



January/February 2016 Newsletter

President's Message

It was great to get back into the FEI meeting flow in January. It is always tough to take the month of December off, so it was great to see such high attendance and quality programs. For those of you who missed the January Chapter Meeting, Baker Tilly Search & Staffing and Schenck hosted an excellent PD session focused on the importance of hiring and retaining the best candidates. The featured Keynote Speaker was Tim Christen, Chairman & CEO of Baker Tilly, and Chairman of the Board of the AICPA. Tim gave a fantastic presentation to a full house and spoke about several topics relating to the state of the accounting profession, its evolving future and an update on the status of the AICPA. I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone involved that helped us start the first event of the New Year strong!

We look forward to continuing the momentum with our February 16th Chapter Meeting, which will be held at Lambeau Field. Please use this venue to help market our local FEI Chapter with other professionals that would benefit as members of FEI. We will be hosting our second and final special membership recruitment campaign in FY15-16 (valid from 2/16 – 2/19). Please see the Membership Update for additional information. I look forward to seeing you in Green Bay next month!

I also would like to follow up on one more item, which was addressed at the January Chapter Meeting. The FEI Board and its Strategic Partners will be meeting in March to start the planning process for our 2016-17 fiscal year. We will be reviewing names for our keynote speaker series and will also be planning the topics and content for the PD sessions. Of course, one of our biggest priorities is to bring **VALUE** to every member that attends a meeting or event. We'd greatly appreciate any speaker suggestions if you've heard someone really impressive that would benefit our membership at future FEI meetings. We also ask that you submit any specific content information you would like to see presented next fiscal year. Thanks again to both our members and strategic partners for their commitment to FEI NEW. Because of your support, our chapter is one of the most recognized on a national level.

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