President’s Message

Fellow FEI Pittsburgh Chapter Members and Sponsors,

I’m excited about the opportunity to serve as FEI President. Our fall speaker lineup has been set and we are close to finalizing our chapter meeting schedule for the remainder of the 2019/20 season. The Board is focused on bringing our members more opportunities to engage and realize value from FEI membership.

Stay tuned for expanded CPE offerings and other programming announcements as the year progresses.

I’m also excited to report that the FEI Pittsburgh Chapter added 30 new members this past year, bringing our membership total to 152. You can expect to see some new faces in the crowd at our monthly meetings. Our goal is to continue to strengthen our membership base again this year. Please help us to grow by recruiting a qualified colleague or a friend to attend a monthly meeting as our guest.

Sincerely,
Ryan Parker, President, FEI Pittsburgh Chapter

New Chapter Members

New FEI Pittsburgh Members
June 1 – August 31

Nancy Golembiewski, Evoqua Water Technologies
Jim Caruso, South University
John Barsic, Red Valve Co.
Mark Romito, Upper St. Clair SD
Mark Stropkaj, Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP

Clear the way for new members: this year, new members - recognized by their gold name tags - receive priority access to the bar at chapter meetings.

Save the Date!

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Calling All Leaders

Did you know that FEI Pittsburgh is the third-oldest FEI chapter in the US? It’s been continuously active since 1934. Our organization has withstood wars, economic downturns, and occasional thin sponsorship years, due largely to the dedication of its volunteer leadership.

The 2019-20 chapter board is working to expand its committees. If you’ve ever taken a moment to introduce yourself to a new member, or to tell someone about FEI, then you are qualified for a committee. The more members – and sponsors – who are involved in making decisions that affect the whole group, the more likely the organization will continue to serve the whole group.

Help ensure that FEI Pittsburgh’s next 85 years are as robust as the past 85: volunteer for board and/or committee service today. Contact chapter president Ryan Parker at r_parker@brayman.com to get involved.

2019-20 Committee Chairs

Academic Liaison: Karen Shastri
Career Management: Frank Lazzaro
Golf Outing: John Yokim
Membership, Recruitment & Retention: John Lemmex
Nominating: Ricardo Iriart
Professional Development: Phil Petraglia
Programs: Ryan Parker
Strategic Partnerships: John Yokim

Additional Chapter Board Directors
Tom Fleury, Bob Funderlich, Mark Gibbons
Bob Hook, Ed Hughes, Ray Lombardi
Roberta Meinzer, Pat Newingham
Chris Pascuzzi, Barry Williams
Greg Yochum

NATIONAL EVENTS

CFRI 2019

NOVEMBER 11 – 12 | NEW YORK
Discover how finance executives can promote change and innovation to lead their companies. At the 38th Annual Corporate Financial Reporting Insights Conference, learn how connecting technology and people can optimize the accounting and finance reporting environments.

CFO Series

DECEMBER 2 – 6 | PHILADELPHIA
The CFO Series provides a convenient path for current and aspiring CFOs to build effective organizational leadership skills and add strategic value to their businesses. The series consists of five eight-hour courses, presented by three different financial management veterans. Each course highlights four topics through presentations and executive-level, colleague-to-colleague interactions.
Identifying AI Use Cases for the Finance Function

Accounting and finance departments have been automating processes such as invoicing, data collection, financial report generation, and documentation storage and compliance for some time. Now, many organizations are turning their attention to the artificial intelligence (AI) revolution — and trying to identify appropriate AI use cases for the finance function.

As finance organizations undergo digital transformation, they often consider implementing AI. Research from Robert Half found that about one-quarter (24%) of accounting and finance functions in the United States are already using the technology. Twenty-nine percent expect to use AI within the next three years. Only 26% of respondents said they don’t expect to use AI in the next five years.

Companies can gain a huge competitive advantage when they can use advanced tools like AI to improve their efficiency and performance. The challenge is figuring out where to start. For tips on how finance managers can incorporate AI into their processes, click here, or navigate via https://www.roberthalf.com/blog/the-future-of-work/identifying-ai-use-cases-for-the-finance-function?utm_source=FEI&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Content_Sharing

Andrew Sassaman has been helping Pittsburgh companies find Pittsburgh talent for more than 15 years. Contact him at Andrew.Sassaman@roberthalf.com for all of your full-time and contract hiring needs.
FEI September Calendar
Events Open to Members of FEI Pittsburgh

Wednesday, September 11

*Improve Bottom Line Results: How Companies are Mitigating Complex Tax Risks by Deploying Insurance Capital*
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. | Duquesne Club | Click here for details
Presented by Aon Risk Services

Tuesday, September 17

*FEI Pittsburgh September Chapter Meeting, featuring keynote address by Brayman Construction CEO, Stephen Muck*
4:30 p.m. Professional Development | 5:15 p.m. Networking
Duquesne Club | Click here for details

Thursday, September 19

*Import Tariffs and Surety Bonds: What They Mean to Your Organization*
3:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Duquesne Club | Click here for details
Presented by Aon Risk Services

FEI Sponsors: Contact Christina Coulter at feipgh@financialexecutives.org to promote events open to members of FEI Pittsburgh. *Subject to chapter approval.*

FEI Pittsburgh on LinkedIn
FEI Pittsburgh Expanding Online Presence

Following the lead of several other FEI chapters, FEI Pittsburgh has launched its own LinkedIn company page.

From it, followers may:

- Connect with new members
- Receive event announcements
- Stay current on national conferences and events
- Learn about professional development opportunities
- Share industry updates
- Enjoy event photo galleries

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