

## **Glen A. Holden, Jr., CFA, Named Volunteer of the Quarter**



Transitioning between careers, locations, even volunteer roles can be a challenge. Glen Holden, CFA, the *CFA Society of Los Angeles Fall 2018 Volunteer of the Quarter*, took on those challenges in stride, and contributed to the local and global investment communities along the way. Holden has served in a number of volunteer roles for both CFA Society of Los Angeles, notably as President, and CFA Institute with gratitude.

“The chance to become part of the Society as a Committee Member, then on the Board was a fabulous opportunity to volunteer for an organization that had given me great enjoyment and a position in the investment community,” Holden says.

Holden registered for the CFA program in 1983 to learn as much as possible about financial markets and investments, and joined the Los Angeles Society of Financial Analysts (the predecessor to CFALA) soon after. He then volunteered with various committees for his local CFA Society and was named President in 1991. Under his leadership, the society increased membership, scheduled provoking speakers, and increased educational content to replace the corporate-sponsored luncheon series on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This success was recognized by CFA Institute, and after Holden’s term ended, they approached him to serve on the Candidate Curriculum Committee and the Disciplinary Committee, various boards—including the Board of Governors—and as an exam grader, which he describes as a great honor. Holden spent 15 years volunteering for CFA Institute. During this time, he moved out of the LA-area to Colorado, but was still able to contribute to the investment management profession.

After moving back to Southern California, but still two hours away in Santa Barbara, Holden still wanted to be involved with CFALA, a group of people who were “so gracious with their interest and advice,” he says. “Having been a volunteer for many years, I missed the involvement but did not want to make a commitment I couldn’t honor,” Holden admits. So, he found the Career Mentorship Program to fit his constraints, and serves as a mentor to early-career professionals. As a mentor, Holden feels his primary responsibility is to listen to his mentee—understand what they are trying to achieve in their career, and find his own relevant experience to be able to relate. “I have been fortunate to have had a group of wonderful mentors who supported my education and experience - it is wonderful to be in a position to relate some of that knowledge.”

Holden stresses that CFALA members not only have the right to attend events and volunteer, but the obligation to do so, because participating “helps both you and your colleagues.” He has certainly lived up to that credo, with his more than 25-years of volunteering as proof.

Glen A. Holden, Jr., has most recently worked for AIG Retirement Services (VALIC) and Ameriprise. He started his career with (what is now) MetLife Investors, worked for a number of wealth management companies, including TCW Group, and took on the rehabilitation of Capitol Life in Colorado for ten years. Holden graduated from the University of Virginia with a BA in Economics.