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Upcoming Events

February 8

**Turn the Page: Discover
What It Takes to Be an IRO
of the Future**

The Metropolitan Club
233 S. Wacker Drive
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

Feb 16

**NIRI in Your
Neighborhood: Downtown
Networking Reception**

Rosebud Prime
1 South Dearborn
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

Feb 23

**NIRI in Your Neighborhood:
Western Suburbs
Networking Reception**

D.O.C Wine Bar
Lombard
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

From the President

NIRI-Chicago is dedicated to providing our members with the enhanced skills and the networking opportunities that will support your careers. There is a wealth of talent within the Chicago area to support this goal. Most recently, for example, several local investor relations officers were recognized with the 2012 All-America IR Awards from Institutional Investor magazine. This distinguished group includes:



Best IR Professional

John Brooklier (ITW) - Best IR professional in the capital goods industrials/electrical equipment industry.

Bill Chapman (W.W. Grainger) - Best IR professional in the capital goods industry.

Rick Hans (Walgreens) - Best IR professional in the consumer/food and drug chains.

Best IR Program

McDonald's - Best IR program in consumer/restaurants; multiple NIRI Chicago members

Perrigo - Best IR program in healthcare/pharma; IRO: Art Shannon

Ventas - Best IR program in financial/REITS; IRO: David Smith

Local north suburban firm Brunswick Corporation also was awarded Best IR Program.

It is gratifying that many of these award winners are past NIRI-Chicago speakers, board members, volunteers and advisory board members. For example, David Smith of Ventas recently joined the NIRI Board's membership committee. Bill Chapman of W.W. Grainger serves on the advisory board, while Lisa Meers of Walgreens serves on our full Board.

As part of the Chapter's commitment to meeting membership needs, your local Board is delighted to announce that Rivel Research has generously agreed to conduct a membership survey pro bono. Please be aware that Rivel may be e-mailing you, and if you are one of the individuals selected for the survey, we would most appreciate your participation.

March 1
NIRI in Your Neighborhood:
Downtown Informal
Breakfast Roundtable
Exelon Corporation
10 South Dearborn
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
[Register](#)

March 8
In Fed We Trust - Part 2: An
Update from David Wessel,
Wall Street Journal
Economics Editor, Capital
Columnist, and Pulitzer
Prize Winner
The Standard Club
320 S. Plymouth Court
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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This month, we hope to see you at our next program -- **Turn the Page: Find Out What it Takes to be an IRO of the Future** on February 8 at the Metropolitan Club, Willis Tower. The program begins at 4:00 p.m. and concludes with a cocktail reception and networking session. And, mark your calendars now for an outstanding opportunity to hear the views of David Wessel, *Wall Street Journal* economics editor and author of the book *In Fed We Trust*, at our March 8 luncheon at the Standard Club. Your Chapter will also host the NIRI National Board of Directors at this meeting.

This is your chance to interact with some key leaders in investor relations from around the country. So, be sure to come out and share your thoughts about IR past, present and future with the National Board.

See you there!

[Steve Carr](#)
President, NIRI-Chicago

In the News

- Goliath, meet David. Clarified rules may be arming [small shareholders](#) to topple the giants of large investors.
- Do private investor meetings undermine Reg FD? Find out one view on the possible consequences of one-on-one investor meetings in this [Harvard white paper](#).
- Stay out of hot water. Why [risk factors](#) are too important to leave to the lawyers.
- Forewarned is forearmed. New disclosure requirements and new demands on companies top the [SEC's 2012 agenda](#).
- With venture capitalists dragged into the political spotlight, pension funds and private equity fear [backlash](#) -- especially when [profits](#) are called into question.
- Back off! Treasury comes to the defense of increasingly criticized [Dodd-Frank rules](#).

Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: **Kathy Fieweger**, Executive Vice President and General Manger, MWW Group; **Karen Keller**, Senior Associate, Lambert, Edward & Associates, Inc.; and **Jennifer LaGrow**, Senior Vice President, Computershare.

Thanks for reading the MEMBER CONNECTION.

If you have news to share -- promotions, new jobs, awards -- we'd love to tell our membership. Please send your information [here](#).

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