



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



APRIL 2021

This past year was not the year we expected but I am proud that we adapted to keep FEI Dallas relevant and useful for our members and sponsors. I hope that as more of us are fully vaccinated, we can get back to our normal large gatherings. I miss seeing all of you!

## Upcoming Events

Our final chapter meeting of the fiscal year is coming up on Tuesday April 13 and includes a panel discussion of priorities at different stages of life at the early session and Wingstop CEO Charlie Morrison as the dinner speaker.

On May 22 we have our "Around the World Culinary Tour" dinner-dance social where chapter members and sponsors have the option to bring a plus 1.

On June 14 we have our annual Golf Tournament and Wine Tasting social.

We are working on a couple of more webinars to be done in association with several other chapters. Stay tuned for more information!

Summer brings programs from our academic partners University of Texas at Dallas, University of North Texas, and the University of Dallas.

## Illness

John Bailey, CFO for Prism Hotels & Resorts, who has been a member since 2000 has aggressive bladder cancer. Please keep John in your thoughts and prayers and if you get a chance reach out to him.

## Election of Officers 2021-22

I want to congratulate the newly-elected Chapter Officers for the fiscal year from July 2021 to June 2022 including:

President-Jim Howe

First Vice President-Jay Smith

Second Vice President-Jim Farrell

Treasurer-Debra Wood

Secretary-Tom Beitel (the new member)

Here is how the executive board typically works:

Joining the executive board is typically a five-year commitment where you start as Secretary and progress up the chain of command annually until the fifth year when you become President. By the time they are President they have a well-rounded knowledge and experience of the chapter.

The slate of candidates is proposed by a nominating committee consisting of the three most recent past presidents. Nominations from members are evaluated and the current board consulted to identify a candidate who has leadership qualities and has been active in the chapter, typically serving in multiple committee leadership roles.

Once the slate of officers making up the executive board is proposed, it is voted on by the members.

## Responsibilities:

*President* – Responsible for the overall organization.

*First Vice President* – Responsible for the committees including Arrangements, Professional Development, Programs, Special Events (Education), Special Events (Social), and Sponsorship.

*Second Vice-President* – Responsible for committees including External Relations, Diversity & Inclusion, Career Management, Membership, and Special Interest Groups/Peer Groups.

*Treasurer* – Responsible for the books and records of the chapter including banking, budgeting, accounting, and reporting. We have for the last several years outsourced the day-to-day bookkeeping to a third-party.

*Secretary* – Responsible for the minutes of the board meetings and the directory. We recently added law firm Jackson Walker as our legal counsel, and they assist with the minutes.

Ron Rushing  
FEI Dallas Chapter President