



CFALA Names Bryan Johnson, CFA, Volunteer of Month for August



Bryan Johnson enjoys helping people learn, an admirable quality that fits with CFALA's objective of improving the quality of financial decision-making throughout society and has qualified him to be Volunteer of the Month for August.

A member since 2008, Johnson has given informative talks at the annual alternative investment series of education for the last two years, explaining concepts such as risk parity.

"Volunteering gives me the opportunity to meet other investment professionals who are interested in sharing ideas and learning from others," Johnson said. "Giving the talks is a fun and rewarding experience for a number of reasons – I enjoy helping people to learn and grow, and I enjoy sharing research developed by our firm. It's also a great networking opportunity."

Bryan is a Vice President in the Advisor Solutions Group within AQR Capital Management, which is based in Greenwich, CT and manages about \$55 billion in alternative and traditional strategies. He is based in Manhattan Beach and consults with AQR's clients on the West Coast. He previously worked at Dimensional Fund Advisors in Santa Monica and became a CFA charterholder in 2008.

The alternative investment series, which features a different speaker each week for eight weeks, draws about 30 society members.

"It's a great group," Johnson said. "What they have in common is the desire to learn more about the alternative investment universe, everything from hedge fund strategies, managed futures, private equity – the whole gamut of alternative investments. It's focused on demystifying strategies that can help to diversify traditional portfolios."

Bryan received his MBA from the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business and his B.S.E. in Chemical Engineering from Arizona State University.