

## SUSAN DROZDOWSKI NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER



CFA Society Los Angeles staff and member volunteers have long encouraged engagement in any form or capacity, from single-event volunteering to viewing an online webinar. However, some members go above and beyond in their engagement with Society activities and help guide the organization to achieve its mission — and few people embody that spirit of participation and leadership like Susan Drozdowski, the *CFA Society Los Angeles Winter 2020 Volunteer of the Quarter*. Drozdowski is currently co-chair of the Career Development Group and Women’s Group, has served on the Board of Governors, worked on the first-ever PORTFOLIO

Planning Committee, and frequently attends events hosted by other Member Communities and Operational Groups.

As co-chair of the Women’s Group, Drozdowski helps to coordinate the Intimate Chat Series, which is a monthly event that spotlights women in the industry and provides an intimate setting for thoughtful and engaging discussions.

When asked what inspired her to help lead the Women’s Group, Drozdowski said, “as a successful woman in an industry dominated by men, I feel it is my responsibility and my pleasure to help other women navigate and find success and fulfillment.”

Drozdowski’s desire to help others navigate the industry and find success appears to be a constant in all of her volunteer roles. In steering the Career Development Group, she spoke of her goal to provide young professionals direction and career growth. When helping to orchestrate the first-ever PORTFOLIO Conference, Drozdowski assisted in procuring high-level speakers to ensure thought-provoking content for the nearly 500 people in attendance. She is also chair of Programming Advisory Counsel, which focuses on organizing larger, topical events for the investment community.

Drozdowski seemingly has no plans to slow down.

“I was and remain proud to be a part of something so important and valuable.” Drozdowski said. “I am honored to volunteer among an impressive group of our industry’s leaders and future leaders. There is tremendous support for what we do and giving back as a volunteer has given me greater joy and fulfillment beyond what I get from my paying gig.”

Drozdowski recently made an industry transition with healthcare provider and insurer, Kaiser Permanente. Prior to joining KP, she owned her own consulting firm, BPT Consulting. Drozdowski has also worked at Fortune 500 firms, TIAA, JP Morgan, and Prudential Financial within their Asset Management businesses with an emphasis on business management and large-scale change initiatives. She earned an MBA in Finance and Business from New York University, Stern School of Business and a BA in Accounting from The College of New Jersey.