

Mark Sandler, ASA, MGA®
Election Biography

Member since 1987 Accredited Senior Appraiser since 1995

Master Gemologist Appraiser since 2009

Graduate Gemologist (In residence) Gemological Institute of America 1980

Accredited Senior Gemologist, Accredited Gemologists Association, 2009

Gems & Jewelry Discipline Committee Member at Large (2020- 2024)

Member of the International Marketing Committee for ASA

Marketing Chair for Gems & Jewelry Committee ASA

ASA Educational Foundation - Marketing Director (2023-2026)

MGA Proctor for MGA Practical Exams

ASA Board of Governors Region 3 (2016 - 2020)

Houston Chapter #17 Past President (2002- 2003)

Currently Vice president of Designer Jewels, Inc., Houston, Texas

BBA - University of Texas 1979

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

I have been a Member of ASA since 1985 and I am a second-generation ASA appraiser for Gems & Jewelry. I have been on the Gems & Jewelry Committee for many years and donated my time and travel to A.S.A., helping create exam texts and the MGA practical exam, itself. I am member of the Grand Lodge of Texas and Past Master of the oldest Masonic Lodge in Texas, with a seven-figure annual budget. I am a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Scottish Rite of Houston. This means I am familiar with budgets and marketing and Governing. As Regional Governor for ASA I was involved in the Governance changing model for ASA. In my daily practice, I run and organize a company with a seven-figure annual budget, assign work tasks and follow up on details required to be timely on projects and designs. Create new designs and interface with our clientele.

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

I have contributed to the ASA G & J courses and exams. I monitor the MGA Exam for the Gems and jewelry Committee and report and store the results. I store the exam kit and monitor its execution. As a previous Regional Governor, I was helpful to Chapters in the region and its presidents. I have overseen the USPAP Courses for the Houston Chapter, Previously, and Past President and Board member of the Houston Chapter, holding every office on the board prior to being president. I have helped other people to join the ASA, including my son who has joined as a Candidate for Personal Property and Gems & Jewelry. I have arranged and lead the speakers for the international conference for the Gems and Jewelry Section.

What do you wish for ASA's members?

I desire to work with all the disciplines', to help you achieve this goal. means to be the best. That means the membership is at the top of their game and fulfilled in doing so. Setting goals and achieving them in the manner they choose. True happiness in setting goals and being satisfied when you are there. More learning from each other which may be our greatest advantage in work and the marketplace. Being so qualified that you are able to take our complicated concepts and explain them to those we are supposed to serve. Within and without our profession.

What do you wish for ASA in the profession?

Continue to be the Light of the marketplace. Continue to be an example of education, ethics, and professionalism that people seek us out. Being known as the best there is and truly setting an example for others to follow. Setting a path for those to follow us in the future for our profession and organization to prosper. To continue our mandate of excellent work, true workmanship, and the ability to teach others who need our help in a manner of inspiration.

Why should members vote for you?

As your secretary treasurer and future president, one of my main goals is to bring the disciplines of ASA into an even greater place of prominence within the valuation marketplace. I desire to work with all the disciplines', to help you achieve this goal. To inspire others to greater deeds and better work. I am knowledgeable in leadership, ethics, and corporate structure. I am all about sharing what I know and how to make the people I serve better at their craft. My personality type is to want to give back, because so much has been given to me. I am here to serve and not be served. I am here to help and encourage others.