



## Upcoming Events

**November 10**  
**Proxy Season Trends and Hot Topics**  
**Register**

**November 15**  
**NIRI Chicago Book Club:**  
**Accountable: The Rise of Citizen Capitalism**  
**Register**

**November 18**  
**Downtown Networking Dinner**  
**Register**

**November 19**  
**Quarterly ESG Program**  
**Register**

**November 23**  
**Virtual Flowers for Dreams**  
**Register by November 9**

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## Picture of the Month



Rick Santelli speaks with IR Workshop participants after his presentation.

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## Event Recaps and Webcasts

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**September 2021**

## From the President



For many of us, 'tis the season for proactively soliciting investor feedback on our board, governance, sustainability and compensation practices. Most importantly, it's an opportunity for NIRI Chicago members to seek input to inform decision-making and proxy document drafting before the upcoming 2022 annual meetings. Given

expectations for more assertive voting by investors on director elections and shareholder proposals, it has never been more important to develop relationships with top investors and influential proxy advisors.

I am pleased that our chapter will host a webinar on [Proxy Seasons Trends and Hot Topics](#) on Wednesday, Nov. 10 to help you prepare for the upcoming proxy season, including an overview of emerging trends for which your management team and board need to be prepared. [Register](#). This event will kick off another compelling month of programs, including a quarterly ESG virtual event and a networking dinner at the Press Room in Chicago's West Loop. You can find additional details and register for upcoming events on our [website](#). As always, feel free to reach out to me or anyone on our leadership team with any questions or feedback. Hope to see you soon!

Mike Steele, CFA, IRC  
NIRI Chicago President

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## In the News

- [Exceeding earnings expectations and M&A expectations.](#)
- What's [driving IPOs](#) these days.
- Advice for [capital raising](#).
- CEOs are pessimistic about the economy.
- [BlackRock clamors](#) for lower greenhouse gas emissions, a tiny hedge fund [defeats Exxon Mobil](#), ESG [impacts on cash flow](#), and good ESG practices can = better [D&O insurance](#) terms.
- The SEC cares about what it calls [ESG manipulation](#).

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## Member News

Welcome to NIRI Chicago's newest member: **Glenn Floyd**, manager, investor relations, Core & Main.

Congratulations to NIRI Chicago members with milestone NIRI anniversaries in September through November:

**5 years**

2021 IR Workshop  
The Evolution of IR

**September 2021**  
Get Ready for SEC Climate Change  
Regulations Ahead

**May 2021**  
IR in Special Situations

**February 2021**  
IR Trends to Watch in 2021

**Michael Comilla**, Abbott Laboratories

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NIRI Chicago

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