

FEI LA NEWS

Where Engaged Finance Leaders Thrive

90

years



Celebrating 90 Years of Leadership & Community

This year marks a milestone for FEI Los Angeles—we turn 90 in April 2026! As we begin our program year, we're not just looking back at nearly a century of leadership, learning, and community—we're looking forward to a year of celebration, connection, and impact.

Throughout the year, we'll be curating programs highlighting the power of financial leadership, from thought-provoking topics and inspiring keynotes to opportunities for peer connection reminding us why FEI Los Angeles is such a special community. Whether you're a longtime member, a new face, or one of our valued partners, we invite you to make this a year to remember with us.

Together, let's honor our legacy while shaping the future of finance in Los Angeles. Stay tuned—this is only the beginning of a truly historic year for FEI LA.

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Welcome back!

I hope you had a wonderful summer!

Your Board has been hard at work planning for our year ahead. As we prepare to celebrate FEI-LA's 90th year, we are excited to bring you amazing WOW events and a friendly environment to develop connections.

The fun gets underway on September 18th at the City Club for our first dinner event of the year! Please join me there to connect with local financial leaders and to hear from our amazing speaker, David Baker, the retired CEO of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. This event is going to be full of energy, and we anticipate it will sell-out, so please register soon if you have not done so already.

The rest of the year promises to be just as exciting with a full slate of programming planned, culminating with our 90th Anniversary Gala later this year. This is going to be a celebration you will not want to miss!

I am looking forward to the year ahead, and most importantly, to connecting with each of you!

Thank you

Jason Shapiro
FEI Los Angeles President

Kick Off the Program Year



We're starting the year in a big way—literally—on **Thursday, September 18**, with Legacy of Leadership: Overcoming Challenges and Building Excellence featuring **David Baker**, the 6'9" former pro basketball player, Arena Football League commissioner, and longtime CEO of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

From setting rebounding records at UC Irvine to growing the Hall of Fame's assets by more than 160%, Baker knows what it takes to build teams, drive growth, and leave a lasting legacy. His journey from the court to the boardroom offers powerful lessons in resilience, vision, and leadership.

Don't sit on the sidelines—join us for this season opener in inspiration and impact. Program starts at **5:30p at City Club LA**.

Stay Connected: Upcoming Events

FEI Los Angeles thrives on connection, conversation, and community. Here's a quick look at the cadence of our events this year—plenty of opportunities to learn, network, and grow together:

- Monthly Dinner Meetings** Third Thursday of each month, September through April (except December).
- Monthly Lunches** Rotating across Los Angeles in Pasadena, El Segundo, Long Beach, and Calabasas, typically during the second week of each month.
- 90th Anniversary Celebration** Coming in April! A milestone event you won't want to miss—details to follow.
- FEI National Conference** San Antonio, May 17-19, 2026.



Each gathering is designed to foster meaningful connections among peers and sponsors, strengthen our network, and share insights that move the profession forward. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

As they become available details can be found on LinkedIn (and other social platforms), FEI Website and our email blasts.

Warm **Welcome** and **Big Thank You** for our Sponsors

We're excited to **welcome back** our Sponsors and extend a warm welcome to our new sponsors joining us this year. Your support makes it possible for FEI Los Angeles to thrive as a hub for connection, thought leadership, and professional growth in our finance community.

To our members: when the opportunity arises, please remember to **BUY FEI** and support those who support us. At FEI, members are our foundation—and sponsors are our lifeblood. Together, you make our community strong.



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FEI Los Angeles By the Numbers

Two Year Member Growth

40%

One of the Top Markets in the Nation

Member Engagement

65+ 86%

Dinner Attendance Member Engagement % (2024 KPI Top 5 Nationally)

LinkedIn Followers

925

2026 Goal of 1,250

Growing member base that actively engages & participates in our chapter events

FEI Los Angeles Leaders

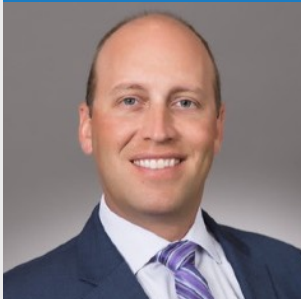
At FEI Los Angeles, we are fortunate to be guided by a group of volunteer leaders whose dedication and passion fuel our success. These individuals work tirelessly behind the scenes—welcoming new members into our community, building and nurturing sponsor relationships, and ensuring that our programming remains fresh, relevant, and compelling for today’s finance leaders.

Their commitment doesn’t stop there. They also keep a steady hand on our financials, safeguarding the resources that allow us to invest back into our members and sponsors. It is this combination of vision, stewardship, and teamwork that enables FEI Los Angeles to thrive as a hub for learning, connection, and professional growth.



We are deeply grateful for their efforts and proud of the strong, engaged community they help us build. To our volunteer leaders: thank you for everything you do to keep FEI Los Angeles vibrant and impactful.

2025 - 2026 Officers



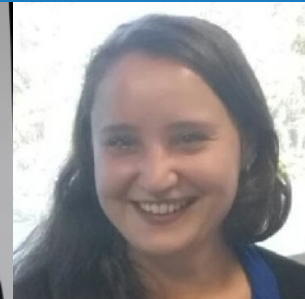
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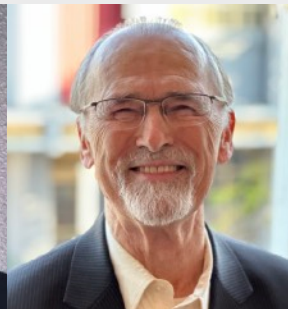
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Join FEI, Today!

More than a network; FEI is where connections become community

Why Join FEI Los Angeles?

There's never been a better time to be part of FEI Los Angeles. Our members—senior-level financial executives—enjoy a unique mix of professional [growth, community, and camaraderie](#).

Benefits of Membership:

- Join a network of **10,000+ senior finance leaders nationwide**.
- Access **engaging programming** through our dinner series and monthly peer-led lunches.
- **Build lasting relationships** across industries—both locally and nationally.
- Gain **actionable insights** from keynote speakers, panels, and national conferences.
- Tap into **exclusive resources**: member-only research, CPE webinars, special interest groups, leadership opportunities, and career support.
- Belong to a **trusted community** of peers and industry leading sponsors where ideas, challenges, and solutions are shared openly.



How to join:

FEI welcomes senior-level financial executives who meet at least one of the following:

- Hold a senior financial executive position (CFO, Controller, Treasurer, VP Finance, etc.).
- Have responsibility for financial policy or decisions at their organization.
- Meet minimum company size requirements (typically \$25M+ in annual revenue or equivalent).

Join us—you'll find connection, knowledge, and inspiration waiting.

Growth
Camaraderie
Community

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