



FROM THE

PRESIDENT



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Spring is here! And with that, Dallas Chapter of FEI had a fun-filled wine event on Thursday, March 30, at the Dallas Arboretum where the theme was "The Price is Right." Weather was great, libations were tasty, and people enjoyed the event tremendously. I want to thank our event sponsors who continue to enable us to present meaningful and enjoyable events to our FEI Dallas colleagues.

We had another great Monthly Meeting on March 6 when a team from OptimEyes.AI – Ed Merritt, CFO; Andrew Beagley, Chief Risk Officer; and Shalini Urankar, VP & CFO for Americas, Iron Mountain – presented "Risk Management as a Strategic Priority," a discussion of the importance of risk modeling in Boardroom decision-making, techniques for understanding the impact of risk on business strategy, and why risk scenario planning is a key component of effective business strategy. The Professional Development session was a discussion of "Managing and Engaging a Hybrid Workforce," where we heard from Toyota's Trey Spyropoulos, Manager, Communications & Organizational Effectiveness, and Claudia Parada, Human Resources Strategic Partner, along with Jason Hershey, User Experience (UX) Manager, TMNA Connected Technologies, about experiences and best practices for managing and engaging a hybrid/remote workforce.

A newly elected slate of chapter officers will be announced at the April 10 monthly meeting. Thanks to all of our members who took a few minutes to go online and vote. This also kicks the chapter into planning gear for the upcoming year which begins July 1, 2023. Thank you to everyone who has inquired about serving on a committee in FY24, we will be reaching out to get you engaged. It's never too soon or too late; FEI members may join committees at any time during the year based on committee needs. Input and helping hands are always welcome.

As we head into spring, we also encourage our FEI colleagues to mark your calendars for the next major social networking event – the FEI Dallas Annual Golf Tournament – on May 8, 2023 at Cowboys Golf Club. The planning team has been hard at work putting together this fantastic event so mark your calendars, get a couple golf lessons in over the next month, and let's tee things up! **Sponsorships are still available! Contact Warren Rapert, Sponsorship Chair, or Jackie Dunn, Chapter Manager, for details and availability.**

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on April 10 and at the Golf Tournament. Information about our Summer Professional Development Series will be available in the near future.

Cheers!

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