



March/April 2017 Newsletter President's Message

Having recently lost an hour of sleep due to daylight savings time, I guess it is time to start thinking spring in Northeast Wisconsin! The on-set of spring means we will soon be approaching our last two chapter meetings of the fiscal year.

The February chapter meeting was dynamic and offered our members and strategic sponsors a change from our standard events and venues. At our February meeting held at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, Jack Pelton, Chairman and CEO of EAA gave an informative presentation on "General Aviation's Impact on the Economy and EAA's Contribution". In addition to Mr. Pelton's talk on aviation and its economic impact, Tim McCoy, shareholder with Godfrey & Kahn, and Jeffrey Kowieski, partner with Wipfli moderated an impressive panel discussion on the relevant and timely topic of "Business Ethics". Panel members Ignacio Cortina, Executive Vice president, General Counsel and Secretary for Oshkosh Corporation, Denis Hogan, Senior Vice President for Belin Health, Jay Moroney, Managing Principal and Leader of Integro Insurance Brokers and Terry Warfield, PwC Professor in Accounting at the University of Wisconsin - School of Business provided generous insights into the importance of an ethical approach to business.

Shortly, we will have the opportunity to engage in another significant event - our March chapter meeting. The next meeting on Tuesday, March 21, will be held at the Fox Valley Hematology & Oncology Center in Appleton. The topic for this meeting will be "Controlling Medical Costs at the Employer Level – The Direct Contracting Model" and will be presented by AON and NOVO Health. Curt Kubiak, Co-founder and CEO of NOVO Health, will serve as the moderator for an impressive panel of participants from the fields of health providers, insurance, and medical professionals. This meeting will highlight trends that are transforming healthcare and promises to be a very informative and beneficial session.

The Board of Directors and Strategic Sponsors have already started our program planning for the 2017/18-chapter year. Our objective remains to provide creative and informative speakers and professional development sessions which will add value to the membership.

Please keep in mind the other upcoming meetings of the chapter - Diversity Group, Peer Group, and Career Development. Announcements about the dates and topics of these various meetings will be forthcoming. In addition, the FEI National Financial Leadership Summit will be held on April 23 – 25 in Anaheim, CA should members wish to attend this informative conference on Innovation Management.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the March chapter meeting and all future FEI meetings.

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