

Melissa Sachs, ASA
Election Biography

Melissa Sachs began her education at the California College of the Arts (CCA) where she earned her BFA. Her extensive experience in the appraisal field began in 2009 when she worked with Jeremy Stone, ASA, on a large artist's estate comprising over 1,700 works. Since then, she has collaborated with ASA appraisers in New York and California. Melissa furthered her expertise by completing the Certificate Program in Fine & Decorative Art Appraisal Studies at the Pratt Institute in New York. She became a member of the ASA in 2017 and received her Accredited Senior Appraiser designation in 2020. Shortly thereafter, she founded her appraisal business, Sachs Fine Art Services, LLC. For the past five years, Melissa has volunteered on the Personal Property Committee's Membership Sub-Committee and has served as a Member At-Large on the Personal Property Discipline Committee since 2022.

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

I have volunteered on the Personal Property Committee for several years, gaining familiarity with the agendas discussed in these meetings and the organizational skills required to deliver clear and concise notes. As a volunteer on the Personal Property Committee's Membership Sub-Committee, I took notes during our meetings and translated them into the language used in a brochure for the mentorship program we launched.

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

I contributed to the launch of the ASA mentorship program, which aims to support the professional growth of ASA appraisers across various areas of their careers and help them advance within the organization. Additionally, I played a role in the 2023 Personal Property Symposium in Santa Barbara. After attending meetings and offering input on potential speakers, I invited the curator and collection manager of the Corita Art Center to speak at the symposium and introduced them before their talk.

What do you wish for ASA's members?

I wish for ASA members to have access to the highest levels of education, support, and opportunities that enhance their skills and expertise across all appraisal disciplines. Additionally, I hope for a stronger sense of community among members, where ideas, experiences, and innovations are shared, fostering collaboration and furthering the development of the profession.

What do you wish for ASA in the profession?

As the appraisal field evolves, I wish for our members to continue to be recognized as trusted, unbiased professionals who contribute positively to both public and private sectors. Above all, I wish for ASA to remain a beacon of integrity and professionalism, helping its members protect the public trust and elevate the appraisal profession.

Why should members vote for you?

I believe I am well-qualified to represent the interests of ASA's members because of my deep commitment to the organization's mission and values, combined with my experience and dedication to the appraisal profession. I have a proven track record of contributing to initiatives that foster professional development, education, and collaboration among members. If elected, I will work to ensure ASA continues to uphold the highest ethical standards, supports its members' growth, and strengthen the reputation of the appraisal profession.