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The Richmond Chapter has several volunteer board officer positions currently open. The local chapter provides leadership opportunities for CEBS graduates and students who may be interested in serving in a volunteer role. If you would like the chance to give back to your benefits community and help shape the future of the local Richmond chapter, feel free to reach out to any of the listed board members above.

You can also visit the [Board Member Job Descriptions](#) page for more information.

President's Message

The last days of summer have officially passed. I hope your summer was enjoyable and provided time to travel, catch up on reading, spend time outdoors, or simply relax. Fall is my favorite season and time of year. For many of us it represents a time of transition, whether its kids going back to school, becoming an empty nester, starting a new job, or some other life event. This time also provides opportunity to take advantage of learning opportunities that contribute to your career and professional development. For those who attended this year's **Annual Symposium** in Seattle, Washington August 20 through 23, the Symposium provided an opportunity to network with other benefits professionals and learn from industry experts across a range of topics.

The Richmond Chapter is pleased to sponsor our annual Fall Educational Event. The speakers for the upcoming half day education session on **October 10th** will share their expertise and insights on timely topics that include the importance of DEI in an employer's health benefits strategy, retirement readiness and factors to consider when transitioning from the accumulation to decumulation phase, and finally, promoting planning and resources to help employees navigate the family caregiving process. The event will begin with breakfast and networking at 8:00 a.m. We are confident the information will be helpful for our members and other benefits professionals. Register for the session online at www.iscebs-richmond.org. While you're at the site, check out some photos from the chapter's annual social, which was held at River City Roll this past June.

Of course, the year would not be complete without the Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting will be held on **November 30, 2023**, at the Westwood Club from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. We are excited to have **Dominic Willsdon**, Executive Director of the **Institute for Contemporary Art** at Virginia Commonwealth University speak with us, and we will elect next year's board. The Annual Meeting also serves as a great opportunity to introduce your coworkers, clients, or new college graduates to our organization. More information will be shared later. I look forward to seeing you there!

Peter S. Thompson, MBA, CEBS
President, ISCEBS Richmond Chapter

Please Join Us for the October 2023 Educational Event

Topics & Speakers	Topic	Speakers	Organization
	Advancing Belonging: <i>Connecting DEI to Your Health Benefits Strategy</i>	Tomako Deaner <i>CEO & Founder</i>	tobu advisors
	Retirement Readiness: <i>Factors to Consider When Transitioning from the Accumulation to Decumulation Phase</i>	Ken Barnes, CFP®, CIMA® <i>Senior Investment Consultant</i>	SageView Advisory Group
	Family Caregiving: <i>Promoting Planning & Resources to Help Employees</i>	John T. Jessee <i>Director, Defined Contribution</i>	MFS Investment Management
Date & Time	Tuesday, October 10, 2023 , from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Breakfast provided.		
Location	Westwood Club 6200 West Club Lane Richmond, VA 23226 (804) 288-6028		
Cost	\$35 (\$25 for members of the Richmond Chapter of ISCEBS)		
R.S.V.P.	<u>Register and pay online here</u>		

Mark Your Calendars Now! Future Dates for Annual Symposium!

2024

September 15-18
Nashville, Tennessee
[Grand Hyatt Nashville](#)

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2025

September 14-17
New Location!
Minneapolis, Minnesota
[Hyatt Regency Minneapolis](#)

2026

August 23-26
Phoenix, Arizona
[Arizona Biltmore](#)

Chapter Webcast Committee



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If you're looking for some free benefits education opportunities, check out the ISCEBS webcasts, which are available at no charge to members. The webcasts are presented live, then recorded and available on-demand.

For more information or to register for a webcast event, visit [ISCEBS Webcasts](#).



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