



NIRI-CHICAGO NAMES 2004-2005 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The new leadership aims to build on the chapter's success

CHICAGO - June 14, 2004 - The Chicago chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI-Chicago) announced today that it has elected six officers and six directors for the 2004-2005 term.

Said incoming NIRI-Chicago President Steven D. Carr, "The Chicago chapter is one of NIRI's most vibrant and vital chapters, as evidenced by the 2004 Best Overall Chapter Award for large chapters we recently received from NIRI. The board remains committed to building on the chapter's success and improving the value we provide our membership, particularly in terms of responding to our member's desires and fostering the ever-important sense of professional community."

The NIRI-Chicago chapter board for the 2004-2005 term comprises the following members:

Officers

President: Steven D. Carr, director of Public Relations at Rhea & Kaiser. Carr previously held the position of executive vice president.

Executive Vice President: David A. Prichard, vice president of Investor and Corporate Relations at IMC Global, Inc. [NYSE: IGL]. Prichard previously served as vice president-Programs and vice president-Treasurer.

Vice President-Programs: William D. Chapman, director of Investor Relations at W.W. Grainger, Inc. [NYSE: GWW]. Chapman previously served as a director of the chapter.

Vice President-Treasurer: Christine Hanneman, vice president of Investor Relations at Pactiv Corporation. [NYSE: PTV]. This is Hanneman's second year to serve as treasurer for the chapter. Hanneman previously served as a director of the chapter.

Vice President-Membership: Jonathan Hubbard, president of Alltus Communications. Hubbard has been an active volunteer in the chapter, serving on the 2004 NIRI-Chicago Annual IR Workshop Committee, among other activities.

Vice President-Communications: Ruth E. Venning, director of Corporate Relations at Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. [AMEX:TDS]. Venning served as chairperson of the 2004 NIRI Chicago Annual IR Workshop.

Directors

Chairman of the Board: Cindy Thorson Klimstra, director of Investor Relations at CDW Corporation [NASDAQ: CDWC]. Klimstra served as president of the chapter from 2002 to June 2004; before that she was vice president-Membership.

Director: Christopher G. Curtis, vice president of Ashton Partners. This is Curtis's third year to serve on the chapter board. His first year he served as vice president-Membership; his second year was as a director of the chapter.

Director: John Kroen, executive vice president of Dresner Corporate Services, Inc.

Director: Thomas Laughran, vice president at Fleishman-Hillard Inc.

Director: Jean Medina, media relations manager at United Airlines. This is Medina's second year as director on the chapter board.

Director: William H. Parke, director of Financial Communications at Motorola, Inc. [NYSE: MOT]. Parke, a long-term member of the board, has served in several capacities, including president of the chapter from 2000 to 2001 and also chairman of the board.

Departing Officers and Directors

The chapter officers and directors extend their gratitude to the following four departing officers and directors for their effort and many contributions to the chapter:

- **Mary Brevard, formerly a director of the chapter for several years** - director of IR & Communications at Borg Warner, Inc. [NYSE: BWA].
- **Beth Coronelli, formerly vice president-Membership** - vice president of Investor Relations at General Growth Properties, Inc. [NYSE:GGP];
- **Dileep Gangolli, formerly vice president-Communications** - president of Walden Analytics, LLC; and
- **Bradley D. Wilks, formerly president of the chapter from 2001 to 2002 and then chairman of the chapter** - managing director of Ogilvy Public Relations WorldWide.

About Niri-Chicago

The Chicago chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (Niri-Chicago) works to advance the practice of investor relations and meet the growing professional development needs of those engaged in the field. The members of Niri-Chicago include corporate officers, consultants, service providers, academics, and others involved in the practice of investor relations, which is a strategic management responsibility that integrates finance, communication, marketing and securities law compliance. With more than 200 members, Niri-Chicago is one of the largest Niri chapters in the United States. More information on is available at www.niri-chicago.org.