

President's Remarks

Happy New Year! First, I would like to thank Todd Preti for his steady leadership over the last year which has helped the FPA of Hampton Roads continue its record of success and achievement on behalf of our members and the financial planning profession. It was a privilege to have been on his board and to learn from him and the other members of the Board as I accept my new responsibility.

I am excited about the coming year and the energy and enthusiasm of our new board, a balance of "new" and "seasoned" (I disdain use of word "old") board members. My goal was to get the right people in the room so we can continue to explore new areas of endeavor that are important to our members' success and furthering the financial planning profession. We have a great board that is looking forward to stepping up (as they do every year) and stepping out.

As I have been serving on the board, let me take this opportunity to thank several whose contributions to the FPA of Hampton Roads does not get the recognition deserved. First, our Executive Director, Emily Roussos, continues to not only Herd the Cats but also keep us on track. She does an incredible job behind the scenes taking care of a myriad of details so the Board can focus on our Mission and we can execute events to the benefit of our members. To say she is an asset is a gross understatement. Also as I come from the Programs area, the efforts of Karl Klinger and Bob Ponton to volunteer and take care of so many details of the Breakfast Meetings and Continuing Education events. They make these events happen when it comes down to the "crunch". Their contribution to our success has been as superb as it has been consistent.

Dramatic change: Absolutely not. Change: Absolutely. What to know more, see you at breakfast and on this page in coming months.

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