



## **NIRI-Chicago Recognized with Chairman's Awards at NIRI Annual Awards Ceremony**

CHICAGO, June 21, 2010 – The Chicago Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI-Chicago) received two Chairman's Awards at the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) Annual Awards Ceremony earlier this month in San Diego.

The awards were in recognition of the Chapter's Board Governance Guidelines and its Capital Markets Mini-Workshop and Options Strategy Luncheon.

"It's gratifying that the Board's efforts on behalf of our members have been recognized. We take our responsibilities seriously, and are dedicated to advancing the practice of investor relations as well as the professional expertise and stature of our members. Among the ways we do this is through quality programs and networking opportunities," said NIRI-Chicago President Patty Paul.

The Chapter's governance guidelines serve as living, breathing documents that articulate broad expectations for those serving as Chapter officers, directors and advisory directors and can provide a self-assessment tool for individuals on the Board.

The Capital Markets Mini-Workshop, which was in addition to the Chapter's regular programming, enhanced the value proposition of Chapter membership. The roster of presenters included well-recognized individuals in the capital markets arena, including William Brodsky, chairman and CEO of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) and chairman of the World Federation of Exchanges.

In addition, Steve Carr, a long-term NIRI-Chicago director and prior Chapter officer, received NIRI's Individual Chapter Leadership Award at the NIRI Awards Ceremony. Carr has been integral to the success of numerous NIRI-Chicago programs, including the Chapter's Midwest Annual Report Awards competition, which he chaired last year.

### **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. NIRI-Chicago is one of the largest NIRI chapters in the United States. More information is available at [www.niri-chicago.org](http://www.niri-chicago.org).