



## Upcoming Events

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

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

**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](#)

## Video of the Month



Highlights from the 2021 IR Workshop

## Event Recaps and Webcasts

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

**September 2021**

## From the President



Our full-day [Evolution of IR](#) workshop at Willis Tower's Metropolitan Club on Sept. 24 was a great success. The investor relations role has become increasingly strategic and continues to evolve. In an interactive keynote

session, world-renowned business consultant/author/speaker Ram Charan provided insights on how we can become more valuable strategic partners to the broad management team and board of directors. We should aspire to be an indispensable asset to the company, helping it navigate through an increasingly uncertain and complex world. This was a highly motivational session — just what we needed as we enter the busy fall season. The day also included perspectives from the C-suite and board, retail investor trends and IR strategies, tips to elevate our ESG programs, and Rick Santelli's views on economic and market trends. After we absorbed this compelling content, we concluded the day with an educational wine-tasting networking session led by master sommelier Alpana Singh. The event energized me, and everyone I interacted with was in high spirits. I thank our [IR Workshop committee](#) and [sponsors](#) for making the day great!

Our chapter's membership base has grown by double digits over the past few months. Our chapter leadership has been working hard to ensure members of all experience levels have an attractive mix of in-person and virtual events that provide ample opportunities to share best practices, track trends and connect with peers. October events include multiple [NIRI in Your Neighborhood](#) meetings to share best practices, social darts networking at [Flight Club Chicago](#), and a virtual wine tasting. You can find additional details and register on our website. Feel free to reach out to me and our leadership team with any questions or feedback about our chapter. See you soon!

Mike Steele, CFA, IRC  
NIRI Chicago President

September 24, 2021

**THE EVOLUTION OF IR**  
The NIRI Chicago Investor Relations Workshop

If you missed this year's IR Workshop, you did not attend one of our chapter's best events ever. (Plus, it was so awesome to safely see people in person and sip wine with our colleagues and master sommelier Alpana Singh!) Visit

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

our [2021 IR Workshop webpage](#) for quick-to-read highlights of each session. We look forward to seeing you at our next NIRI Chicago events, whether virtual or in person.

## In the News

- Individuals have turbocharged [options trading](#), in addition to stock trading.
- See the SEC's proposal on [proxy vote reporting](#) and [concerns](#) about [cumulative voting](#) at annual meetings.
- Should annual meetings remain [virtual](#)?
- What do you think about the rise of interest in [non-financial disclosures](#)?
- Varying ESG data standards [frustrate](#) many.
- The SEC's views on "[earnings management](#)."

## NIRI Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI Chicago's newest members: **Erin Linnihan**, senior. director, GDIT and **Alex Sivak**, senior analyst, investor relations, Aon plc.

[Share](#) your news (job changes, awards, interesting articles) -- and thanks for reading the MEMBER CONNECTION.

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