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FEATURED BOARD MEMBER'S MESSAGE

Gazelle Raye Wichner, ASA, MAI, CCIM
President LA Chapter



Another year has passed, and the 2021-2022 ASA Fiscal Year is coming to a close. It has truly been an honor to serve as President of the Los Angeles Chapter this past year, alongside the most dedicated Board anyone could wish for. As a community, we are still feeling the effects of the pandemic and its aftermath; we have individually and collectively experienced loss, uncertainty, and the dawning of new realities. In summer of 2021 we were hopeful that we would be meeting in person again. However, as summer of 2022 approaches, a path may be clearing to see one another again at a live chapter event.

Throughout the year it has been my goal to encourage an open dialogue between the three California ASA Chapters, and to foster a more robust collaboration with our National Chapter. As you read on in this newsletter, you will see that three LA Chapter members are serving on the International's Board of Governors: Patrick Ela, Melissa Sachs and Ray Rath. Congratulations to all, and many thanks for all your years of dedicated service to ASA.

Moving forward, I am pleased to be passing the gavel to our next President and Vice President, Douglas Nason and Kathy Poppers. Doug and Kathy have a stellar record of service to our organization, and both are past presidents of the Los Angeles Chapter. They will take our leadership team to the highest level, bringing a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and goodwill to the table. Anita Graham Thomson, who has proven to be an astute custodian of our chapter's finances, will once again serve as our treasurer, allowing for seamless transition. Lastly, I am thrilled to announce that Cindy Cronk Vukovic will be serving as our secretary. Cindy has been the glue that has held the chapter together through the past few years as our executive director. Cindy wears a number of hats, all at once or at any given time, from event planner to newsletter editor to IT specialist, and many more. I hope you will all join me in supporting our new officers at the June 15, 2022, installation (registration details in the "Upcoming Programs" section below), and throughout the 2022-2023 term.

In closing, I again thank you for your trust and support throughout this past year and wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

All best,
Gazelle

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- June 15th - 2022-2023 Executive Board Installation Event



ASA Los Angeles Officer Installation Event
June 15th, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Join us over Zoom as we celebrate our outgoing board members and welcome our newly elected officers for 2022 - 2023!

Support your fellow members who volunteer their time representing the chapter as well as organizing educational and informational opportunities. This is a great time to virtually reconnect with your chapter representatives and fellow appraisers before our summer break.

Register Now

IN THE NEWS

Executive Board Election

Congratulations to our new Executive Board for 2022 - 2023! The dedication and support each board member demonstrates is an asset to the chapter. A big thank you to everyone volunteering their time and energy.

- President: Douglas Nason, ASA
- Vice President: Kathy Poppers, ASA
- Treasurer: Patricia A. Thomson Graham, ASA
- Secretary: Cindy Cronk Vukovic

If you are interested in serving on the board as a chairperson for your discipline or on a committee you are passionate about, please reach out to Cindy Cronk Vukovic at cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com to attend a board meeting (held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month).

ASA International's 2022-2023 Elections

Congratulations to the following chapter members for their elected positions at the national level:

Personal Property Discipline Governor - Patrick Ela, ASA

Personal Property Discipline Committee Members-At-Large – three (3) year term / three (3) open seats - Melissa Sachs, ASA

Appraisal Review & Management Discipline Committee Members-At-Large – three (3) year term / three (3) open seats - Raymond Rath, FASA, CEIV™, IA

Important Survey

If you haven't already, the LA chapter needs your input on this survey. The ASA Los Angeles Board has been working with the NorCal and San Diego chapters to come together to hire a lobbyist to represent the interests of all ASA members across all disciplines located within California. In order to do this, there is a proposed additional \$50/year per member supplemental assessment, which will not begin until fiscal year 2023-2024 for the ASA-CA lobbyist effort.

This is your opportunity to vote on whether we move forward on this measure. Please take the time to vote by clicking on this link: **VOTE**

Newsletter and Facebook

Excited about upcoming events or talks related to your discipline? Send us the details and we'll include it in next month's newsletter along with posting it on our Facebook page. Please email it to: info@appraisersla.com or cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com

A TRIP TO JADE COVE

By Charles Carmona, ASA, Gems & Jewelry Chair ASA LA Chapter



Off a rocky stretch of the coastal road halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco lies Jade Cove, which contains the only concentrated underwater deposit of quality nephrite jade in the world. The exposed cliffs are composed of rocks from ancient sea beds that have been uplifted by geologic processes over the millennia. Access down to the cove is via a steep trail, nearly vertical at times, aided by ropes.

That is where ASA Chapter Gems & Jewelry chair Charles Carmona, ASA, along with his niece Tamar, spent several hours one morning over the Memorial Day weekend. Although their haul was not so valuable, the experience was inspirational. The roar of the ocean and the calls of the birds were everywhere. No other humans. One dead seal.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Board Meeting over Zoom Dates:
- Wednesday, June 15, 8am - 9am
- Wednesday, July 20, 8am - 9am
- Wednesday, August 17, 8am - 9am

CURRENT LOS ANGELES BOARD:

- President: Gazelle R. Wichner, ASA (RP), gazellewichner@gmail.com
- Vice President: Douglas Nason, ASA (RP), nasond@wellsfargo.com
- 2nd Vice President: Carol J. Kriecks, (GJ), joy.works@outlook.com
- Treasurer: Patricia A. Thomson Graham, ASA (RP), ktsinc@verizon.net
- Secretary: Open Position
- Executive Administrator: Cindy Cronk Vukovic (PP), cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com