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INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Georgia Securities Association (GSA) and its members strive to be responsible members of the investment community and locally. In this effort, our mission focus' on giving back to the investment community and local causes.

The GSA has provided support to local charities since its inception in 1935. The hallmark of the GSA's charitable giving is our 30-year relationship with the Georgia Council on Economic Education supporting the Georgia Stock Market Game, educating teachers on Economics and Teacher of the Year award. Over the past ten years, we have established philanthropic relationships with the Atlanta Mission, Bright Futures, Nicholas House and Our House.

The GSA has also been awarding scholarships annually since 1996 to needy recipients whose families are involved in our industry. Over the last three years, GSA has given in excess of \$100,000 annually to local charities and scholarships. Thanks to the amazing support of our sponsors during our Annual Fall Outing.

MEET OUR PRESIDENT GRADY O'GARA



Grady is the Head Trader at Masters Capital Management, LLC, an Atlanta-based long/short investment manager that predominantly focuses on US-listed derivatives. Prior to joining Masters, he spent four years as the Head Trader for Senvest Mangement, a New York City based long/short hedge fund.

Grady started his career in finance at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods in New York City, where he held various

positions in Equity Research, Equity Sales and Equity Trading. Grady holds a Bachelors in Arts from Colgate University with a focus in International Relations and Spanish. He has been on the GSA board since moving to Atlanta in 2015.

Grady and his wife Kathleen are parents of two boys, Rowan and Miller. He enjoys reading, playing golf and exercising in his free time.



COLLABORATION

The Georgia Securities Association has fostered professional and social interaction among our members for over seventy years. As an affiliate of the Security Traders Association, the GSA helps update the membership with the latest information on issues affecting their work, and takes an active role in shaping the forces that will change our industry.



OUR MISSION

Educate our Membership

The key to any thriving industry is the ability to stay current and move ahead. GSA, as an affiliate of Security Traders Association, offers insightful information about key industry issues such as market structure, compliance and regulatory matters, as well as introducing members to key industry leaders.

Give Back to the Community

The GSA provides support to several charitable organizations throughtout the Metro Atlanta region. The GSA also provides scholarships annually to recipients whose families are involved in our industry.

Lobby on Behalf of Membership

The GSA has the unique ability to lobby for its membership on both a local and national level. The GSA is an affiliate of the Security Traders Association (STA). The STA has offices in both New York and Washington. STA is constantly working on national industry issues for our membership.

GSA SCHOLARSHIPS



Since 2010, the Georgia Securities Association has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving candidates. In 2017, the GSA was honored to award the First Annual Dallas Lundy Scholarship Award. Mr. Lundy was the 1995 GSA President and was instrumental in setting up the scholarship program. He has been a major contributor to both the GSA Board and the Atlanta Investment Community for decades.

The GSA scholarships are one-time grants that may be used for general academic purposes at any accredited college, junior college, university or graduate school.

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