



November/December 2015 Newsletter

President's Message

It's hard to believe we are almost halfway through our current FEI programming year. We have a lot of momentum going into our 2016 meeting schedule with the great start we received from our first three meetings. The professional development session of our November chapter meeting focused on tax updates, and was led by Wipfli and Godfrey & Kahn. Robert Schimek, AIG President of the Americas, was our keynote speaker and he did not disappoint. He focused his topic on the risks that AIG faces as one of the largest insurers in the world.

The quality of our speakers and topics presented were of great value. I want to say "great job" to our strategic partners and the program committee for your efforts on the sessions presented. Please continue to take the time to complete the surveys after each meeting. We use the data collected to plan future meetings that will hopefully exceed your expectations.

Thanks to Greg Williams and Howard Bornstein for leading a planning meeting with our strategic partners on November 10th. It was well attended and we received valuable feedback to assist us in providing a better value to our members and the strategic partners. We are currently exploring the addition of an IT firm to our strategic partner lineup and hope to finalize this effort by the end of May 2016.

Jim Kiekhaefer is working on future FEI NEW leadership and is busy preparing next fiscal year's board of directors. Please consider getting involved in chapter leadership as a board member, committee chair, or future president. You can contact me, Jim, Bob Qualls or Mike McNamara if you are interested or have any questions. It truly has been a positive and rewarding time based on my involvement to date.

Our next meeting will be held at Bridgewood Conference Center in Neenah on January 19, 2016. The PD session will be presented by Baker Tilly Search & Staffing and Schenck. Topics include: Hiring & Recruiting Best Practices & People Management in the Age of the Roadrunner. Our Keynote Speaker will be Tim Christen, Chairman of the AICPA and Chairman and CEO of Baker Tilly.

I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I, along with our entire FEI team, look forward to seeing you in 2016.

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