

Jim Harden, ASA
Election Biography

Jim Harden has been an ASA since 1990. With a specialty discipline in MTS-Oil & Gas Valuation, his career spans more than 40 years. In 2023, Jim retired as a Valuation Partner from Moss Adams, LLP and continues serving clients through his firm, EnerVal, LLC. He is a Certified Professional Geologist (AIPG), a Certified Mineral Appraiser (IIMA) and a member of the SPE. He specializes in valuations of oil & gas reserves and equipment, pipelines, refineries, terminals, offshore drilling rigs and other energy-related assets and businesses for a variety of purposes, including purchase price allocations, taxation, and testifying expert witness. He has presented papers at more than 50 professional events, including ASA, SPE, IADC and AIPG, and has been named a “Who’s Who in Energy” by the Houston Business Journal. He has dual BS degrees from Ft. Hays St. University and an MBA from LeTourneau University.

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

My involvement with the American Society of Appraisers for the past 34 years has allowed me to meet and work with dozens of ASA's, globally, of several different disciplines, including business valuation and M&E valuation. I have led large teams of appraisers, each with specialties, and understand the linkage between these specialties. I believe that my experience with both business and machinery and equipment valuations provides a valuable insight into the dynamics facing a large portion of the ASA members. That combination, as well as my international experience, as well as a strong understanding of the various disciplines that fall under the M&TS, will help me further the American Society of Appraisers.

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

Between 2003 and 2024, I have presented papers at 8 ASA events, including ASA luncheons (2016, 2020 and 2024), the ASA Advanced Business Valuation and International Valuation Conference (2003, 2013 and 2017), and the ASA Energy Conference (2012 and 2013). On top of that, I have presented at dozens of other professional conferences and events (such as Society of Petroleum Engineers, etc.), where I frequently promote the ASA to interested individuals.

As well, in late 2023, I was asked by the ASA to review and update the MTS - Oil & Gas Study Guide and Examination, of which I am currently working on.

What do you wish for ASA’s members?

I would like all ASA members, regardless of discipline, to have more and more growth opportunities, which in turn will lead to reputation, expansion of knowledge and training, which will ultimately lead to greater personal earning power. I would implore the ASA to continue to give back to members with their vast educational system, allowing members to expand their technical skills to “world class” levels, and become renown subject matter experts.

What do you wish for ASA in the profession?

While the ASA has achieved a strong reputation amongst the valuation profession, it still lacks some visibility with other mutual professions, such as legal, banking and, to some degree, accounting. I believe there is an opportunity not just to grow membership globally, but also to co-sponsor conferences and

events with lawyers, bankers, accountants, and other synergistic professional organizations. This will raise awareness of the ASA throughout the veins of the global business world.

Why should members vote for you?

I have over 30 years' experience working for corporate and public accounting on a global basis, and most of the engagements I have worked on have a component of both business valuation and machinery & equipment valuation. I think it's very important that appraisers, at the very least, understand the machinations of the entire industry or engagement that they focus on. I also believe that subject matter expertise is important and will become paramount as the business world becomes more and more complex. Therefore, if you vote for me, I believe I can contribute in a positive way to grow our profession and our organization.