



Advocacy Director

Summary of Position: The Advocacy Director is responsible for expanding access for organized recreation and education activities (“facilitated access”) on America’s public lands. The role involves working with partner organizations on a national level to build relationships with land management agencies and influence policies of interest to AMGA members. The Director will also train AMGA members to work on facilitated access issues and work regionally with land managers on these issues. The Advocacy Director will collaborate with the AMGA Board of Directors and Executive Director to guide AMGA’s stance on access, public policy, and conservation issues.

Primary Responsibilities

Member Engagement, Support, and Education

- Solicit input from AMGA members regarding access priorities
- Train AMGA members on working effectively with land managers on access issues; assist members working on local or regional facilitated access issues
- Educate the membership regarding access challenges and opportunities via email, social media, AMGA’s *Guide Bulletin* magazine, events, and other channels

Public Policy & Advocacy

- Guide the development and maintenance of a strategic plan for facilitated access
- Work in coalition with other interested organizations to expand facilitated access on America’s public lands with a focus on the interests of AMGA members and internationally certified (IFMGA) guides
- Represent AMGA’s interests to elected and appointed officials
- Engage members, members’ clients, and other constituents in campaigns to promote facilitated access
- Guide any potential AMGA engagement on broader conservation, climbing/skiing access, or public policy issues

Partnerships and Networking

- Manage AMGA’s advocacy related partnerships including: Coalition for Outdoor Access, guide services, outdoor education organizations, and other non-profits
- Maintain collaborative relationships with: relevant federal and state land management agencies (at national/state and local levels); state offices of

outdoor recreation; and private/nonprofit landowners with property where guiding/instruction occurs

- Serve as the primary contact regarding access for the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations, national guide associations including the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides, and the Certified Guides Cooperative
- Represent AMGA at relevant meetings, events, and conferences

Organizational Support

- Assist in obtaining and maintaining Advocacy Program support
- Obtain permits/access for AMGA courses and events operating on public lands
- Other responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Director

Requirements

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Exceptional diplomacy skills
- Experience working in political advocacy, public/environmental policy, land management, guiding/outdoor recreation management, or related field
- Working knowledge of federal land management agencies; experience working with state agencies is a plus
- College degree with five or more years' relevant experience or master's degree with relevant experience
- Interest in the mission of the AMGA; experience with climbing, skiing, guiding, or outdoor education is strongly preferred
- Ability/willingness to travel several days per month including weekend commitments

Compensation

- Competitive salary dependent upon experience
- Generous time off including paid holidays, vacation, & personal time off
- 100% coverage of Medical and Dental Insurance
- Access to outdoor equipment professional discounts
- Substantial discount on participation in AMGA Mountain Guide programs
- A flexible work environment

The AMGA is a casual and professional office environment that encourages employees to meet their professional goals and often promotes from within the organization. The mission of the AMGA is "To inspire and support a culture of American mountain craft." We are willing to consider some flexible scheduling that may accommodate guiding, instructional, outdoor, or other pursuits. If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a cover letter and resume to advocacy@amga.com. No calls please. Position open until filled, please apply as soon as possible.