

FPA Philly President's Message

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Hello fellow FPA Philly Tri-State members,

As you already know, we had to reschedule our March meeting and that is all set to take place on June 23rd. We've also rescheduled our April 2nd New Member breakfast to June 16th. These details can be found on our web site.

We're now in the process of figuring out the best way to hold the Spring Symposium and are considering a virtual event if we are unable to host the Symposium in-person due to the current global Pandemic. The CFP Board has assured us that all virtual sessions will now qualify for full CFP CE credit. It would also allow participants to attend all of the sessions if they wish, as there would not be any breakouts. This is something the board has talked about for a while and it may happen sooner than we anticipated. Hopefully it would give more distant members the opportunity to participate, but it will obviously lack the networking aspect that I enjoy most. Please reach out to Chris Stewart (ccstewart@comcast.net) or myself (jmcfowan@marshallfinancial.com) with any suggestions or questions. We will be making our decision and providing more details just as soon as they become available, but certainly in the next couple of weeks.

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I'll share my personal COVID 19 experience in case it's helpful to anyone. My 2 year old son had a fever and was coughing, which is a common occurrence, but he has a history of respiratory issues so to be cautious we signed up online and went to the drive thru testing center at Temple Ambler. It took about an hour and we got a call the next morning that all of our tests came back negative. I'm not sure how other states and counties are handling things, but I had a great experience in PA and Montgomery. Best of luck to everyone.

Let me know if there's anything the chapter can do to help you and your business. Here's a list of FPA resources I found to be helpful. We'll continue to reach out with updates.

- [FPA Volatility Resource Center](#)
- FPA Connect Community: [Navigating Market Turbulence Related to Coronavirus](#)
- [Best Practices for Hosting Digital Events](#)
- [FPA Activate Facebook Group](#)
- [FPA Pro Bono Opportunities](#)

Warm regards,

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