

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Stuart Jones, Chair
John Webb, Newsletter Co-Editor

"PARTING SHOT"

This is our last newsletter of the 2007-2008 FEI year. After publishing 20 newsletters since the spring of 2006, I am moving over to the Program Committee next year. John Webb, who joined the Publicity and Communications Committee as Co-Editor of the newsletter this year, will succeed me as Chair of the committee and Editor of the newsletter. John already has done a great job preparing much of the last few issues and added some new touches this year. His fresh approaches and enthusiasm will continue the newsletter's success over the next few years.

In the 2006-2007 FEI year, the newsletter was published three times and distributed at the meetings. In the following year, 2007-2008, we expanded to nine issues – one in the summer and one before each regular dinner meeting – and e-mailed each issue to members and sponsors a few days before the meetings. This year, we expanded to ten issues with a special (e-mail only) edition to celebrate our award of the Financial Executive of the Year.

I've thoroughly enjoyed publishing the newsletter. The only disappointment I have had is that we haven't been able to get sponsors and members to provide more content. Our newsletter has an involved audience of nearly 130 of the senior financial executives in Central Florida. Newsworthy articles in the newsletter offer a chance to get your organization's name in front of our select audience. I encourage you to provide John and his committee with content next year – whether it is an award, a member profile or other information of interest to the members and sponsors. Where else can you get such good free publicity?

Stuart Jones

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CAREER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Eggett, Chair

Career Services exists to help those members in transition. Here are some opportunities for you:

Networking Conference Call

Our next networking meeting will be held by **conference call** on **May 21st** at **noon**. The call in number is 605-990-0700 and the access code is 117608#.

If you have any questions or would like to become involved with the committee, contact **Mike Eggett, 407-760-5905** or email **eggettm@bellsouth.net**.

Florida Job Openings

The FEI national website currently lists openings for positions in Florida (as well as nationally). Recent additions include:

- Sr. Director, Financial Reporting Orlando
- Controller/Comptroller-Ft. Lauderdale

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Mark Bennie, Chair
Halil Kiyamaz, Co-Chair
Karen Lane, Co-Chair

Internships

The summer internship program is currently in progress. We have received over 25 student resumes from four area colleges and we have submitted these resumes to six FEI member firms participating in the program this year.



CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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CHAPTER ADMINISTRATOR

For assistance or additional information about FEI, please contact our Chapter Administrator, **Melanie Batcheller**, at 407-277-8383 or by email at: melanie@fei-centralflorida.org.

To Our Members, Sponsors and Friends,

Happy May!!! Welcome to Cinco de Mayo with Financial Executives International. As we wrap up our 2007/2008 year, I hope you've enjoyed the many opportunities offered by your chapter. I'm sure you've enjoyed our wonderful membership meetings, the chance to see friends and network with business associates, our CFO Roundtables, our Career Services offerings, and our fantastic programs and meals at the Grand Bohemian.

We had a great membership meeting in April. There were over 120 members, sponsors, and guests attending Pat William's (Sr. VP of the Orlando Magic) presentation sponsored by **Gray Robinson**.

This month promises to be just as exciting. Our speaker will be **Colleen Cunningham**, Managing Director of **Resources Global** and past President of FEI International. This meeting promises to be interesting hearing about global accounting standards.

Your Chapter now has 128 members. We have one of the highest new member recruiting percentages of all FEI chapters and we continue to grow every month. Of course, as we grow, everyone benefits. There is no other professional organization that can match your local Chapter; however, your involvement is necessary to maintain this leading position.

As with all professional organizations, our success is dependent on the active involvement of the Members and Sponsors and we encourage your participation. If you would like to become more involved, please feel free to contact me.

As we bring this year to a close, I'd like to thank your hardworking board of directors, with special thanks to:

- **Eric Morris** and the membership committee for all their hard work.
- **Stuart Jones** and **John Webb** for the excellent monthly newsletters and PR.
- **Mike Eggett** for doing a great job with Career Services.
- **Ann Graham** for making our CFO Roundtables a success.
- **Wanda Evans** for working with the Grand Bohemian and heading up our Financial Executive of the Year.
- **Mark Bennie, Halil Kiyamaz, Karen Lane**, our great Academic Team, for all their hard work on Academic Night and Internships.
- **Renato Carrasco** for a wonderful job with Sponsorships.
- **Jim Bria** for getting our Treasury in order.
- **Debbie Adkins** for the fantastic programs this year.

And of course thanks to **Melanie Batcheller** for working so hard to keep us in line.

Enjoy the evening with **Resources Global** as our Gold sponsor. The Central Florida FEI Chapter Board of Directors and Sponsors appreciate your participation in the Chapter's activities and many thanks for your continued support of our chapter.

With best regards,

Dr. Stuart Michelson

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President – FEI Central Florida Chapter 2007/2008

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the FEI-Central Florida Board of Directors is pleased to announce its board and officer nominees for the 2008-2009 year which begins July 1st. These nominees will be voted on at the May 1, 2008 meeting.

PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS 2008/2009

- **Debbie Adkins**
Cross, Fernandez & Riley, LLP
- **Milan Bendik**
Disney Shared Services
- **Jim Bria**
The Trane Company
- **Renato Carrasco**
Primrose Center
- **Michael Duncan**
Wyndam Vacation Resorts
- **Mike Eggett**
PCE Companies
- **Wanda Evans**
Tatum CFO
- **Ann Graham**
OmniTickets Network, Inc.
- **Stuart Jones**
Professional Management Co., LLC
- **Rahul Khanorkar**
Electronic Arts—Tiburon Div.
- **Halil Kiyamaz**
Rollins College
- **Karen Lane**
Siemens Power Generation
- **Stuart Michelson**
Stetson University
- **Bryan Roub**
Harris Corporation (Retired)
- **John Webb**
Strombeck Consulting

PROPOSED OFFICER SLATE 2008-2009

- Debbie Adkins** – President
Mike Eggett – Vice President
Jim Bria – Treasurer
Stuart Michelson – Past President

MAY'S SPEAKER COLLEEN CUNNINGHAM FORMER FEI PRESIDENT AND CEO



Colleen Cunningham is the former president and CEO of Financial Executives International (FEI) where she provided leadership for four years. Serving 15,000 members from all industries, she helped the association be a proactive advocate, working with regulators and legislators on behalf of the membership.

In her role, she had significant influence in legislative and regulatory matters including Sarbanes Oxley, Rating Agency reform, pension reform and accounting standard setting. She testified before Congressional committees on many of these issues.

Cunningham has frequently been named as one of the top 100 influential people in finance by *Treasury & Risk Management* magazine, one of the top 100 influential people in accounting by *Accounting Today*, and one of the 60 top influencers in finance by *Business Finance*. She spent several years as a member of the standards advisory committees of both the FASB and the IASB. She has appeared as a subject matter expert on several financial related television shows and is widely published in financial magazines.

In June 2007 she was named managing director, Tri-State (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut) for Resources Global Professionals (Resources). In this role, she oversees the operations, financials and recruiting while mentoring teams and offering strategic guidance to the six practices within the region. She also serves as the Global Service Line Leader for the firm's Finance and Accounting practice.

She is currently a columnist for *Compliance Weekly* and sits on the Board of Directors for the Ethics Resource Center, and chairs its Finance Committee, and the Advisory Committee to Pennsylvania State University's Accounting Department. Cunningham earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and an MBA in Management from New York University's Stern School of Business, where she was a Stern Scholar in the Executive Management Program. She resides in Rockaway Township, New Jersey with her husband and their five children.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Bria, Treasurer

Continued thanks to all members who paid their 2007-2008 local and national dues — and thanks as always for the ongoing support of our sponsors.

Finance continues to be in excellent position relative to budget and prior years. Your timely dues and sponsorships allow us to effectively provide member services and give us a strong base for our annual scholarships.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Eric Morris, Chair

NEW MEMBERS

Membership is now 128 — and we continue to be one of the fastest growing chapters in our class. Be on the lookout for new members at the meeting — they have blue name tags!

- **Ann Provost**
CFO
TNR Technical
- **Steven Russell**
CFO
Connexions, Inc.
- **H. Bernard Davis**
Partner
Professional Management Company, LLC

NEW MEMBERSHIP PRIZE RAFFLE

You'll recall our encouragement to file your membership prospects in April to qualify for a raffle of valuable prizes. Members receive one raffle entry for each qualified prospect you forwarded to the membership committee by the deadline.

At the May dinner meeting, we will raffle valuable prizes such as ipods, vacation packages and gift certificates.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Interested in membership? Have a membership recommendation?

Contact any board member or the Chapter Administrator for information and an application.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

- **Dr. Stuart Michelson**
Chapter President
Professor of Finance
Stetson University
- **Deborah S. Adkins**
Chapter Vice President
Partner, Forensic Accounting and Litigation Services
Cross, Fernandez & Riley, LLP
- **Jim Bria**
Chapter Treasurer
Controller, The Trane Company

DIRECTORS

- **Milan Bendik**
Director-Finance Services
Disney Shared Services
- **Mark A. Bennie**
Controller
Siemens Power Generation, Inc.
- **Renato C. Carrasco**
CFO
Primrose Center Inc.
- **Mike Eggett**
PCE Companies
- **Wanda Evans**
Partner
Tatum LLC
- **Ann Y. Graham**
CFO
OmniTickets Network, Inc.
- **Stuart W. Jones**
President & CEO/Managing Partner
Professional Management Co, LLC
- **Halil Kiyamaz**
Associate Professor of Finance
Rollins College
- **Karen Lane**
Director of Internal Audit
Siemens Power Generation, Inc.
- **D. Eric Morris**
CFO & Treasurer
Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers
- **Thomas Pennison**
CFO
Ruth's Chris Steak House, Inc.
- **Bryan R. Roub**
Retired CFO
Harris Corporation

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Debbie Adkins, Chair

SPRING 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

• May 1, 2008

Colleen Cunningham
Managing Director—Tri State Resources Global Professionals
Sponsored by:
Resources Global

MENU

• May 2008

- **Contemporary Caesar Salad** of Whole Leaf Baby Romaine Lettuce, Caesar Vinaigrette, Parmesan Cheese Focaccia Croutons
- **Rosemary and Chili Rubbed Prime Rib of Beef**, Red Potatoes, Natural Jus
- **Tira Mi Su Espresso Soaked Lady Fingers** with Sweetened Marscarpone and Mocha Crema

CFO ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE

Ann Graham, Chair

The CFO Roundtable Committee has completed the planning for their last meeting which is scheduled to be held on **May 21, 2008** from **11:30 AM** till **1:30 PM** at the **Citrus Club**. The topic will be **Practical Application of Internal Controls**: What to look for, major risk areas, and tips on how to detect problems/frauds. It will be graciously sponsored by Resources Global.

All 2007 – 2008
Financial Executive International Central Florida Chapter
Dinner Meetings will be held at the **Grand Bohemian Hotel**
325 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando