



FROM THE

PRESIDENT



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Our first Monthly Meeting of the year on January 9th was a great kickoff to 2023. It was very encouraging to see registrations for the PD Session and Dinner meeting both jump from our fall numbers. What a great atmosphere to have a near-full room for Michael Dominguez's presentation on "The Need to Be Decisively Indecisive: Understanding Behavioral Changes for the Meetings & Events Industry." Prior to the evening event, the professional development session featured Alex Clinton, Managing Director, Valuation and Analytics; Nick Roen, Director, Transaction Advisory Services; and Brendan Sullivan, Partner, Transaction Advisory Services, all from BDO USA LLP on "M&A Trends, Valuation and Tax Considerations." It was a great presentation that might have raised additional questions from the group in this time of change.

Our Winter Social, "All Hat, No Cattle," is quickly approaching! This party on February 25 will be a wonderful event you do not want to miss. Our entire Social Events committee led by Bob Walker and Mark Dendle, and Kristine Powers, Winter Social Planning Committee Chair, have planned this special evening of music, dancing, food and more for our members and sponsors. It will be held at Gilley's Dallas, and is the one event of the year that includes significant others, although singles are welcome too! Registration is open at the chapter website through February 15. Book it now! FEI Dallas members and sponsors can [click here](#) to register both yourself and your optional Plus 1.

Our other two big social events will be coming on the heels of the Winter Social. The Wine Tasting and Dinner will be held again at the Dallas Arboretum on Thursday, March 30 and the annual Golf Tournament will be held at Cowboys Golf Club on May 8.

I hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start. I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the January monthly meeting. So, dust off your boots, starch those Wranglers, and grab those spurs for our Winter Social. Can't wait to see y'all there!

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