



Upcoming Events

June 16
The Evolution of Corporate Engagement
Contact info@nirichicago.org for registration code

[Register](#)

June 30
Program Year-End Celebration, Social Event and Annual Meeting

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Save the Date
September 24
NIRI Chicago IR Workshop

Event Recaps and Webcasts

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May 2021
[IR in Special Situations](#)

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](#)

September 2020
[IR Workshop Session Summaries](#)

From the President



Looking back over the past year serving as NIRI Chicago's president, it has been an absolute pleasure working with a fantastic board and so many others who generously offer their time and resources to continue making this a great chapter. We've overcome many COVID-related challenges, including the need to hold almost all our events

virtually. It was wonderful to see the NIRI community come together to offer high-quality content and networking in a virtual environment. In short, we learned a lot over the past year.

A recent article in the [Harvard Business Review](#) points out the need for IROs to continually improve their expertise and "be part of a unified board and C-suite investor planning group." Joining NIRI national and NIRI Chicago is a phenomenal way to do achieve both. The best IROs continue to master their craft by being open to change, learning and sharing their career experiences. Whether you are new to IR or a seasoned vet, the role of an IRO continues to rapidly evolve and you must do the same to succeed.

Coming up on Wednesday, June 16, NIRI Chicago has teamed up with the CFA Society Chicago for a virtual event – [The Evolution of Corporate Engagement](#). Hear NIRI Chicago's Shep Dunlap and other expert panelists share their views about how the relationship between investors and corporate management teams has changed over the past year – and just as important, how the relationship is expected to evolve as the pandemic subsides. This event is free to all NIRI Chicago members. Contact info@nirichicago.org for the registration code needed to sign up on the CFA Society website. [Register](#).

At the end of this month, it's *finally* time for us to be non-virtual. I'm happy to announce NIRI Chicago will host an in-person social event on Wednesday, June 30. Join colleagues from around the Chicago area for a night of food, drink and some sweet cityscape views atop the roof at [Raised](#). We also will celebrate the past program year's milestones and introduce the 2021-2022 board – that's the brief "annual meeting" portion of our event. Be sure to sign up ASAP, because space is limited due to the [city's COVID-19 restrictions](#). [Register](#).

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your chapter's president. I learned a lot and have made some great friends. I look forward to serving NIRI Chicago as chairman in the next program year – and I'm excited to see you all once again soon.

In the News

- Investors say it's time for earnings to [get back to normal](#).
- Opinion or not? [Materiality](#).
- On average, small-cap companies held the most [investor days](#) in 2020.
- ESG is a risk factor: [Allianz](#), [Baker McKenzie](#) reports.
- [Survey](#): Companies want fewer retail investors when they reach 20% retail ownership.
- Opinion: [Stakeholder capitalism](#).

NIRI Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: **Bayle Ellis**, finance manager, Conagra Brands, Inc.; **Sameer Gokhale**, head of investor relations, LendingClub Corporation; **Tom Holmes**, managing director, client strategy & client services, KeyBanc Capital Markets; **Lindsay Molk**, vice president, Sard Verbinen & Co.

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