

President's Message – Jenny Hood

Hello fellow FPA of Northern California members,

Welcome to the last quarter of 2017 and my last newsletter as the president of our association. As we head into fall, the changing of the seasons signals not only a change in the weather but a change of activities as well. At least it does for me. I enjoy the transition from the hustle and bustle of all of the outdoor summer activities into the bundling up and hibernation that fall offers. And with less than 90 days left of 2017, the cooler weather offers the perfect chance to reflect on how we can each finish out 2017 feeling accomplished. I have been humbled, honored and proud to see everything that the FPA of Northern California has accomplished thus far. I think we have done a fantastic job of reaching our goals for 2017 – increasing our engagement with sponsors and with members.

Since this is my last newsletter as president, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the 2017 board for all of their support and hard work. I have also appreciated each of our members that have contributed to the success of our chapter this year. Whether it was by attending a meeting, a mixer or other event, stepping up and volunteering, or bringing a colleague along. It is these small acts that add up together to create a big difference. And that is why I have tried to weave a sense of community throughout everything that took place this year.

Therefore, I leave you with the same request that I started off with in my first newsletter as president – I am asking that you get involved (or stay involved!) by doing **one** thing – taking pictures at a meeting, introducing yourself to your neighbor at the table you are sitting at, volunteering with one of our many pro bono programs, attending a membership mixer, writing an article for our website, the possibilities are almost endless. I look forward to seeing how you choose to make our community a better place.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead the chapter in 2017. I look forward to continuing to support our chapter next year and the years to come in any small way that I can.