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As the Dallas Chapter of FEI nears the halfway mark for the 2021-22 program year, let's address our current program format and plans going forward. The plan for monthly chapter meetings at the beginning of this year was to offer in-person and virtual options through December, and then switch to in-person only beginning in January. We are sticking with that plan. In-person attendance at the dinner meetings has consistently run more than 150 attendees and is climbing. We understand that some members are still uncomfortable in large gatherings and are not ready to get out. We hope conditions will continue to improve to the point where everyone can join us. Please make note that the next meeting is in January; there is no monthly meeting December in lieu of the annual Technology Breakfast.

The chapter's annual Technology Breakfast, sponsored and presented by Grant Thornton, is our featured event in December. This timely topic – *The Anatomy of a Breach* – on December 7th will be an in-depth discussion about how Cybersecurity events have changed the nature of enterprise risk management, compliance and legal risk management, insurance coverage, and technology investments coverage, and technology investments. Thanks go out to all who planned and coordinated this special event – our Special Events (Education) Committee (Elizabeth Pospick & Mark Brown), the folks at Grant Thornton, and our administrative staff – and the event sponsors who make this special annual event possible with their financial support: Grant Thornton, Title Sponsor, and Holmes Murphy, Special Events Partner.

In January, Marc Giannoni, Senior Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, will present an economic update at our next monthly meeting, January 10th. The Program Committee seeks to provide an economic update each year, and we're fortunate to get Dr. Giannoni on the calendar so early in the year. Along with economic and labor updates, Dr. Giannoni will also present information on the effects of COVID-19 on the national and regional economy.

Finally, the Special Events (Social) Committee (Alice Elkins & Jennifer Norris) have been planning a very exciting Winter Social in February. Save the date info will be coming soon. This is the one event each year that members can bring a significant other. You do not want to miss it!

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. And I look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming 2022 event!

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