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Election Biography

I've served as GJ Chair, Committee Member at Large, Education Chair, Examiner on Board of Examiners, Co-developer & Co-instructor for GJ103, GJ201, GJ202, & GJ203 and a general all-around troublemaker.

I've earned my ASA, MGA and a second designation in Appraisal Review & Management.

Why do you feel you are qualified for this position? Include information on past volunteer positions with ASA and other organizations.

I've caused trouble for years and I still have a few more years of causing trouble left in me.

What contributions have you provided ASA as a member or to a comparable organization(s)?

With the assistance of colleagues more intelligent than I am, I've been part of the effort to bring all of the 120 hours of education required by the Appraisal Foundation under complete control of the GJ Discipline and we've reduced the number of PoV courses from 4 to 3. The intent is to save potential members time and money while ensuring the education they receive is second to none.

What do you wish for ASA's members?

I would like to see truly substantive value added to our membership so none of us ever has to question whether the dues we pay are "worth it". I would also like to see more of our members step up to try to make a difference in the GJ discipline and ASA in general. It can be (is) frustrating and sometimes bewildering; but, as with every other aspect of life, we're only going to get out of it what we put into it.

What do you wish for ASA in the profession?

I would like the name ASA to be known and recognized within the jewelry industry as the organization where the education and member benefits can't be beat, at any price. Sadly, that isn't currently the case for GJ; but we're trying to shift the paradigm to make room for the possibility.

Why should members vote for you?

I promise to continue to push for substantive changes that will benefit our members and our discipline... in other words, I promise to keep causing trouble! Besides, I'm foolish enough to want to do this for another 3 years.