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## PRESIDENT



**Matt Cooley** is the President of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. Prior to this, Matt was VP Sponsorship for two years. He joined FEI in early 2014.

Matt is currently a Business Controller on Ericsson's Global Business Finance team. Matt moved from Silicon Valley in 2012 accepting a transfer as Vice President of Finance & CFO of Telcordia Technologies, a company acquired by Ericsson. He has also held senior finance and operations roles at Redback Networks, BackWeb Technologies, Oracle and The Pacific Stock Exchange. Matt also co-founded a customer care company on Maui, Hawaii. In addition to FEI, Matt attends tech Meetups and supports entrepreneurial projects in his

spare time. He has a MBA from San Francisco State University and a Bachelor of Science in International Business from California State University, Sacramento. Matt resides with his wife and son in New Jersey.

## VICE PRESIDENT & SECRETARY



**Mitchell Peipert** is the Treasurer of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. He has been a member since 2001. Mitch has been Vice President-Finance & Chief Financial Officer of Thomas Publishing Company since November 2006. He oversees finance and information technology and provides strategic vision to executive management.

Prior to joining Thomas Publishing Company, Mr. Peipert was Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer at CSI, a publicly held information technology consulting company. He held that position from January 2001 through October 2006. In addition to taking the company public, he took the lead role in five successful acquisitions in three years.

From April 1992 until January 2001, Mr. Peipert served as Senior Vice President of Operations and Controller of TSR Wireless LLC, where he directed the finance, operations and human resources functions. He also assisted the Chief Executive Officer in strategic planning, capital raising and acquisitions. Prior to his employment by TSR, he held various managerial roles for Anchin, Block & Anchin, certified public accountants, Merrill Lynch and Grant Thornton.

Mr. Peipert is a CPA and attained his MBA in financial management from Pace University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the New York State Society of CPA's. He is also on the Board of Advisors of Boomerang.org and KidBacker.

## TREASURER



**Nigyar Mamedova** is the Treasurer of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. She has been a member since 2015.

Nigyar Mamedova is a seasoned accounting, analytics and audit leader with 20 years of international experience obtained in Big 4 public accounting firms (including PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte, Ernst & Young) and Fortune 500 companies in United States, Canada, United Kingdom and the Caribbean. With extensive expertise in SEC reporting, external/internal audit, technical accounting, Sarbanes-Oxley, US GAAP, and IFRS, she has been instrumental in implementing financial re-engineering and reporting controls for a number of Fortune 500 companies including: AIG, Prudential, Citibank, Deutsche Bank, British Petroleum, Coca-Cola, Exxon-Mobil and Aviva, among others.

Nigyar is a Technical Director, and a member of the Executive Staff of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), reporting to the President. NASBA is an accounting regulator which administers the CPA exam and regulates the CPA profession. In her role Nigyar is responsible for setting standards impacting the accounting profession, and evaluating the impact of technology innovations (Blockchain, Bitcoin and Big Data) on the future of accounting profession. Nigyar is a liaison to major accounting standard setters and regulators (including PCAOB and FASB), and serves on the Banking and Securities and Exchange Committees of the New York State Society of CPAs.

Nigyar is a CPA and holds an undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Statistics (with honors), and Master's degree in Economics from Kansas State University. Nigyar has served as a Treasurer for New York Toastmasters club in 2015-2016.

## VP MEMBERSHIP



**Graziella Lamot** is the Vice President of Membership for the New York City chapter of Financial Executives International. She has been a member since 2014.

Graziella was previously VP Strategy & Process Improvement at American Express in New York. In this capacity, she was leading the identification, planning and delivery of strategic initiatives to enable the Corporate Controllershship organization achieve key objectives. Prior to this, Graziella was the Head of Finance at Thomson Reuters Investors (business unit with \$1 billion in revenues and over 6,000 employees) where she drove finance transformation initiatives. She began her career as a management consultant with A.T. Kearney in London, and later joined News Corp. as a Corporate Development Manager where she supported the CFO and COO of subsidiaries in Print, Digital media/ e-commerce and Cable TV in managing strategic and corporate finance initiatives in the UK and the US.

Graziella speaks fluent French and is proficient in Italian. She holds a B.S. in Commercial Engineering from the University of Louvain (Belgium), a postgraduate degree in Finance (CFA) from the University of Leuven (Belgium) and an MBA in finance and manufacturing from the Johnson School (Cornell). She is in the process of earning a certificate in The Internet of Things given by MIT Management Executive Education.

## VP PROGRAMMING



**Alexander Kotlyarevsky** is the Vice President of Programming for the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. He has been a member since 2009.

Alex is currently the Vice President of Finance at MAXX Properties. As finance and operations executive with expertise overseeing financial infrastructure, forecasting, and reporting, he has played key roles in business operations in real estate and retail industries.

Prior to joining MAXX Properties, Alex was the Vice President of Finance at AR Global overseeing financial and strategic planning, infrastructure, treasury, risk and asset management, M&A activities, profit improvement, and other special projects. Over the course of his career, he held various senior finance and operations positions in real estate and retail industries and spent a number of years at AR Global, Cushman & Wakefield, and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Alex has an MBA in Financial Management and Public Accounting from Pace University. He resides with his wife and two sons in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

## VP SPONSORSHIP



**Nicholas Mitrakis** is the Vice President of Sponsorships for the New York City chapter of Financial Executives International. From 2004-2007 he was the Programs Chair, Sponsorship Chair, Secretary and 2nd Vice President of the Dallas chapter of FEI. He has been a member of FEI since 2003.

Nicholas is currently Corporate Controller, USA & Latin America at WSP a \$6B global engineering professional services consulting firm. He was previously the CFO and COO of K2 Partnering Solutions Ltd a global IT services firm based in London, UK. Prior to this, Nicholas was the Head of Global Transformation/Corporate Development and also CFO Americas at Michael Page International a global specialist recruitment consultancy with \$1.6B in sales and 5,500 employees in 35 countries.

Nicholas began his career at global industrial conglomerate SIEMENS in New York City and Dallas, TX where he held positions of increasing responsibility rising through the ranks from operational audit to strategic planning and divisional CFO roles.

Nicholas speaks fluent German and Greek and is proficient in French. He holds a B.S. in Finance and International Business from Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business and an Executive Certificate in Strategy & Innovation from MIT's Sloan School of Business. He is an Advisory Board member of Fordham University's Alumni Association and is active in his community of New Canaan, CT where he resides with his wife and daughter.

## DIRECTOR



**Alvin Fenichel** is a Director and past President of the New York City Chapter of the Financial Executives International. He has been a member of the FEI since 1976.

Al was Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of AXA Financial upon his retirement in 2012. During his 25 years with AXA, his responsibilities included traditional controllership functions of an SEC registrant and maintenance of financial reporting and financial management information on US GAAP, IFRS and insurance statutory accounting bases. Additionally, Al partnered with product, distribution, service, investments, risk management and IT business areas in support of critical strategic initiatives and growth opportunities.

Prior to joining AXA, Al was with CBS Inc. for 15 years serving in financial positions including officer responsible for worldwide Internal Audit and senior financial officer for the consumer products group with extensive involvement in mergers and acquisitions. Al began his career with Coopers and Lybrand after graduating from Rider University. He received his MBA in Executive Management from Pace University.

Al is currently a member of the Board of Advisors of H. S. Grace & Company, a litigation consulting firm. Additionally, Al serves on the Town of Greenburg (NY) Water Advisory Board and provides financial and operational assistance to the Town Supervisor. Al is a member of the American Institute of CPA's and the Accounting Advisory Board of Rider University. He resides with his wife in Scarsdale, NY and has two children and 2 grandchildren.

## DIRECTOR



**Kevin Hanrahan** is a Director of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. He has been a member since 2014.

Kevin is Chairman and CEO of TranSigma Worldwide Inc. He is an entrepreneur and board member of high-tech start-ups, consulting and software development companies. With over 30 years leadership experience in industry and management consulting, he is an expert in driving agile digitization throughout an enterprise.

Kevin is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt, Certified Project Management Professional (PMP), and Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP). He is a member of Financial Executives International (Manhattan Chapter), the Ohio Society of CPA's, American Institute of CPA's, Information Systems Audit and Control Association, the Risk Management Association and the Project Management Institute.

Kevin graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Accounting from Xavier University. He also received his Masters in Finance and Tax from Xavier University.

## DIRECTOR



**S. Colin Neill**, is a Director of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International and has been a FEI member since 1992. Currently he is semi-retired, serving on a few boards, both commercial and nonprofit.

For the past twenty years, Colin was involved in the biotechnology industry, serving as President and CFO of Pharms Corporation, and earlier as CFO of Axonyx Inc. and ClinTrials Research Inc.

Before moving into the biotechnology industry, Colin gained experience as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of BTR Inc., a \$3.5 billion US subsidiary of BTR plc, a British diversified manufacturing company, and Vice President Financial Services of The BOC Group Inc., a \$2.5 billion British owned industrial gas company with substantial operations in the health care field. Colin served four years with American Express Travel Related Services, first as chief internal auditor for worldwide operations and then as head of business planning and financial analysis.

Colin began his career in public accounting with Arthur Andersen LLP in Ireland and later with Price Waterhouse LLP as a senior manager in New York City. He also served with Price Waterhouse for two years in Paris, France. Colin graduated from Trinity College, Dublin with a first class honors degree in Business/Economics and he holds a master's degree in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics. He is a CPA in New York State and a Chartered Accountant in Ireland.

**DIRECTOR**

**David Nichols** is a Director of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. He has been a member since 2001.

David is the President of Starfire Management which consults in the areas of accounting, finance and real estate. Prior to forming Starfire, David was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Stonehenge Capital, a private equity and real estate organization. David oversaw over 250 individual entities and a real estate portfolio in excess of 10 million square feet. David started his career with Grant Thornton, certified public accountants.

David holds patents in the areas of fundraising, marketing and augmented reality. He formed Boomerang.org to use new technologies to raise funds and awareness for various charitable causes. David is a CPA and a member of the American Institute of CPA's, and the New York State Society of CPA's.

**DIRECTOR**

**John O'Day** is a Director of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. He has been a member since 2000.

John's background is especially valuable to clients who can benefit from the strategies he builds to manage their personal and business finances and investments. John joined Morgan Stanley in March 2015 as a Senior Vice President Financial Advisor and Corporate Retirement Director after nearly fifteen years at Merrill Lynch. Prior to that, John had almost two decades of experience, holding senior corporate treasury positions at Fortune 500 companies including Marsh & McLennan Companies, RJR Nabisco and Carter-Wallace.

Over the years, John has earned the reputation of truly understanding his client's needs. He prides himself on the relationships he has nurtured during his tenor in the financial services industry, and strives to deliver an exceptional experience to his clientele, serving as their chief advocate. His ultimate goal is to develop a comprehensive wealth management portfolio that integrates their unique risk/reward profile with estate conversation and tax planning strategies to help them achieve their financial goals and leave the legacy they desire.

John earned a B.A. from Manhattan College and an MBA in Finance from Fordham University. He is active in his community of Rockville Centre and supportive of many charitable organizations including The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, St Jude's Children Hospital and Wounded Warrior. He enjoys the beach, Cross-fit training and is an avid New York Ranger hockey fan.

**DIRECTOR/NOMINATIONS CHAIR**

**Dana Price** is a Director and recent past President of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. Prior to this, Dana was the Programming Chair for two years. She has been a member since 2011.

Dana is VP of Mergers & Acquisitions at McGraw Hill Education and has been in that role since 2013. She is involved in deals across the entire company as well as capital markets transactions and other special projects. She is also part of the company's mentor program.

Prior to joining McGraw Hill Education she held several Chief Financial Officer roles and spent a number of years at Primedia in an M&A capacity. Dana has worked on over 100 transactions both on the buy and sell side including the integration of acquisitions. She has also spent two years in the tech startup world.

Dana began her career at Deloitte, she is a CPA and holds a bachelor's degree from Binghamton University and a MBA from Cornell University. She is a member of the New York State Society of CPAs and is also President of the Cornell Johnson Club of NYC.



## DIRECTOR



**Christina Spade** is a Director of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. She has been a member of FEI since 2012.

Christina Spade serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Showtime Networks Inc. She is responsible for all financial matters relating to Showtime Networks' businesses, and oversees the finance and strategy for the network's divisions including budgeting, planning, forecasting and accounting of all the business segments within SNI. A vital member of Showtime Networks' senior management team, Spade also serves as one of SNI's primary liaisons to the CBS Corporation. Showtime Networks is one of CBS Corporation's largest divisions and a key generator of revenue. She also oversees the network's information technology division and serves as a member of the board for Smithsonian Channel™.

Christina previously served as Senior Vice President, Affiliate Finance and Business Operations for Showtime Networks Inc., where she led the financial and business operations' management of distribution revenue and sales, marketing and creative expenses for SNI. She has worked in different capacities at Showtime Networks during her over 20 years with the Company, including programming finance leadership and as a key steward of the successful implementation of various financial, operational and reporting systems. Prior to joining SHOWTIME, she was an Audit Manager with Pricewaterhouse Coopers in the Entertainment, Media and Communications practice.

Christina is currently an executive member of the Board of Directors for the T. Howard Foundation as Treasurer.

She is a CPA and graduated with a B.A. in Accounting from St. Joseph's University.

## DIRECTOR / UNIVERSITY RELATIONS CHAIR



**Glenn Tyranski** is a Director of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. He has been a member of FEI since 1998.

Glenn Tyranski is a Managing Director at FTI Consulting and is based in New York. Mr. Tyranski is in the Forensic Accounting & Advisory Services practice within the Forensic & Litigation Consulting segment specializing in activism and M&A solutions.

Mr. Tyranski brings extensive experience in financial regulation, financial communications, compliance, risk

assessment, auditing issues, policy, corporate governance, crisis management and shareholder and board of director engagement. Drawing on his professional background Mr. Tyranski brings to the Activism and M&A Solutions groups his many relationships and engagement and project experiences

Prior to joining FTI Consulting, Mr. Tyranski worked as an Executive Director in Ernst & Young's Financial Accounting Advisory Services practice supporting the policy & governance as well as transaction readiness efforts. Previous to his Ernst & Young role, Mr. Tyranski was Senior Vice President, Financial Compliance at the New York Stock Exchange. In this role he was the co-Chair of the NYSE's Listings & Compliance Committee and reported directly to the Exchange's Chief Regulatory Officer and the NYSE Regulation Board of Directors. Mr. Tyranski managed the financial oversight of all global listing candidates as well as the Exchange's entire listed company population. He consulted and provided oversight on a range of listings, disclosure, compliance, governance and policy issues with various external parties and advisers in the capital markets. Mr. Tyranski began his career as a senior manager in the assurance practice at KPMG

Mr. Tyranski holds a B.S. degree in Accounting and Computers and Information Services from King's College. He is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of New York and a member of the American Institute of Public Accountants. Mr. Tyranski serves on the board of directors for various Not-for-Profit organizations and is an active committee at King's College, Long Island Children's Museum, Tomorrow's Hope Foundation and Financial Executives International's New York City Chapter.

Mr. Tyranski has been a speaker, moderator or panelist at varying organizations and societies throughout his career on issues surrounding regulations, disclosure and capital markets. He has also had selected articles published in various trade and industry periodicals. He is also an active member of FEI, NACD and NIRI.

## DIRECTOR



**Linda Zukauckas** is a Director and past President of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. She has been a member of FEI since 2002.

Linda has been EVP & Corporate Controller of American Express since 2011. She has broad responsibilities across Finance, leading all Record-to-Report processes globally, in addition to Global Tax. Her team encompasses more than 1,500 employees in over 35 countries. Linda is a member of American Express's Global Management Team and sits on several leadership committees within the Company. Linda is the executive sponsor of the Company's Executive Women's Interest Network. Linda is also a member of the Board of Directors of American Express Global Business Travel, a 50/50 JV between American Express and third-party investors.

Prior to joining American Express, Linda held various senior leadership roles at Ally Financial (formerly GMAC Inc), including Managing Director Corporate Strategy at Ally Financial, where she had responsibility for bank strategy matters, including M&A. Previously she was Chief Financial Officer of North America Auto Finance, Ally Financial's largest business segment; Group Vice President Finance, where she led Finance transformation; and previously led GMAC's global controllership and internal audit functions.

Prior to joining GMAC, Linda held senior leadership roles at Deutsche Bank/Bankers Trust, in both New York and in the Asia Region, during which time she was based in Singapore. She began her career at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Linda is active in the finance profession. She is the Past President of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International and, together with other Fortune 100 Controllers, is a member of FEI's Committee on Corporate Reporting. Linda also serves on the Board of Directors of FEI at the National level. Linda is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting) degree from Texas Tech University. Linda and her husband James have a son (Chris) and a daughter (Charlotte) and reside in New York City.

## CAREER MANAGEMENT CHAIR



**Alyssa Gelbard** is the Career Management Chair of the New York City Chapter of Financial Executives International. She has been involved with FEI since 2015.

Alyssa Gelbard is the Founder and President of Point Road Group, a global career consulting and personal branding firm that helps executives confidently market themselves to achieve their career goals. Point Road Group works with individuals seeking a new job, board role or stronger professional visibility to drive business success, and partners with organizations for customized corporate programs. Alyssa also founded Resume Strategists, Point Road Group's initial brand, almost 15 years ago.

Alyssa is a sought-after expert and experienced speaker on careers and personal branding. She brings a unique perspective to her expertise, drawing from a background in strategic marketing and branding, and experience hiring and managing staff extensively throughout her career.

In addition to leading the Point Road Group team, Alyssa works directly with clients, using the highly strategic and personalized approach that has become synonymous with the firm.

Alyssa is an instructor at the renowned 92nd Street Y and a recurring featured speaker at the NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development. She is also the Career Management Chair of the NY Chapter of Financial Executives International, an elected member of the Tufts University Alumni Council, serving on the Career Services and Special Interest Group Committees, and a member of the Paley Media Council.

As an Adjunct Professor and Advisory Board Member of the Masters in Sports Administration Program at Endicott College, Alyssa developed and teaches the course, Preparing For Careers In Sports.

Her expertise in career advancement and personal branding has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, Fast Company, Inc., Huffington Post, Forbes, Business Insider, CIO, The Street and eFinancial Careers, among many other publications.

Alyssa has an MBA in Marketing from NYU's Stern School of Business and a BA in Sociology from Tufts University.