

## A Letter from the President



With all of the heart-breaking news about Harvey's impact on so many, it is nice to share some good news. Your FEI Houston Board has reduced the membership fee by \$100 from \$250 to \$150 effective July 1, 2017. We need to thank the increasing support from our sponsors and the continuous effort from your FEI Houston Board to achieve this reduction. In addition to the fee reduction, we are developing more events that members may attend free of charge with the goal of increasing value and engagement.

As you get your renewal notices, you will see that FEI National started combining the National and Houston Chapter dues into a single amount. Please know that the \$100 membership fee reduction will be reflected in the combined amount. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christine Bell, FEI's Director of Member Services & Chapter Support at 973.765.1088.

For those who paid their membership renewal invoice with a membership renewal date on or after July 1, 2017, you will be contacted in the coming week to ask whether you want us to refund the \$100 difference or to donate your refund to one of the following 501(c)(3) tax-deductible funds: United Way of Greater Houston Relief Fund or FEI Houston Scholarship Foundation.

We have some "not to be missed" opportunities on the horizon such as our Tuesday, September 19th Chapter dinner meeting featuring Clay Williams, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer at National Oilwell Varco, who successfully moved from CFO to CEO. In addition, our Platinum sponsor for the meeting, Robert Half, is creating a very timely professional development panel discussion around the topic of how organizations can continue to execute their business in the face of traumatic disruptions such as Harvey.

We have other exciting keynote speakers and panels lined up for the year as well as special interest groups for energy and technology, leadership luncheon sessions, young leaders' events, CFO University, happy hours and Top Golf offering new ways to connect with fellow financial executive peers.

We are also very excited that FEI National has selected

Houston as the location for the FEI Financial Leadership Summit May 20th to the 22nd as we help shape the agenda and serve as the host Chapter.

Knowing that we are all impacted by Harvey, I hope you will find the time to join us as we pick up the pieces to find our new normal.

Warm regards,

Frances Hawes  
FEI Houston Chapter President

## Dinner Meeting

**September 19, 2017**

**The Junior League of Houston**

- 4:30 Professional Development Session**
- 5:30 Social Hour**
- 6:30 Dinner Session**



Register online by Sep 15th. [feihouston.org](http://feihouston.org)

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Want to win a gift basket?

Attend the Monthly Meeting's Professional Development Session to be entered for our prize drawing. Must be present to WIN!

Look forward to seeing you at the next Professional Development Session!

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# September 19, 2017 Dinner Meeting

## “What’s the ‘Right Stuff’ to Move from CFO to CEO?”

DINNER SESSION

**Clay Williams, Chairman, President & CEO, National Oilwell Varco**

### Biography

Clay Williams has served as Chairman, President & CEO of National Oilwell Varco (NYSE:NOV) since May 2014. National Oilwell Varco is a Fortune 500 company with 35,000 employees and operations across 67 countries that provides oilfield equipment and services globally.

Mr. Williams has worked for NOV, its predecessor companies and their shareholders for more than 20 years, serving at various times as COO, CFO, VP Finance & Investor Relations, VP Corporate Development, and VP Pipeline Services. Before joining a NOV predecessor company in 1995, Mr. Williams spent two years with SCF Partners, a private equity management firm which invests in oilfield service companies, and seven years as a petroleum engineer with Shell Oil Company, where he began his career.

Mr. Williams holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil & Geological Engineering with highest honors from Princeton University, and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Texas. He has been named CFO of the Year by both Institutional Investor and the Houston Business Journal.

Since 2008 Mr. Williams has served as a director of Benchmark Electronics, Inc. (NYSE:BHE), a global provider of electronic manufacturing services. He is currently Chairman of the board of directors of the Center for Hearing & Speech; director of the Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and a member of Society of Petroleum Engineers.



## “Executing Business During a Catastrophe”

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION

**Phil Willingham, District President, Robert Half, Michael W. Porier, Managing Director, Houston Office, Protiviti & Mike Sewart**

### Overview

The panel will discuss ways traumatic disruption impacts businesses, employees, supply chains and customers with real-time suggestions in light of Hurricane Harvey.

### Biography - P. Willingham

Phil Willingham is a Houston-based district president for Robert Half, the world’s first and largest specialized temporary staffing, consulting and recruitment services firm. Robert Half is a Fortune 500 company and was once again named first in their industry on Fortune’s list of “World’s Most Admired Companies.” Forbes Magazine also ranked Robert Half No. 1 for “Best Professional Recruiting Firms.”

In his role, Phil oversees operations for the company’s Accountemps, OfficeTeam and Robert Half Finance & Accounting divisions, specializing in the temporary, temp-to-hire and permanent placement of professionals in the fields of finance, accounting and administrative support throughout the Houston market. He also oversees Robert Half Management Resources, the consulting arm for senior level accounting, finance and business systems professionals on an interim and project basis. Robert Half Management Resources is a long-standing partner of FEI.



### Biography - M. Porier

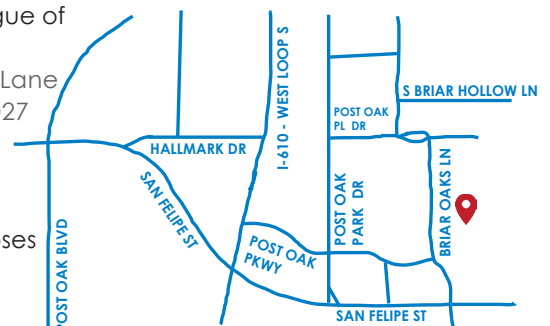
Michael Porier is one of Protiviti’s founding Managing Directors and is one of Protiviti’s Global Business Continuity segment leaders specializing in assessing and

## Meeting Directions

The Junior League of Houston  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane  
Houston, TX 77027

Register online!

Registration closes  
Sep. 15, 2017.



implementing Business Continuity solutions for clients. His expertise includes performing Business Impact Assessments to assist organizations in determining their critical business processes and working with IT to evaluate potential recovery solutions. He has performed numerous strategic assessments as well as implemented full business continuity programs, inclusive of Crisis Management Plans, Business Resumption Plan and Disaster Recovery Plans.

Michael leads the Business Continuity Management solution segment as well as Houston's Cybersecurity Practice, overseeing related assessments and remediation projects for clients. On these topics, he has presented at numerous conferences, published various articles, and has been interviewed by industry periodicals and local newspapers.

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## FEI Daily: New Resource from Financial Executives International

FEI has a new resource available to members called FEI Daily. It is something that can reach your inbox daily or weekly on hot topics affecting the financial community.

FEI Houston was featured this past week on the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and the aftermath of recovery. Josh Tabin, our Young Leaders Chair was interviewed. Please see the below article and the link to FEI Daily's podcast to hear more about Josh's experience with Hurricane Harvey.

### HARVEY, HOUSTON AND REBUILDING AS A FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE

Hurricane Harvey, which struck Texas and parts of Louisiana, has dumped nearly 19 trillion gallons of water and damaged or destroyed over 100,000 homes.

The storm has impacted people from all walks of life, including several members of Financial Executives International's Houston Chapter.

We spoke with Josh Tabin, a member of FEI Houston and Chair of its Young Leaders program to discuss the personal toll the storm has taken and how he will use his skills as a financial executive to rebuild for the future.

To read more on this article please go to [www.financialexecutives.org/topics/leadership](http://www.financialexecutives.org/topics/leadership). You will find Josh's transcript of the interview and podcast available.





## 2017-2018 FEI Houston Mission Statement & Goals

### MISSION:

FEI's mission is to advance the success of senior-level financial executives, their organizations, and the profession.

### GOALS:

- Maintain and enhance the value of the FEI brand by focusing on quality – quality members, programs and sponsors
- Be relevant to members
- Offer high quality programs and resources that help develop current and future financial officers
- Develop high quality and engaged sponsors to assist the Chapter financially, help identify programs and speakers, and help recruit new members
- Make FEI relevant and known in the community through involvement in Houston financial matters; be the voice of the financial community
- Run an effective, professional, and fiscally sound Chapter operation
- Give back to the community through our own foundation and in other ways in which our members personally choose



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