

Nominee for Director

Edward J Ryan, Jr

Biography

Ed Ryan began his career at Investors Insurance Group in 1979. He achieved the position of Vice President/Controller responsible for managing all of the company's accounting operations. During that time he was an integral part of several private placements, the purchase and sale of related business entities, as well as the eventual sale of IIG.

After the sale of IIG, Ed established his own tax and accounting practice. In 1992, it evolved into Ryan Financial providing Family Wealth Management (Through Avantax Wealth Management) and Tax Services to over 800 individuals and over 100 small businesses. Since 2010 Ed has been recognized as a top 75 advisor at Avantax.

Ed became an Enrolled Agent in 1996 and has been active in the NJSEA since 2012. He has served as a guest speaker and panelist on multiple occasions since 2013. Ed has been on the NJSEA Board since 2012, serving as president from 2018-2020.

Ed resides in Rutherford, NJ along with his wife, Lisa. They are the proud parents of four grown children.

Statement of Goals

- Providing all EA's education opportunities from novice to experienced.
- Understanding what service most EA's provide.
- Getting a majority of EA's to collaborate on a future direction of our profession
- Ensuring NAEA is financially strong

What needs to change at NAEA and how would you contribute to that change?

I started attending NJ Society of Enrolled Agents in July of 2010 with the passion to give back to the EA profession. I was elected to NJSEA Board in 2012, served as treasurer for several years, then President for two years. In the past year I have served on the NAEA Finance committee and NAEA search committee. Having served on the NAEA EVP search committee I believe the organization has hired the right EVP to lead this organization into the future. I am committed to assisting our EVP and Board find the correct balance of benefits/services to grow our organization's membership. It is only with a greater number of members can we achieve the highest level of services (education for all levels of experience, advocacy at federal and state levels, public awareness of our credential) for our organization.

I believe my success as a controller of a property/casualty insurance company, growing my sole practitioner tax business to a small firm of 10 employees (including wealth management) plus my experience of serving on several boards (Library, Art center, Catholic High School, NJSEA) can bring valuable and practicable knowledge to the NAEA organization.