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A Letter from the President



Welcome to the FEI Houston Chapter 2019 – 2020 year. FEI is a great organization and I am honored to serve as Chapter President for the coming year. I want to thank Rob Schmitz for his service as Chapter President for the prior year and for his time and effort to improve and sustain your Chapter. I also want to thank all of the over 40 Chapter members who volunteer their time to serve in leadership and committee roles during this coming year. The Chapter will hold over 30 professional development networking and thought-provoking programs over the coming year, but the effort is manageable by spreading the work over such an engaged Chapter. I believe each of those Chapter members enjoy the interaction and experience they gain from those leadership and committee roles and I encourage you to get involved in a committee. I guarantee the reward will greatly exceed the effort and you will develop your network and connections along the way.

I am pleased to announce that effective July 1 total Houston Chapter Executive membership dues for the upcoming year will decrease to $549 ($399 National, $150 Chapter) a 15% reduction from last year and two years in a row that National dues have declined by $100! All other membership categories will be standardized at $449 ($299 National, $150 Chapter). Andre Suskavcevic, FEI National President, has done a great job for members in reducing costs at National while continuing to add value to each member. Your Chapter and National leadership continue to look for ways to improve the member value proposition. This includes over 40 hours of continuing professional education in the coming year through Houston Chapter events, and all events are free to members.

These events include our monthly dinner programs, summer breakfasts, leadership and executive development lunches, CFO University and networking events. We also plan to expand programming this year with additional and/or planned breakfasts and lunches in the energy corridor and North Houston/Woodlands to make it easier for members to engage that live or work in these areas. Be sure to give me your feedback as we try to expand our visibility and presence in the financial executive community. Each of these events, along with our social/networking events, provide the opportunity for you to expand your professional network of industry colleagues and connections with the top professional service providers locally and nationally. The calendar of events is posted on our website www.feihouston.org. Not all dates and venues have been finalized, so I encourage you to check the calendar periodically to get the most recent status of upcoming events.

The 2019 – 2020 dinner meeting schedule is set, so mark your calendar:

- September 17, 2019
- October 15, 2019
- November 19, 2019
- January 21, 2020
- February 18, 2020 (50th anniversary Academic Honors Day)
- March 31, 2020
- April 21, 2020
- May 12, 2020

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Breakfast Meeting

July 17, 2019

The Junior League of Houston

7:15	**Check In and Networking**
7:30	**Breakfast**
7:45	**Presentation Starts**
9:00	**Presentation Concludes**

Register online by Jul. 12th. feihouston.org

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Attend the Monthly Meeting's Professional Development Session to be entered for our prize drawing. Must be present to WIN!

Look forward to seeing you at the next Professional Development Session!

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July 17, 2019
Summer Breakfast Series

"Inflection Point: Economic Outlook and Federal Reserve Policy"

BREAKFAST SESSION

This presentation will provide a broad economic update covering Global and US Macroeconomic Outlook, the Federal Reserve, and an update on the local economy.

Nathaniel Karp, BBVA



Nathaniel Karp was appointed BBVA Chief U.S. Economist in 2004 to help the Group manage its expansion strategy in the U.S. His main responsibilities are conducting analyses of macroeconomic variables, monetary policy, and regional and industry trends. Previously, Karp worked at BBVA Bancomer as Director of Financial and Banking Research. Before joining BBVA, Karp worked at Republic Bank, the World Bank, the Economist Intelligence Unit, Mexico's Ministry of Education and ATTIS. Karp is a member of the American Bankers Association Economic Advisory Committee and The Woodlands Texas Children's Hospital Advisory Council.

A Letter from the President (continued)

Please note the following events scheduled in July and August:

We are continuing our highly successful Summer Breakfast Series in July and August.

- Our July 17 breakfast is presented by BBVA and the topic is "Inflection Point: Economic Outlook and Federal Reserve Policy." Given the recent Fed Policy meeting and the speculation around interest rate changes, this topic is very relevant to every executive.
- Our August 21 breakfast will feature a presentation by Bank of America titled "China, Trade, Tariffs and Other Market Drivers." These topics are on the front page every day and impact you or your business whether as a Houston based operation or multinational.

2019-2020 Season
UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 17 - Summer Breakfast Series

Aug 21 - Summer Breakfast Series

Sep 17 - Dinner Meeting

More details and registration for these, and the entire event calendar, is at www.feihouston.org. To block your calendar for all events during our upcoming Chapter year follow this link to the events list.

National Topics:

FEI National has six webinars planned for July covering topics such as procurement, CAM's & leases, avoiding material weaknesses and significant deficiencies, improving financial reporting and more. You can find all of the National webinars by following this link.

Also, one of the strengths of FEI is the networking and strength of its members and the broad knowledge base across approximately 10,000 members nationally. FEI Connect is a tool that allows you to seek answers or feedback from other members across the entire National membership on situations or alternatives that you may not have experienced. You can post questions or provide feedback or answers to other members. Typically, 1 to 5 questions are posted each day, usually no more than one paragraph, and the answers are also usually about one paragraph. FEI Connect is a great tool to get answers or different perspectives on software solutions, business practices or alternatives where other members may have specific knowledge. It also allows you to share your knowledge and experiences with other members while expanding your network. If you haven't tried it, give it a look at the link here. There is also an app for iPhones and Android.

Follow us on LinkedIn:

We now have over 220 followers on LinkedIn and more than 55,000 LinkedIn members have viewed FEI Houston content and events. When you follow the Chapter LinkedIn page you now have a connection with other members through this important networking tool. You can follow the Chapter LinkedIn page here.

On behalf of your Chapter leadership team, I thank you for your support and participation in our Chapter during the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions comments or just want to get together don't hesitate to reach out to me at jhbriscoe@aol.com.

I hope you have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Chapter event.

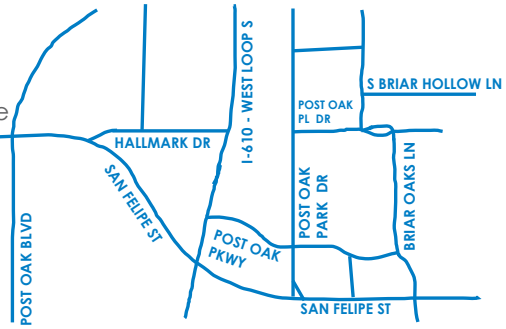
John Briscoe
FEI Houston Chapter
President 2019 – 2020

Meeting Directions

The Junior League
of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane
Houston, TX 77027

Register online!

Registration closes
July 12, 2019.



MEETING

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2019-2020 FEI Houston Mission Statement & Goals

MISSION:
FEI's mission is to advance the success of senior-level financial executives, their organizations, and the profession.

GOALS:

- Maintain and enhance the value of the FEI brand by focusing on quality – quality members, programs and sponsors
- Be relevant to members
- Offer high quality programs and resources that help develop current and future financial officers
- Develop high quality and engaged sponsors to assist the Chapter financially, help identify programs and speakers, and help recruit new members
- Make FEI relevant and known in the community through involvement in Houston financial matters; be the voice of the financial community
- Run an effective, professional, and fiscally sound Chapter operation
- Give back to the community through our own foundation and in other ways in which our members personally choose

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