

Western US

Candidate: Eric Flynn



Nomination Packet, PCR, Western US

Statement of Qualifications and Intention

Dear Nominating Committee,

I would like to formally submit my intent to run for a second term as PCR of the Western Region. I am currently a CFA Charterholder in good standing and have been active in my local society (CFA Society Spokane) for more than 10 years. I will summarize my Society experience and timeline below.

- Local Society
 - 2005: Became a CFA Charterholder
 - 2013/14: Became involved with CFA Society Spokane board on the executive committee
 - 2018: Became President of CFA Society Spokane and served 2 terms
 - 2022: Was asked to come back to fill in a term as President when the current President resigned
 - 2024: Elected to my first term as Western Region PCR
- Western Region Conference
 - 2015: Volunteered for the Steering Committee for the Western Region Conference (Still serving on this committee)
 - 2018: Began hosting the President's Summit the day before the WRC (half day President's only summit to discuss current Society issues etc.)



[Vision for PCR Term](#)

As PCR, my vision for a second term is to build on the solid foundation of collaboration, advocacy, and engagement we have established across the Western Region, while ensuring our members' interests remain paramount during a period of continued change at the Institute level.

Over the past two years, the PCRs have played an active role in major initiatives, including the new membership class, the recent proxy vote, and enhancements to funding models. These experiences underscore the value of experienced regional leadership that can effectively advocate for societies and members while working constructively with CFA Institute leadership.

The Western Region is widely recognized as a leader in collaboration and community-building among the global regions. In a second term, I will continue to strengthen this culture by fostering open dialogue, sharing best practices, and encouraging cooperation across our diverse set of societies. With more than twelve years of involvement throughout the region, I bring established relationships and insights that allow me to support societies of varying sizes, resources, and challenges.

A continued priority will be the Western Region Conference, which serves as an important forum for connecting societies with CFA Institute leadership, updates, and thought leadership. Having served on the Steering Committee for the past decade, chaired the programming committee, and co-hosted the President's Summit for the past eight years, I am well positioned to help ensure these programs continue to deliver meaningful value to society leaders and volunteers.

Finally, as CFA Institute leadership evolves, maintaining institutional knowledge will be critical to ensuring the Western Region's voice remains strong and well represented. As this is my last term, I will also be looking for people interested in being the next PCR and help to mentor and guide potential candidates for 2028.

[Letter of Reference](#)

First Letter: Dear Members of the PCR Nominating Committee,

I am pleased to recommend Eric Flynn, CFA, CPA, for continued service as President's Council Representative for the Western Region. I have had the opportunity to work alongside Eric in both a professional capacity and through our respective CFA Society volunteer roles, and I can attest with confidence to the caliber of his character and the quality of his contributions. Eric is a long-standing and committed member of the CFA Society community, having served as a volunteer, board member, and officer, and his sustained dedication to the Society model reflects a genuine belief in the mission of the CFA



Institute and the value of local chapter engagement. He leads with integrity, communicates with clarity, and approaches collaboration as a first principle rather than an afterthought.

What distinguishes Eric in this role is his ability to balance the priorities of individual societies with the broader strategic objectives of CFA Institute, a balance that is often difficult to strike and consistently undervalued. He is well regarded by his peers across the Western Region, and he has demonstrated a genuine aptitude for cultivating a community of engaged, informed, and motivated society leaders. Eric does not merely manage his responsibilities; he elevates the people around him. I endorse his continued service without reservation and am confident that the Western Region and CFA Institute is well served by his leadership.

Sincerely,

Paisley Nardini, CFA, CAIA

Second Letter: CFA Institute – President’s Council:

As the 2025-2026 President of the CFA Society of Seattle, I would like to provide written recommendation for Eric Flynn to continue serving as PCR for the Western Region Societies.

I have had the pleasure of working with Eric both in my capacity as a leader of the CFA Society of Seattle, and in my professional life. This multi-dimensional relationship with Eric gives me the unique perspective of commenting on his character and dedication from a society perspective, as well as a professional collaborator.

I can say without hesitation that Eric is one of the most focused and compassionate leaders I have had the opportunity to work with. As a society, we have been navigating the departure of our long-time Executive Administrator, and Eric has been a key resource in connecting us to helpful resources and providing insight to maintain our focus and deliver value to our members. Eric also promotes high levels of collaboration amongst Western Region societies, leading to better member outcomes with more efficient resource expenditure.

Eric showcases a strong focus on impact, efficiency, and pride of ownership, both in the standards he sets for himself and the ambitions he has for the societies he serves. An ultimate leader.

Eric marries the support of our Societies with professional and dedicated collaboration with the CFA Institute. He provides unbiased and helpful insight and guidance on items requiring our voting participation or involvement. He is a resource that should be cherished by the entire CFA community.

I welcome any additional questions and look forward to Eric’s leadership in the programming year, ahead.



Warm Regards,

Laura Foster, CFA, President, CFA Society Seattle

Nominator

Nomination submitted by Paisley Nardini, CFA, CAIA & Laura Foster, CFA.