



Upcoming Events

August 26
A Day at the Races
[Register](#)

September 24
NIRI Chicago IR Workshop
The Evolution of IR
[Register](#)

October 5
NIRI in Your Neighborhood
West Suburban Roundtable
[Register](#)

October 7
NIRI in Your Neighborhood
North Suburban Networking
Reception
[Register](#)

October 12
Virtual Wine Tasting
[Register](#)

October 14
'Social Darts' Networking Reception
[Register](#)

Photo of the Month



NIRI Chicago members and guests at our June Annual Meeting and Social at Raised.

Event Recaps and Webcasts

Unable to attend a recent event? [Event recaps and webcasts](#) can be found by clicking the links below.

May 2021

From the President



I am honored to serve as president of NIRI Chicago this year. This chapter has been an integral factor in my development as an IR professional over the past dozen years. I treasure the trusted relationships that I have forged, and am excited about new relationships to be built as we grow the chapter. I look forward to working with the

outstanding IR professionals who serve as our chapter's directors and officers. Special thanks to Victor Jendras, who did an excellent job serving as president and will transition to the board chairman role. I welcome two new directors to our board who also are serving as co-chairs of our upcoming IR Workshop: Shawn Alcaraz and Rainey Wagner. This year's board is rounded out by returning officers and directors: Heather Kos, Jeremy Cohen, Barb Noverini, Christine Hanneman, Martin Jarosick, Maryellen Thielen, Ruth Venning, Terri Anne Powers and Heather Wietzel. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions or feedback about our chapter or programs.

NIRI Chicago has been a critical resource for our members during the COVID-19 pandemic, hosting 15 virtual events that have enabled us to collectively navigate unprecedented challenges in investor relations. We have learned how to bring value to our members in a virtual setting, which we are now complementing with in-person events as Chicagoland re-opens. I am confident that our chapter's value proposition to members will be better than ever as we emerge from the pandemic.

We look forward to kicking off a new program year of compelling events. At our board's recent half-day planning meeting, the board aligned on the need for incremental investment to offer more opportunities to develop professional skills, share best practices and stay abreast of current trends, all while connecting with peers in a cordial environment. We also believe this focused investment will invigorate growth in our membership base at all experience levels and drive exponential value to the chapter. Upcoming near-term events include a social outing at [Arlington Racetrack](#) on Aug. 26 ([register](#)), and our signature full-day IR Workshop, [The Evolution of IR](#), for professionals of all experience levels on Sept. 24 at the Metropolitan Club ([register](#)). Save the dates, register soon and encourage your colleagues to attend. Also, watch for additional [event](#) details and new event listings on our website.

IR continues to evolve into an increasingly strategic function. We look forward to learning and growing together through this exciting journey. I hope to see you soon at an upcoming NIRI Chicago event.

Mike Steele, CFA, IRC
NIRI Chicago President

February 2021
IR Trends to Watch in 2021

December 2020
Reg S-K and Principles-Based
Disclosures: What Do You Need to
Know?

November 2020
Developing Your ESG Program and
Disclosure



In the News

- Opinion: maybe [this time it's different](#).
- Opinion: [buyback considerations](#).
- The value of [double materiality](#).
- Podcast: [corporate resilience](#).
- [Sustainable investments](#) are now more than a third of assets under management globally.
- [Boards for the new age of business](#) (scroll down in the story): a new book says total shareholder returns should focus on people (talent), plans (strategy) and potential problems (risk).

NIRI Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: **Zach Ewing**, vice president, Equiniti; **Kenneth Hill**, CFA, vice president, investor relations, Cboe Global Markets; **Jay Koval**, vice president, investor relations, GoHealth, Inc.; **Darla Rivera**, senior manager investor relations, Hyzon Motors; **Michael Wanta**, senior corporate communications specialist, Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.

Congratulations to NIRI Chicago members with milestone NIRI anniversaries in May through August:

20 yrs

Jeffrey Goldsmith, Corbin Advisors
Elizabeth Saunders, Clermont Partners

10 yrs

Matt DellaMaria, AptarGroup, Inc
Brian Lantz, Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc.
Michael Maloney, Nasdaq

5 years

Bridget Freas, InnerWorkings, Inc.
Lori Lauber, Broadridge

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