



Elaine Zhang, CFA, CIPM, Named Volunteer of the Quarter

In CFA Society Los Angeles' Asia Pacific Member Community, the emphasis is on the community.

"Through sharing our thoughts and ideas, I hope to turn the group into a place where we nurture mutual support and facilitate each other's journey of self-improvement and career growth," says Elaine Zhang, CFA, CIPM, chair of the Asia Pacific MC and the *CFA Society Los Angeles Winter 2019 Volunteer of the Quarter*.

As chair of the Asia Pacific member community, a position she has held for three years, Zhang organizes small group gatherings for members. Here, over discussions of career paths or the markets in Asia, members are given "the chance to get to know each other, forge deeper connections and even friendships," she says. "I believe these events are good supplements to the large events that CFALA offers."

One of those large events that Zhang speaks of is PORTFOLIO – the new all-day conference CFALA will host in May. In addition to serving as chair of the Asia Pacific Member Community, Zhang volunteers on the PORTFOLIO Advisory Committee. In this role, Zhang and her fellow committee members are actively working on the structure and themes of the conference, as well as bringing in local and global industry leaders to present an "engaging and thought-stimulating event for the community," she adds.

Zhang tracks her career in finance back to her undergraduate studies, when a visiting professor, and charterholder, first brought the CFA program to her attention. After completing all three levels of the CFA exam, Zhang first joined CFALA in 2011 as an affiliate member while she worked to fulfill the work experience requirement. Zhang began to attend events that piqued her interest, and came to know various society leaders who volunteered behind the scenes.

"I was impressed by the marvelous efforts they put in to keep the society vibrant and engaging," Zhang recalls of these first events she attended. "I consider myself a big beneficiary of their volunteer work. I wanted to pay it forward by volunteering as well."

In her volunteer roles as chair of the Asia Pacific Member Community, serving on the PORTFOLIO Advisory Committee, and also as part of the Programming Advisory Committee, Zhang carries on the efforts of those who volunteered with CFALA before. "It is our goal to make the best use of our resources to provide high quality programs that can draw the most interest among members," Zhang says.

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