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Upcoming Events

August 23

NIRI-Chicago Golf Outing

The Glen Club

2901 West Lake Avenue

Glenview, IL

Register

September 28

2018 IR Workshop

Strategic IR for Transformational Times

Register

Photo of the Month



Leslie Kratoski, executive vice president with NIRI-Chicago president Elizabeth Allen.

From the President

Summer is in full swing and your board of directors has been working to put together programs for the upcoming year that you should find extremely relevant. We'll cover a broad range of topics, such as passive investing, MiFID II and the SEC rebate pilot. The programs will include plenty of social interaction, networking and time for Q&A. Please plan to join us for as many programs as you can. It will be time well spent. And if you're so inclined, volunteer to help with one of the programs this year. We welcome your participation – just let us know if you are interested by emailing info@niri-chicago.org.

Planning for the IR Workshop is in full swing, as well. Be sure to join us at the Metropolitan on September 28 for an eventful day. The program will give you plenty to think about as we focus on [Strategic IR in Transformational Times](#). Our keynote speakers are Perry Boyle, Jr., head of equities at Point72, and Betty Liu, NYSE executive vice chairman and former Bloomberg TV anchor – so you don't want to miss this IR Workshop! Liz Kluge, a member of NIRI-Chicago for 13 years, is the chair this year and Lisa Ciota, a member of our Advisory Board, is co-chair. They have put together a terrific [Workshop Committee](#):

Rob Cherry, Regal Beloit Corporation
Kendra Chiprich, NYSE Global Listings
Jeremy Cohen, Edelman
Victor Jendras, Q4 Inc.

Julie Mathews, Telephone and Data Systems, Inc.
Mike Steele, Zebra Technologies
Maryellen Thielen, Forest Glen Communications
Noelle Whitehead, Discover Financial Services

But you don't have to wait until September to see your NIRI-Chicago colleagues. Our annual golf outing is on Thursday, August 23 at the Glen Club. If you want to play and/or join us for dinner, please register [here](#).

I am honored to be your chapter president and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

Elizabeth Allen
NIRI-Chicago President

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It's not too late to register for our annual golf outing (or dinner only from 6-8 p.m.) at the award-winning [Glen Club](#) on Thursday, August



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23. The more the merrier: bring your spouse, corporate secretary, finance, treasury or communications colleagues. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place teams and longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. This is always a fun event for golfers and non-golfers alike. [Register](#).

Join NIRI-Chicago's LinkedIn Group



Limited to NIRI-Chicago members, this group is a great way to learn about our upcoming events and share ideas and updates. Join now by clicking the LinkedIn icon.

In the News

- Trends: more [activist campaigns](#) and successful [shareholder proposals](#) -- and a record high for [M&A](#) in the first half of 2018..
- Yet another sell-side challenge: the buy-side objects to [data tracking](#).
- SEC economist's [study](#): a brief delay in stock trading decreased trading costs for frequently traded stocks.
- [Opinion](#): The real problem with buybacks is that not that they crimp investment, it's that they boost executive compensation.
- [Opinion](#): Keep political and social objectives out of the boardroom.
- [Opinion](#): "Investors are increasingly convinced that they can buy companies that behave better than the rest and make just as much money. They are wrong."

NIRI-Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: **Warner Boutin**, regional manager, Business Wire; and **Kaila Krum**, vice president, investor relations and corporate development, AxoGen, Inc.

NIRI-Chicago director and past president **Victoria Sivrais** has been named to PR Week's 2018 40 Under 40 list.

Congratulations to NIRI-Chicago's newest IRC holder, **Dawn Benchelt**.

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

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