



January/February 2017 Newsletter President's Message

After our holiday break for the month of December, it is good to get back on our FEI meeting schedule. We started the second half of our Chapter year last week with a great meeting at Bridgewood Conference Center. Rebecca Ryan, founder of Next Generation Consulting in Madison, best-selling author, economist, and futurist led a thoughtful presentation and educational session on How to Apply Strategic Foresight. Ms. Ryan's insights into understanding the next generation and futuristic thinking, was very informative and thought provoking. Over 120 members, Strategic Partners and guests were in attendance for this special event sponsored by BMO Harris, Grant Thornton, Mason Wells and Schenck.

We will continue this great programming with our next chapter meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 21. This special event will be held in the internationally known EAA Museum on the EAA grounds in Oshkosh. Mr. Jack Pelton, Chairman and CEO of EAA will be the keynote speaker focusing on "General Aviation's Impact on the Economy and EAA's Contribution". Museum tours will be available followed by a box lunch prior to the general meeting. In addition to the keynote speaker, Godfrey & Kahn and Wipfli will host a panel discussion on "Business Ethics". This is a great opportunity to earn CPE credits on the critical subject of ethics in business.

Regarding our programming, the Board of Directors and Strategic Partners will be meeting in March to discuss and develop future 2017/18 programs for our chapter meetings. This planning process involves reviewing names for our keynote speakers and discussing topics for the professional development sessions. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics, or if you have heard someone that you think would benefit our members, please let the leadership know. We greatly appreciate your input in this process.

Once again, I want to encourage any FEI member interested in getting involved in the Leadership of our Chapter to contact Doug Stecker, Nomination Committee Chair, me, or Mike McNamara. Being involved as an Officer, Committee Chair or Member is a great way to network with members and help lead the progress of our Chapter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting at EAA in Oshkosh.

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