Volunteer Opportunity - ESAL Blog Writer and Editor

Do you believe the STEM community brings a valuable perspective to challenges faced by cities, counties, and states? Engineers & Scientists Acting Locally seeks to inspire, encourage, and empower people in STEM to be active civic participants. We are a dedicated group of volunteers working to help our fellow members of the STEM community more effectively engage with their local communities and governments. And we would be thrilled to have you join our ranks.

ESAL is looking for a volunteer to serve as a writer and editor for two series of online articles that profile scientists and engineers: Stories from the Field highlights individuals who are making a difference in their communities, including city and state elected representatives, leaders of outreach programs, and other who have enacted local change. Local STEM highlights government initiatives and non-governmental organizations that are putting STEM to work for civic engagement.

As the ESAL Blog Writer and Editor you will:

- Interview and serve as the point of contact for engineers and scientists who are featured in our articles
- Write stories about people who are making a difference locally
- Edit articles written by others to ensure conformity to ESAL’s guidelines
- Work remotely under the guidance of the ESAL Chair and Content Director
- Contribute ~15 hr/month of your time to do the above
- Make at least a 6 month commitment to volunteering with ESAL

In return, by volunteering with ESAL you will gain the opportunity to:

- Network with engineers and scientists across the country who are passionate about improving their communities
- Receive professional editing, publishing articles under your byline in a widely-read blog
- Develop new communication skills and learn appropriate tone and style for blog articles
- Demonstrate a concrete commitment to science policy and community engagement
- Work with ESAL leadership - a dedicated team of engineers and scientists with deep experience in public policy
- Influence and shape a growing organization that is receiving broad recognition from the science policy community due to its unique focus on non-federal engagement

If you are interested in helping us change how engineers and scientists think about policy engagement, please contact us with a paragraph describing your interest, a writing sample, and a link to a bio or an attached resume at volunteer@esal.us.