

REFLECTING & LOOKING FORWARD

It is hard to believe that my year as Chapter President is coming to a close. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in this role. I have been inspired by the time and energy of the volunteer board and committee members. It speaks volumes about their commitment to our profession and FPA.

Through our combined efforts, a lot has been accomplished in 2015. To name a few of our recent successes: Nexgen education series, FPA career day at St. Joe's, regional happy hours, new regional study groups, a social media training session, a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter, revamped sponsorship packages, participation in the FPA Advocacy Day in Washington DC, excellent speakers, and a complete re-organization of the chapter's finances.

I offer my sincere appreciation to the 2015 board members: Paula Nangle, Vince Barbera, Bill Love, Erik Evans, Nick Maningas, Rachel Moran, Steve Krzywicki, Sameer Somal, Pete Gutekunst, Chris Bertram, Ben Cummings, Larry Helmick, Sanjay Pawar, Kevin Coughlin, and Kraig Null. I want to give a special thank you to our chapter executive and the best meatball maker in the area, Chris Stewart. Thank you for your dedication to the profession and to our chapter.

It has been an honor to serve on the executive committee with Paula Nangle and Vince Barbera. 2015 completes Paula's FPA Philadelphia board service. I speak for everyone when I say that we will miss her! She has been an amazing force for many years and her leadership and dedication has been unparalleled.

I know our Chapter will grow and thrive as Vince assumes the role of President for 2016.

We just held our Strategic Planning meeting for 2016 and there is a lot to look forward to! Check out the upcoming events in this newsletter and on our website. One of our primary goals is to get more members involved in the various committees. If you get more involved in our chapter, I guarantee you will value your membership even more!

With appreciation,

Rich Durso