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[www.niri-chicago.org](http://www.niri-chicago.org)

**Photo of the Month**



**Larry Larsen, Victoria Sivrais and Lisa Meers at our annual meeting.**

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**From the President**



Welcome to our new program year. This is my first letter as president of the NIRI-Chicago Board. I'm honored to take on this role.

First, let me thank Victoria Sivrais for all her dedication as president last year. When you consider that she also gave birth to twins and started a new business, I'm not sure how she got it all done. I'm pleased that many of our

chapter's officers agreed to remain in their positions for another year, including Ruth Venning as vice president and treasurer, Terri Anne Powers as vice president of programs, Maryellen Thielen as vice president of communications, and Christine Hanneman as vice president of sponsorships. I'm equally pleased that Dee Johnson accepted the role of executive vice president and Bill Franklin agreed to be vice president of membership. I look forward to working with this team and the rest of the Board to have one of the chapter's best years yet. You can find a complete Board listing at <http://www.niri-chicago.org/Chapter-Leaders>.

One of my priorities this year is expanding our chapter's value to its members. This means providing interesting programs that speak to all levels of our membership. This means holding meetings in diverse locations and at convenient times given our members' demanding schedules. This means taking the time to invite members who haven't come to an event in a while and making them feel more welcome when they attend meetings. These are not new concepts, but I think we can do them more effectively. In my book, leaders lead. So -- for those of you who have not attended an event recently -- know that I'll call you before the summer ends!

Two events are just around the corner. The first is our **Golf Outing on Wednesday, August 31**, at the **Glen Club**. This highly ranked Tom Fazio course has been named to all three Top 10 New Course lists published by *Golf Digest*, *Golf Magazine* and *Sports Illustrated* -- and it's on *Golf Magazine's* list of the **Top 100 Courses You Can Play**. You can register for dinner only if you're not able to join us for golf. My thanks to Bill Chapman for organizing this popular annual event. **Register.**

The chapter's annual marquee program is our **IR Workshop on Friday, September 23**. This year, we'll focus on "Navigating in a VUCA World" (VUCA = Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity) to help you lead your IR team with vision, enhance your understanding, and provide clarity around the issues you face so you can adapt in today's VUCA world. If you live outside

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the Chicago area, perhaps make it a weekend trip and take in all that Chicago has to offer with friends or family. [Register](#).

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I am very excited about the coming year. We just finished our meeting to plan out the year. I know you'll find at least several programs and networking opportunities to your liking. I look forward to seeing everyone at those upcoming events.

Regards,

*Larry Larsen*  
*NIRI-Chicago President*

## 2016 IR Workshop

It's not too early to register for September's full-day IR Workshop, which will provide actionable information to help you navigate a "VUCA" world. [Sessions](#) will cover market insights, contentious elections, company crises, corporate governance issues and demanding stakeholders - internal and external. Plus, you can count on great networking and one-stop shopping in our Exhibitors' Showcase. [RSVP now](#) for \$50 in early bird savings.



## In the News

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- A contrarian view of [retail investors](#).
- Big-name investors, companies didn't push the envelope on their [governance recommendations](#) -- and [how it came about](#).
- What the Dell court decision teaches us about the vagaries of [valuation](#).
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## NIRI-Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: **Patrick Bartoski**, financial analyst, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.; **Monica Gupta**, financial communications manager, Grainger; **Adam Kroll**, treasurer, PSAV, Inc.; **Melissa Napier**, SVP, investor relations, US Foods; and **Jonathan Spitzer**, senior manager, investor relations, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.

On the move: **Patrick Flaherty** is now manager of investor relations for Ulta Beauty.

Congratulations to NIRI-Chicago members who had milestone NIRI anniversaries in June, July or August:

### 10 years

**Aaron Miles**, Navigant Consulting, Inc.

### 5 years

**Joseph Boutross**, LKQ Corporation

**Matt DellaMaria**, AptarGroup, Inc

**Michael Maloney**, Nasdaq OMX

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*Maryellen Thielen*  
*Vice President, Communications*  
*NIRI-Chicago*