

# FEI-LA NEWS

## Where Engaged Finance Leaders Thrive



### The Time is Now!

Our 2025 Speaker Series events have been amazing!

The City Club has been packed, the conversations have been enthralling, and our speakers have been fantastic!

All of this wonderful momentum is made possible by our Board members and Partners who put in their time and energy to make our Chapter successful. I am thankful for their hard work and dedication.

We are currently in the process of slating next year's Board. If you have interest in getting more involved, please send a note to [feila@financialexecutives.org](mailto:feila@financialexecutives.org) to let us know.

We have many opportunities for you to make an impact and will welcome you with open arms!

Thank you

**Jason Shapiro**  
Chapter President

## WOW...what a year, so far

As FEI Los Angeles celebrates its 89th year this month, we look back on a dynamic program season filled with connection, learning, and momentum –and we're not done yet! With two more exciting programs on the calendar for April and May, there's still more to look forward to.

We kicked things off in magical fashion—literally—with a special luncheon at the iconic Magic Castle. Also we returned to the City Club LA, where sweeping sunset views provided a stunning backdrop for our evening gatherings.

We celebrated our members recognized by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* for excellence in their profession, gained perspective from an insightful economic forecast, and gave back by assembling holiday gift bags for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

We were entertained and inspired by the candid stories shared during our CFO panel discussions, enjoyed monthly lunches throughout the city, thrilled to hear from trailblazers breaking ceilings, and watched our community of members and partners grow stronger with each gathering.

Thank you to everyone who made this year so memorable. Here's to finishing strong and stepping confidently into our 90th!



**April 17, 2025**  
**5:30p to 8p**

**CITY  
 CLUB**  
 los angeles

**Shaping Tomorrow:  
 Finance Leaders on Key  
 Strategic Priorities**

Moderators



**Tim Hird**  
 EVP  
 Robert Half |  
 Protiviti

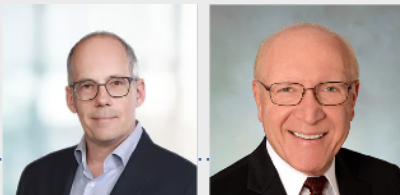
**Chris Wright**  
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Panelists



**Rob Pratt**  
 SVP Global  
 Finance  
 Operations  
 Sony Pictures

**Maura  
 Mizuguchi**  
 CAO  
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 Group



**Yves Baetsle**  
 CFO  
 PSI Services

**Sam Joumbat**  
 CFO  
 Port of Long  
 Beach

## Coming Events

- **Apr 9, 10, 11** (Pas & LB), **15** - Area Lunches
- **Apr 17** - CFO Panel on current trends
- **May 8, 9** (Pas & LB), **14** - Area Lunches
- **May 15** - Harnessing Storytelling to Build Your Influence
- **May 18 through 20** - 2025 Financial Leadership Summit @ Las Vegas Marriott
- **June 11,12,13** (Pas & LB),**17** - Area Lunches
- **June 28** - Hike TBD

## COMING IN MAY

### *Harnessing Storytelling to Build Your Influence*

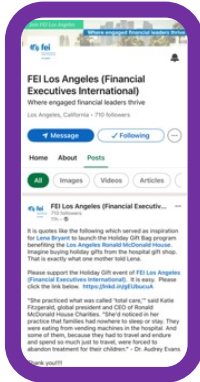
Unlock the power of storytelling to elevate your influence and connect more deeply with others in this dynamic, interactive workshop led by Executive Coach and Keynote speaker, **Jenna Dillon**.

This will be an intimate program with maximum capacity of 30 members from our community. Mark your calendar, May 15th from 2p to 5:30p with a Happy Hour to follow at the downtown offices of RSM.

Please register early as this will sell out.



## On the Road to **ONE THOUSAND**



## 826 & Counting

**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**.

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