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improved the chapter and that will benefit members in the years to come, he said. During his tenure, for example, the Atlanta Chapter developed a mentoring program to help members in the advancement process and initiated informative lunch-time chapter meetings with lunches paid for out of chapter funds.

Becker, who is designated in Machinery and Technical Specialties-Machinery and Equipment, believes some people are born to volunteer. By his estimate, 20–30

percent of the population are multitaskers who enjoy managing projects and taking on tasks in their respective communities. Organizations like ASA depend on them. Becker said he found the time requirements of a chapter president varied from month to month. During the times he worked on projects like mentoring or improving the chapter Web site, he said he spent six to eight hours a week volunteering, but other periods were less demanding.

Allison Gee is starting her second term as president of ASA's Phoenix-Metro Chapter. Previously she served as the chapter's secretary.

Asked why she decided to become active in the chapter, Gee replied, "I like to learn and to know what's going on." She

described the Phoenix-Metro Chapter members as a "fantastic group" of very experienced professionals who have helped her grow as a valuation practitioner by their example and counsel.

Gee, who owns Art Appraisals by Allison in Phoenix, seems to have the "volunteer gene" common to many active ASA members. In addition to her ASA service, she has served her community through work with the West Valley Arts Council and Arizona State University.

She agrees with other ASA volunteers, that the professional contacts and new skills developed in the process more than offset the investment of time. ASA and its chapters are "only as strong as the people who are willing to volunteer," Gee said, adding that "There is no substitute for the energy and creativity of the society's members."▲

—Writer Betty Snyder

*"Individuals ... alone can make the decision to become involved, and ... if they do not, they miss their most important chance to feel a sense of inner power, to become whole human beings."*

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