

Maria Edwards, ASA
Election Biography

Maria Edwards, ASA, ISA AM Founder of Capital Art Group, LLC is an accredited Senior Appraiser of the American Society of Appraisers with a designation in Fine Art, an accredited member of the International Society of Appraisers with designations in Fine Art and Antiques & Decorative Arts, and a Candidate for Membership with the Appraisers Association of America.

Maria's area of expertise covers Modern, Post-War, Contemporary, and Emerging Fine art, with a focus on blue-chip paintings. Prior to establishing Capital Art Group LLC, she held roles at appraisal and advisory firms, auction houses, and universities. Ms. Edwards holds a Master's Degree in Art History from Stony Brook University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dowling College.

Maria is currently serving her second term as president of the NYC Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers. Previously, she served as the Chapter's Treasurer (2019-2021).

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

Having volunteered in the New York City Chapter for over four years, first serving as Treasurer for three terms, I currently sit on the Board as the Chapter's President. My commitment to giving back to the larger ASA community and passion for collaborating with my peers would seamlessly translate to the new role, should I be elected.

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

During my tenure as Treasurer of the New York City Chapter of ASA I collaborated with fellow board members and helped support and promote the Chapter. I further volunteered to assist the ASA Personal Property Chair with planning for the 2021 International Appraisal Conference that took place in Las Vegas. As the current President of the Chapter I reintroduced much-needed in-person events following pandemic restrictions and lockdown and continue to organize well-attended educational events relevant to the different disciplines. In my current role I spearheaded the update and redesign of the ASA NYC Chapter 30 website and proposed the creation of a universal template after the newly redesigned National website that could be used by all chapters. The project has been successful and collaborations with the Chapter and Government Relations Manager are ongoing.

What do you wish for ASA's members?

I would like for the ASA community to become stronger and more unified. My goal, if elected, will be to engage with younger members and encourage wider involvement in local chapters.

What do you wish for ASA in the profession?

I would like to see ASA continue to maintain its position as the leader in the appraisal industry and the definitive source for appraisal education as well as top-notch professionals. My personal goal is to help promote and enhance the recognition of the Personal Property arm of the ASA.

Why should members vote for you?

Throughout my career I have received the help and support of peers and colleagues including several Fellow and Senior members of the American Society of Appraisers. As I advance on my professional path, I will continue to invest in the community that stands behind me. With a track record of volunteering and stepping in where help is needed, I look forward to the joy and camaraderie associated with giving back.