

James F. Lewis, CFA, Honored As August Volunteer of the Month



Some CFALA volunteers focus on policy and management issues; some work in a hands-on capacity, helping with the society's events and programs. Our volunteer of the month for August, James Lewis, has fulfilled both roles.

Lewis, who received his charter in 2001, became a Level One coordinator with the review program in 2002 and has been the lead coordinator since 2006. During his almost 20 years as a society member, he also has been involved in several career expos, participated in a number of committees and held other increasingly

responsible positions, including CFALA President. He is also a member of the CFA Institute.

"Like a lot of other people, volunteering for me is a way of giving back to a profession that has given me so much," Lewis says. "The positions I have held have given me the opportunity to contribute to the society as a whole, and the review program enables me to work with people who are trying to educate themselves, get their charters and become better practitioners."

Although Lewis has been in the investment industry for a long time, his initial career choice was the aerospace industry, where he worked at Northrop Grumman.

"I became interested in finance while I was getting my MBA at USC," he recalled. "I took a course in investment management and that really intrigued me."

Lewis, who also has a BS in Mathematics from the University of Oklahoma, entered the investment industry as a quantitative analyst for Loomis, Sayles & Company. He joined TCW in 1999 and is now Senior Vice President.