

It is also no coincidence that our conference themes have followed a path of progression...major trends (through a very tumultuous time in our industry), knowledge-sharing opportunities through panels, breakout sessions and learning centers and finally, coaching and leadership forums led by key note speakers Darryl Davis, Scott Burrows, Drew Dudley and Chip Madera. In addition, we had the honor of hosting some of our own industry leaders such as Peggy Smith, Rich McClure, Susan Schneider and Matt Spinolo just to name a few.

And what about our 25th anniversary celebration I hope you were able to attend at least one (if not both) of our "silver celebration" events last year! They were both very informational - and wow, talk about a star-studded dinner at Cubre Libre restaurant last September. How many regional groups can 'brag' about the legacy and loyalty of our members?

And so, a huge thank you to all of our conference contributors over the past three years - presenters, panelists, moderators, breakout and learning center leaders. Yes, it is a time commitment on top of an already full "plate" of daily work - but your efforts and dedication in delivering these successful events is appreciated beyond words!

Finally - and not to sound too much like the recent Academy Awards ceremony - a final word of thanks to Matt and Angie who were critical partners (or should I say co-conspirators!) in the planning of SRRC programs over the past three years. Along with Andi (Parker) at the helm of Logistics, and all of the contributing SRRC Board members, it's been a truly awesome journey together.

So now, moving forward (pun INTENDED), I am extremely pleased and excited to introduce your new Programs Chairperson, Eve Seib, and her co-chairs, Neil Demond and "V" Vadstein who will be taking over the reins for 2014. Get ready SRRC folks - I have a feeling the best is yet to come and you won't want to miss!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Orlando on March 20th!!