



Victor I. Wood, CFA, Named Volunteer of the Month for August



Education and excellence are cornerstones of CFALA's mission, and our August volunteer of the month, Victor I. Wood, does a lot to advance both.

As co-chair of the Program Committee, Wood oversees the Communities of Interest (COI) and helps arrange for the top-notch speakers who appear at the society luncheons to share their expertise in a wide range of financial and investment topics.

"Programming is part of the society's commitment to excellence and to continuing education," Wood says. "It's something the members expect, and something that they rate CFALA highly for. We're very proud of the programs we've put together – we've had some really great speakers this year. It's really important for CFALA to make these experts available to the members and I'm glad to be a part of that."

Wood, a consultant to the hedge fund industry with expertise in quantitative research and programming, joined CFALA in 2000 and received his charter in 2003. He began volunteering with the Program Committee last fall.

"I enjoy learning from the speakers we have," Wood said. "Members can earn continuing education credits with many of the programs we present, and I think it's important to be able to offer that."

Wood, a graduate of UCLA with a B.A. in economics and concentrations in computers and mathematical economics, became interested in investing as a teenager when his father gave him a copy of Barron's. Many years later, he's helping others to learn.