

Ballot statement from Paul Benjamin, CFA

Since joining the CFA Society New York in 2009, I've found immense value in the vibrant community and professional development opportunities it offers. My active participation, highlighted most recently by my role as a moderator for a panel on energy markets, has deepened my connection to the Society and its mission.

In my professional capacity, I've spent the last two decades honing my expertise as an investor. As the Chief Investment Officer at Cowen, I built and led the investment office, navigating complex market environments. Before Cowen, as the Director of Investments at Alcoa, where I managed pension and foundation assets, further solidifying my experience in crafting and executing sophisticated investment strategies.

My approach to investment management is characterized by a strong problem-solving mindset and a knack for fostering collaboration among high-caliber professionals. I believe these skills are critical in nurturing a thriving financial community, such as ours.

I am seeking a position on the board to further contribute to our society's growth and to enhance its value to our members. I see the Society not just as a platform for learning but as a collaborative hub for financial professionals to address and navigate the challenges of our dynamic industry. On the board, I aim to apply my strategic insight and collaborative approach to support and enhance the Society's strategic vision for growth.

I am eager to share my diverse experiences and perspectives to help shape the Society's future, particularly in areas where we can expand our reach and deepen our impact. My commitment to the CFA Society New York is a testament to my belief in our collective potential to elevate the standards and practice of financial management.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing more significantly to our Society and its members.