

President's Report

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Now that we are officially enjoying the summer months, it's important to remember to enjoy these long days. The long winter nights will be here all too soon. June marked the halfway point of my tenure as President. I have truly enjoyed serving as the FPA of Northern California President. Prior to me joining the board, I was more of a receiver than a giver in the FPA community. I received networking opportunities, ongoing professional education and a community of like-minded people to learn from. All three of these gifts have been important at different times during my career. For instance, I landed at my current firm because of a connection I made at the FPA NorCal conference over 10 years ago. Shout out to Caleb Brown at New Planner Recruiting. Also, there have been FPA meetings where a speaker addressed an issue that a client would later ask for my recommendation on. However, the most important benefit has been the community. I have received more from my fellow FPA members than I could ever hope to give back. The advice and friendship from other members in a profession that can sometimes feel lonely has been important for sanity and clarity. As an independent practitioner, it's invaluable to be able to discuss our businesses with others that are in the trenches with us.

If you know anyone that you think would benefit from being part of our community, please bring them to a meeting. Also, if you would like to give back to our community, a great first step is getting more involved with the board. If you are interesting in learning more about opportunities on our board, please email me at matt@lucasplanners.com.

I wish you the best for the remainder of 2018 and beyond!