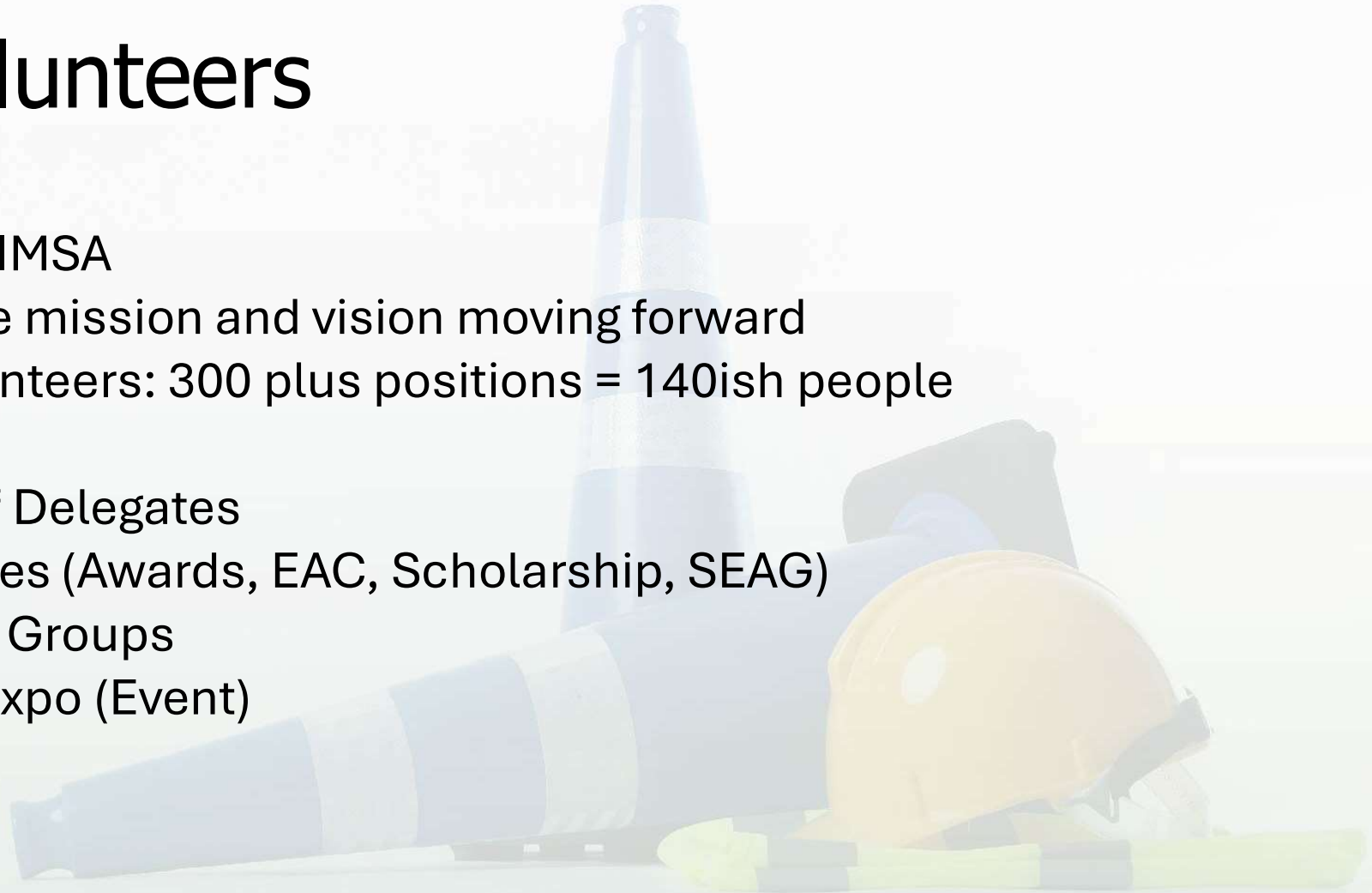
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IMSA Volunteers

- Backbone of IMSA
- Help keep the mission and vision moving forward
- Types of Volunteers: 300 plus positions = 140ish people
 - Board
 - Council of Delegates
 - Committees (Awards, EAC, Scholarship, SEAG)
 - Cert Work Groups
 - Forum & Expo (Event)



Benefits of Volunteering

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- **Display your knowledge as a Subject Matter Expert**
 - Traffic Signals, Work Zone, Signs and Markings, Roadway Lighting, Fire Alarm, Intelligent Transportation Systems
 - **SMEs** needed for Certification Work Groups and Educational Advisory Council
- **Peer to peer recognition**
 - Qualify for Outstanding Volunteer Award (Presented onsite at Forum & Expo)
 - [More info can be found here: IMSA Awards](#)
- **Build your resume**
 - Build soft skills (creativity, critical thinking, problem solving)
 - Added experience
 - <https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/reasons-to-consider-volunteering>

Benefits of Volunteering continued...

- **Develop your leadership skills**
 - Public speaking
 - Chairing a committee
- **Get experience with events**
 - IMSA Forum & Expo
 - [Cleveland, Ohio, July 2025](#)
 - Badge scanners, speaker presenters, registration assistant, etc..
 - More on this in June!
- **Personal and professional networking opportunities**
- **Develop new skills**



Overview of available opportunities

- Continuing Education Credit Verifier
- Certification Exam Work Group Member
- Certification Material Work Group Member
- Educational Advisory Council – Committee Member
- Photographer
- Website Reviewer
- Journal Contributor

Continuing Education Credit Verifier

- Short-term commitment on an as needed basis.
- Assist the Certification Department with verifying Continuing Education Credits submitted for certification renewal.
- Must be knowledgeable of the IMSA certifications and renewal requirements.
- Have access to a computer and ability to communicate electronically with IMSA staff.

Certification Exam Work Group Member

- Short-term commitment on an as needed basis.
- Different work groups for each technical area: Traffic Signal, Work Zone, Signs and Markings, Roadway Lighting, Fire Alarm and Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Attend biweekly 1 hour meetings over the next 6 months.

Certification Exam Work Group Member Cont.

- Certification in technical area is not required but preferred.
- Charged with reviewing and revising the exam questions. Subject matter experts qualify for this position.
- Must have access to a computer, Zoom and ability to communicate electronically with IMSA staff.

Certification Material Work Group Member

- Short-term commitment on an as needed basis.
- Technical areas: Traffic Signal, Work Zone, Signs and Markings, Roadway Lighting, Fire Alarm and Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Attend biweekly 1 hour meetings over the next 6 months.

Certification Material Work Group Member Cont.

- Certification in technical area is not required but preferred.
- Charged with reviewing existing or new exam prep materials. Subject matter experts and/or current IMSA moderators qualify for this position.
- Must have access to a computer, Zoom and ability to communicate electronically with IMSA staff.

Educational Advisory Council Committee Member

- Long-term commitment
- Attend biweekly 1 hour meetings over the next 3 years.
- Potential to meet once a week but will vary depending on projects.
- Review and recommend subject content for the development and revision of IMSA training and/or certification courses.
- Must have access to a computer, Zoom and ability to communicate electronically with IMSA staff.

Photographer

- One-time commitment.
- Photograph local IMSA Section event(s).
- Must have a camera and or cell phone capable of generating high resolution images.
- Ability to send photos electronically to IMSA staff.
- Must be able to cover all travel and other expenses related to the section event.

Website Reviewer

- One-time commitment on an as needed basis.
- Review IMSA website for clarity and content accuracy from an end-user perspective.
- Must have access to a computer and ability to communicate electronically with IMSA staff.

Journal Contributor

- One-time commitment
- Submit your idea or content to be considered for the IMSA Journal
- Must have access to a computer and ability to submit communications electronically with IMSA staff

Get involved with your local IMSA Section

- For available section opportunities contact your section leadership to see what's available.
- Section contact page:
https://www.imsasafety.org/section_leaders/

Ready to submit your interest?

- Submit your interest using this form:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IMSAVolunteerInterestForm>
- IMSA Staff will contact you with more information

Questions?

- Specific questions related to the position you are interested in will be best answered by the appropriate staff person.
- IMSA Staff will contact you once you have submitted the form.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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