



Upcoming Events

February 20

**NIRI in Your Neighborhood North
Suburban Networking Reception**

[Register](#)

February 27

**NIRI in Your Neighborhood
Downtown Breakfast Roundtable**

[Register](#)

March 18

**Fresh Eyes on IR: Establish Yourself
as a Key Strategic Advisor**

[Register](#)



From the President

Superstition suggests we should expect an early spring this year, since Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow upon emerging from his burrow on Groundhog Day. However, the data suggest that Phil is only correct about 40% of the time. (That doesn't seem to be a high bar to reach, but I guess that is neither here, nor there.)

In other news, NIRI-Chicago thanks Barbara Noverini, director of investor relations at Morningstar, for volunteering to serve as NIRI-Chicago's advocacy ambassador. This role is relatively new, as NIRI national and its chapters support a more robust advocacy initiative nationwide. As advocacy ambassador, Barbara will work with the NIRI-Chicago Board to help build greater support among chapter members for NIRI's advocacy priorities.

I am sure many of you are in the thick of preparation for earnings -- but if you can make it, we'd love to see you at one or both upcoming NIRI in Your Neighborhood events. We are holding a north suburban networking reception on Thursday, Feb. 20, and a downtown Chicago breakfast roundtable on Thursday, Feb. 27. These are great events to network informally, talk with colleagues about current trends, and solicit feedback on challenges you may be facing. I encourage you to attend.

In the meantime, good luck with earnings -- and may Punxsutawney Phil be right this time!

Terri Anne Powers
NIRI-Chicago President

Photo of the Month



January panelists Rebecca Corbin, Paul Newsome and Christine Hanneman

Recent NIRI-Chicago Meeting Recaps

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January 2020

[It's Your Hour – Do You Use It Wisely?](#)

December 2019

[Investor Relations in Special Situations](#)

September 2019

[IR Workshop Session Summaries](#)

January Highlights

It's earnings season, which makes our January program even more timely. Our expert panelists – a consultant, analyst and IRO – discussed best practices for the earnings announcement based on both research and their extensive experience. Read the [event summary](#).

In the News

- Hedge funds took advantage of [reduced analyst coverage](#), spent more cash on [M&A campaigns](#) in 2019.
- SEC proposed [changes](#) to corporate disclosure rules.
- Fitch: more banks are [screening for ESG risks](#).
- [13 ESG investing trends to watch](#).
- UK data: [ultrafast trading costs investors](#) nearly \$5 billion per year.
- [IPO demand](#) is expected to be strong in 2020.
- [Large-cap dominance](#) of stock markets raises concerns.
- IR Magazine [Global Investor Relations Practice Report 2019](#): average number of public company meetings with investors declined 8% since 2015.

NIRI-Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: **Paul DePartout**, director of investor relations, Coeur Mining, Inc.; **Jerry Estes**, investor relations analyst, Coeur Mining, Inc.; **Valerie King**, senior vice president, Ariel Investments; **Megan Rattigan**, vice president, investor relations and controller, JBT Corporation; **Kiley Rawlins**, vice president, investor relations, Ulta Beauty; **Marcy Twete**, principal, MT Consulting.

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