

JUNE 2020



## Message from the President

Dear Team FEI Fort Wayne,

What an unexpected end to our year! I'm sure many of you feel like I do ... tired. I'm definitely tired of some new words I've learned since the beginning of the year ... *coronavirus* and *COVID-19* to name a few. I'm also tired of *stay-at-home order* and *CARES Act*. It's taken over our work life as well as our home life. This time has been a challenge for us as financial leaders. We are trusted to make the right decisions, but at times it is a difficult balancing act between empathy for our constituents and doing what is logically best for the business. One thing I can say is that I have not been bored and I've learned a lot! I'm confident many of you can say the same.

Thanks to Troy Linder for the well-organized and informative tour of Fort Wayne Metals. We've been trying to schedule that for a few years, and it was worth the wait! Thanks to Kyle Farmer/Edward Jones for bringing us the virtual event *Guide to the Markets*. Thanks to John Minnich for leading a Career Management virtual session on data analytics. I hope you were able to join some of the webinars put on by National FEI as well. Webinars have taken over my calendar and I'm sure many of you would say the same.

I am looking forward to our June 4 planning event. We've got a record number of members participating this year since we moved to a virtual event. Well, the pizza may have had something to do with that as well. Thanks to Matt Fortney, CFO of Pizza Hut, for assisting us with pizza delivery to your home or office during this event. I hope all of you enjoy munching on your mushrooms and pepperoni as you help plan an engaging 2020/21 Fort Wayne FEI year.

As we head into next year, there are a lot of unknowns. We are hoping to be able to pull together some sort of live event during the summer, one in which social distancing can occur. From there, we will have to see where this goes. The Program Committee will have their work cut out for them!

FEI's [Financial Leadership Summit](#), originally planned for May 2020, has been rescheduled to October 28-30. I'm hopeful that those who originally planned to attend will join us in October at [The Palmer House](#). If you are interested, registration remains open online. The close proximity is a real bonus!

My wish for you is that you stay healthy and your families as well!



Judy Roy | President, Fort Wayne Chapter | EVP-Finance & Administration | Indiana Tech

## Chat with Membership via ZOOM

**Our Chapter continues to grow,  
and we would love for you to  
be a part of it!**

Each month, we host interactive and informational ZOOM conversations to answer any questions that you or a colleague have regarding FEI.

Please consider joining an upcoming session to learn about the many member benefits and services available. For your convenience, we offer rotating days and times to align with your schedule.

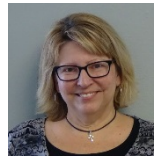
Click [here](#) to register.

## Welcome New Members

The FEI Fort Wayne Chapter is pleased to welcome the following new members:



**Deb Boyd**  
*Controller*  
Northeast Indiana Innovation Center



**Jill Eder**  
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Maxim Medical Services



**Kelly Gerber**  
*Controller*  
Habitat for Humanity of  
Greater Fort Wayne



**Nick Schiffli**  
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Join FEI to network with key influencers, understand emerging issues, advocate for corporate finance and boost your career opportunities. **If you know someone interested in learning more about membership, please contact John Minnich via email, [john@minnich.consulting](mailto:john@minnich.consulting) or phone, 260.702.9012.**

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## Career Management

Something exciting happened as a result of COVID-19 - we discovered we can hold our Career Management Sessions virtually! John Minnich presented an informative webinar on Data Analytics to a record number of attendees! Thank you, John, and thank you to the many attendees!! I am hopeful that we can continue to hold face-to-face sessions in the upcoming year, but because our Chapter is focused on offering events in a variety of places and times, I would like to plan Career Management Sessions the same way. Here is where I need your help...What leadership or career management topics would you like to learn more about? What areas of leadership or management are you passionate about and would like to present either live or virtually? I would love to hear your ideas! Please contact me at [lrbrown@indianatech.edu](mailto:lrbrown@indianatech.edu) with your suggestions or ideas.

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## Member Engagement Update

As we look back over the 2019-20 season, there are two meaningful enhancements worth remembering. The Career Management meetings started in the 2018-19 season and built great momentum in this season. We gained insight into ourselves by taking and understanding the Myers-Briggs tests, improving our focus when using specific techniques from the Full Focus Planner, multiple sessions talking through next-level LinkedIn tips & tricks, and an entire day focused on improving our teams and our strategy. This monthly morning event is a value-packed hour that starts the day off with engaging content and conversation. Attending participants leave with specific benefits that can be put into use immediately.

The Unity in the Community event gained momentum this season too. Once members and partners started hosting this event, interest in getting together at a member/partner venue drew a lot more attention and participation. We met at the Pizza Hut office, Belmont Beverage Dupont Road location, and the JH Specialty office for tours, tastings, and wonderful conversation.

As we look at the upcoming season, we would love to continue this positive momentum. We will determine how we deliver these events and retain the high impact and high value that attendees have grown to enjoy.

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