

FEI-LA NEWS

WHERE ENGAGED FINANCE LEADERS THRIVE



Creating Connections

Building relationships is at the heart of FEI-LA!

Our new year has started strong, with two fantastic dinner events already behind us and six more ahead, plus monthly local-area lunches.

While we offer exceptional events featuring engaging speakers at top venues, FEI-LA's true value is in fostering connections with fellow Finance leaders in Los Angeles. Our formats are designed to give you time to meet new people and deepen relationships.

The buzz at our latest event was palpable. The room was full, laughter was everywhere, and I loved seeing so many new connections form and existing ones grow.

This is what FEI-LA is all about!

Jason Shapiro
Chapter
President

CONGRATULATIONS!

Every year, the Los Angeles Business Journal recognizes excellence in our profession with the CFO of the Year Awards. This year **TWO FEI Los Angeles members** selected as CFO of the Year in their category:

- **Stacy Johns** - L AFC in the Private Company (Mid-Sized) Category
- **Brian Parisi** - Kartoon Studios in the Public Company Category

A third member, **Robert Dika**, was nominated.

Congratulations to all!!!



FEI members in attendance supporting our honorees

Nov 21, 2024
Offices of RSM
Los Angeles, CA

Partner Showcase

Three Compelling Topics
One Afternoon plus
One Happy Hour

Navigation the Dynamic
Job Market: Attracting Top
Finance



Post Election Tax Policy
Considerations and
Planning Opportunities



Optimizing Insurance &
Benefits: Navigating
Emerging Trends in P&C
and Employee Benefits for
Strategic Advantage



515 S Flower St, 17th Floor
Los Angeles, CA
2p - 7p

DRESS IS BUSINESS CASUAL

The Passing of Bill Sleeper

It's with sadness we share the news of Bill Sleeper's passing, September 2024. Bill was a graduate of UCLA and longtime member of FEI. FEI was an important part of both his professional and social life. Bill served FEI Los Angeles as a volunteer leader and our past president. He will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Coming Events

- **Nov 8, 13, 14**- Area Lunches (No DTLA or Long Beach)
- **Nov 21** - **Partner Showcase Workshop**; see left for details
- **Dec 11, 12, 13** (Pas & LB) - Area Lunches (No DTLA)
- **Jan 8, 9, 10** (Pas & LB), **14** - Area Lunches
- **Jan 16** - **2025 Economic Forecast** by UCLA's Dr. Jerry Nickelsburg
- **Feb 11, 12, 13, 14** (Pas & LB) - Area Lunches
- **Feb 20** - **California's Dynamic Food Industry: Insights from Top CFO's** a panel moderated by VACO's Frances Moreno

Visit FEI Los Angeles's events page for the complete line up or [click here](#)

FEI by the Numbers

FEI released KPI measures of all the markets across the U.S. In Los Angeles, we are finding ourselves in the top five for two key measures: **Net Member Growth** and **Chapter Engagement**.

Net Member Growth is the percentage of the new members added less attrition. We were second only to Baltimore.

Chapter Engagement measures member interaction with the resources FEI offers both nationally and locally. Engaged and active members have a higher probability of renewing. We were fifth in the nation.

+30%

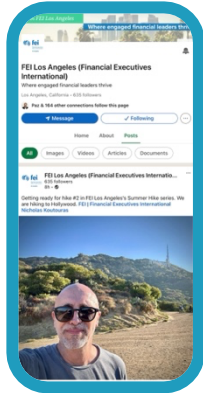
Net Member Growth %
(#2 for all chapters)

+86%

Chapter Engagement
(#5 for all chapters)

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ON THE ROAD TO 1000 FOLLOWERS



Did you know that **FEI Los Angeles has 694 followers?**

Please spread the word about FEI Los Angeles among your friends and colleagues. The power of our network lies in its diversity and the collective wisdom we bring to the table. By inviting others to join us, you are expanding your own network and also enriching the experiences of those around you.

Let's continue to elevate the standing of financial executives in Los Angeles together. We are on **all social platforms.**

Chapter Sponsors

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our renewing Chapter Sponsors. We are proud to have achieved a 100% renewal rate, and your unwavering support is essential to the success of our finance community. We deeply appreciate your continued partnership

We are also excited to welcome our **new Gold Sponsor, BMO**. A special thank you to Bob Louk for joining our family and becoming an integral part of our vibrant community.

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Three little things you can do this month

1 COFFEE TIME

Take a break and meet up with a peer for an informal chat. It's a great way to strengthen relationships and exchange ideas.

2 ATTEND

Find a local or virtual event with an eye on meeting someone new.

3 SHARE

Pass along an interesting article, book, or podcast to a colleague. Sharing knowledge builds connections. A great place to share is our LinkedIn group.

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