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From the President

I hope this email finds you well, and likely, working in the safety of your home. We are dealing with disruption and uncertainty that no one reading this letter has ever had to deal with before.

Humans are adaptable, resilient and innovative, so I am optimistic. As I write, biopharmaceutical companies are racing to find one or more drugs that can help treat Covid-19, while others are furiously working to develop a vaccine. Car manufacturers are starting to produce ventilators, whisky distilleries are manufacturing hand sanitizer and fashion houses are sewing face masks. The business community is taking on the challenge to win the war against the novel coronavirus. It is heartening to see companies step up to the plate to do the right thing.

We are social creatures by nature -- and these days, we are altering how we socialize and how we conduct business. At the same time, community remains strong, and we read daily stories about communities becoming even stronger through these adverse times. Local communities are banding together to help the most needy and vulnerable. Working from home, social distancing and shelter in place orders have increased time with family for many of us -- which is a good thing. And last, but certainly not least, the NIRI community is coming together.

Several chapters, including our own, have recently made programs available to all NIRI members to facilitate education and share best practices in these challenging times. NIRI is here for you, and we will continue to do our best to serve our members, however we can. If you have ideas or requests for program topics, please [send us suggestions](#).

In the meantime, we will get through this crisis. Stay at home, stay safe and stay well.

Sincerely,

Terri Anne Powers
NIRI-Chicago President

Virtual Learning

NIRI-Chicago and its fellow NIRI chapters continue to come together to support members with timely and relevant virtual programs during the Covid-19 pandemic. Here are a few of the complimentary webinars -- to date -- that are available to NIRI-Chicago members:

A Primer on Virtual Annual Meetings for Unusual Times

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Listen to the [replay](#) and download VSM/COVID-19 related resources

Disruptive Trends in Investor Relations

NIRI Connecticut/Westchester

March 31

Crisis Communications – When the “You Know What” Hits the Fan

NIRI New York

April 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m. ET

Incorporating ESG Into Your IR Program – a Practical Guide

NIRI Silicon Valley

April 3, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. PT

ESG 101 for IROs; Getting Out of the Starting Gate

NIRI Virtual

April 21, Noon -1 p.m. ET

In the News

- Chief Executive: [CEOs, Cash and COVID: What Every Company Must Do ASAP](#)
- IR Magazine: [Buy-side corporate access leaders praise IR flexibility amid Covid-19 disruption](#)
- Barrons: [Coronavirus is Forcing Companies to Suspend Dividends and Cancel Stock Buybacks](#)
- Wall Street Journal: [Thirteen percent of directors say their companies have delayed planned investments for 2020, according to the National Association of Corporate Directors](#)
- Wall Street Journal: [Companies Have Discretion About Whether to Disclose Coronavirus Infections](#)
- Wall Street Journal: [Coronavirus Pandemic Could Elevate ESG Factors](#)
- 2^o Investing Initiative: [New stress-test scenarios for COVID-19](#)

NIRI-Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest member: **Kamal Hamid**, director, investor relations, Cars.com.

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