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From the President



February and March were strong months for us with the "IRO of the Future" program at Willis Tower and the Standard Club luncheon with guest speaker David Wessel, economics editor of the *Wall Street Journal*, and the NIRI National Board on hand. Photos of these well-attended events are now up at the Chapter [website](#). If you couldn't attend and would like to get a feel for the events, or did attend and want to recapture the moment, please visit the website.

Upcoming Events

April 5
NIRI in Your
Neighborhood: Northern
Suburbs Networking
Reception
Hyatt Deerfield
1750 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
[Register](#)

April 12
Advanced Math:
Understanding Financial
Models and Valuation
Morningstar, Inc.
22 W Washington St.
Chicago, IL
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
[Register](#)

Of course, fast and easy registration for upcoming events also is possible at the website. This month and in May we'll enjoy "NIRI in Your Neighborhood" events in the northern suburbs and an informative program in the Loop. We are at the Hyatt Deerfield April 5 for a networking event that begins at 5:30 p.m., and again in Deerfield May 11 when Walgreens hosts a breakfast event at its headquarters. On April 12 a program called "Advanced Math: Understanding Financial Models and Valuation" will be held downtown at Morningstar headquarters; this hands-on workshop will be led by Heather Brilliant, vice president, global equity and credit research for Morningstar.

Registration is already looking strong among the Chicago contingent for the June National Conference in Seattle. Please don't forget that later in that month we'll hold our own annual Chapter meeting to welcome next year's slate of officers and directors, celebrate the past program year's achievements and look forward to the next. The after-hours event will be held in Greek Town on Chicago's near west side. Why hold a social event, after all, without flaming cheese? Those are some website photos I'm truly looking forward to seeing.

May 11
NIRI in Your
Neighborhood: Northern
Suburbs Informal
Breakfast Roundtable
Walgreen Company
Deerfield, IL
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
[Register](#)



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Advanced Math: Understanding Financial Models and Valuation

Here's an outstanding opportunity to learn the methodologies that equity analysts use to construct their financial models and the valuation metrics they find most important in their financial analysis. This hands-on program will assist both new and experienced investor relations professionals. Heather Brilliant, Vice President, Global Equity and Credit Research, for Morningstar, will lead this discussion. Don't miss it! [Register now](#).

In the News

- Shenanigans! [Financial reporting trickery](#) isn't dead yet.
- [Whistleblower tip](#): the SEC pays better.
- Investors taking a harder look. [IPOs suffer](#) slow start as Facebook readies sale.
- A contrarian view: corporate [profit margins](#) are too high.
- Will auditors influence how [executives are paid](#)?
- The world according to Madoff. CEOs are often fond of [rewriting history](#) -- but not to this extreme

Member News

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