

President's Corner
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Happy "spring" and it will be when the weather finally warms up! It's truly a happy time for Old Dominion as our membership numbers are up and we are the host chapter for the Norfolk NEC. We expect to have a large contingent at NEC, so be sure to register and book your room. Be on the lookout for information on a chapter event to be held after the welcome reception on Tuesday night. The education sessions once again promise to be first-rate!



On behalf of the chapter I want to send a big thank you to the Chapter Conference Committee for an excellent conference! Hope Adams, Wayne Callis and Mary Clair O'Hara brought in top notch speakers to help us navigate through ethics, improve our leadership styles, sharpen our eVA skills and percolate ideas for meeting budgets. Also, many thanks to our host, the Embassy Suites, and sponsor, the Hampton CVB; between them they provided great meeting space and fed us magnificently. The Chapter Conference is traditionally the first week of March, so mark your calendars for 2019.

While we don't have chapter board elections this year, I want to urge you to strongly consider being a chapter leader. Next year, the president (planner) and 2nd vice president (supplier) will need fresh faces as Michelle and I have will have reached our term limits. New leadership is a wonderful opportunity for the chapter to grow and remain strong. If you are unsure of how the board operates, the best way to learn is to attend board meetings; members are always welcome!

It's the time of year to be thinking about the Chapter Awards and who you think is deserving of an award and why. The awards are Supplier of the Year, Planner of the Year and Members' Choice. The nomination forms come out in May prior to the June 20 Awards banquet.

We hope to see you at the monthly meetings and especially at NEC in Norfolk June 5-7. We want to hear from you! I encourage you to contact me or any board member with your ideas or questions.

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