

Peter Streit Named July Volunteer of the Month



Our July Volunteer of the Month, Peter Streit, has been an active volunteer at CFA Society Los Angeles (CFALA) for three years as an Affiliate Member and CFA Candidate. While pursuing his CFA Charter, Streit has made significant contributions to CFALA in a multitude of capacities.

"Volunteering is a great way to meet finance professionals who share some of the same passions that I do," Streit explained. "I volunteer to broaden my network, but also to expand my finance knowledge base and hear different perspectives on issues impacting the industry."

He began volunteering for the Career Development Committee three years ago and has been integral in helping to coordinate the Career Development Expo & Job Fair, which annually hosts around 25 Job Fair exhibitors and 200 registrants. Streit also has organized a Happy Hour Chat Series event, which featured Michael Gardner, CFA discussing the different types of finance careers available, the employment outlook, and advancement opportunities.

"From my viewpoint, career development is probably one of the main motivations of most people who get involved with CFALA," he said. "Members want to make connections, build their networks, and gain a deeper understanding of different roles within the industry. It's a great benefit to be able to interact with people at the events that come from various finance backgrounds and different organizations."

In addition to his role on the Career Development Committee, Streit has volunteered for the Alternative Investments Committee as a way to expand his experience in alternative investments. He has assisted in efforts to coordinate the enormously successful ALTSLA, an annual conference organized by CFALA in partnership with the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association and California Hedge Fund Association, and other alternative investment presentations throughout the last year.

"Alternative investments has been one of the fastest growing areas in finance. Participation on that committee provided me with an opportunity to increase my exposure to alternative investments and interact with professionals who specialize in that field," Streit said. "This work directly contributed to my being hired into my new role, where we analyze different types of alternative investments, such as private equity, venture capital, hedge funds, real estate, commodities, and environmental projects."

Prior to working as an Investment Officer at the California Organized Investment Network (COIN) for the California Department of Insurance, Streit has worked as an Equity Research Analyst at Dean Witter, UBS, Williams Capital Group, and Nuveen Investments. He received his B.S. in Finance with concentrations in Investments and Mathematics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and is a CFA Level II candidate.