

President's Message

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As we enter the final quarter of 2018, there is much to be grateful for today and to look forward to in 2019. When I look around at the people in FPA, I see good-hearted folks that are giving their time to make our industry better.

For my final newsletter as President of FPA of Northern California, I would like to thank our Executive Director, Board Members, Strategic Partners, Allied Professionals and Members for all of their hard work and dedication. For those that have not served on our board, it may come as a surprise the amount of communication and work that goes on behind the scenes. Not everyone that gets this newsletter will be able to make it to our final meeting in December. Therefore, I will use this platform to recognize many of the individual board members for their efforts. My first Thank You goes to Jenny Hood (Past President). Jenny has stepped in with her incredible insight and generous heart whenever she was needed. We started the year with Anna Martinez as our programs chair, but her new job duties meant she was only able to help for a few months. After Anna stepped back, Jessy Gilger graciously agreed to takeover Programs for the remainder of 2018. Karen Miller will be our 2019 President. I'm eternally grateful to Karen for accepting the opportunity to be our President. David Ghiorso has been an excellent Treasurer and has been incredibly helpful at explaining how our finances operate. Our Strategic Partner Chair, Launi Cooper, has renewed our engagement with our sponsors and we have seen year-over-year increases in sponsorship due to her efforts. Dusty Hoetger and PJ Johnson are always there to warmly greet our members at each chapter meeting. Their dedication has helped us keep membership levels steady. Thank you to Landon Tymochko, our Pro Bono Director. Landon has implemented several new ideas for Pro Bono events over the past several years, including the financial workshops for the Rosemont community, among others. If you've seen a Facebook post about an upcoming event or meeting, that's all thanks to Ethan Green, the Director of Marketing and Communications. Chase Armer (Past-President) has had a busy year professionally and has made himself available for a call or email to help answer a question or share his vast knowledge of FPA. Alex Cole, Director of NexGen, has been a speaker at a National FPA Conference this year, got married and still made time to make sure NexGen was firing on all cylinders.

I would like to give a special mention to Daniel Anderson (Past President) and Jenny Hood (Past President) for traveling to San Francisco to help organize and run the FPA NorCal Conference. Some of the revenue from the NorCal conference goes to help our chapter operate and we wouldn't be able to participate unless Daniel and Jenny were involved.

In closing, I want to give a special Thank You to Holly Wilkerson, our Executive Director. Without Holly, our chapter would be like a ship without a rudder. I can't thank Holly enough for her dedication and warmhearted guidance over the past many years.