



Upcoming Events

November 13
**Virtual Workshop: Developing Your
ESG Program and Disclosure**

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Photo of the Month



NIRI Chicago members and guests enjoyed the Topgolf social event

Event Recaps and Webcasts

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[IR Workshop Session Summaries](#)

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From the President



As I write this, I see October snow showers outside my window and realize that the crazy year of 2020 will finally be over in just a couple of months. My kids rejoice that Halloween is upon us, I'm happy that Big10 football kicked off over the past weekend and of course, the much-anticipated election has finally arrived. Early voting has accounted for a record 60+ million voters. I hope you voted, too!

Thanks to all who came out to last month's social event at Topgolf. It turned out to be a beautiful night, with plenty of food, drinks and networking taking place. It was wonderful to see folks in person again and I'm happy to report that no one was injured swinging a golf club or tumbling into the safety netting on the second floor.

We are currently in the midst of Q3 earnings season with major banks kicking off the results. While many analysts recently upgraded their S&P 500 earnings expectations, most companies are still likely to report declines in profits compared to the same quarter a year ago, as the effects of the coronavirus are still very much in play. From a service standpoint, we continue to see an increase in both pre-recorded earnings calls and PC video webcasts. This trend might increase as we continue to work from home and many senior management teams get more comfortable with the technology. In particular, video offers a nice way to deliver earnings with a more personal touch to investors.

I'm sure you've heard by now, but [Bloomberg News](#) has reported that the SEC no longer plans to pursue its proposed amendment to the Form 13F disclosure rules. (The SEC has not officially confirmed this and declined to comment on the Bloomberg article.) Assuming it's true, this is a fantastic victory for issuers and investors – and I don't believe it would have happened without the [efforts](#) of NIRI national, 11 local chapters (Chicago included, of course) and the hundreds of IROs and companies that commented against the proposed amendment.

Finally, join our virtual workshop on Friday morning, November 13 – [Developing Your ESG Program and Disclosure](#). Although ESG continues to be very important to investors, many IROs may not know where to start in launching or further developing their company's ESG program. This timely workshop will certainly point you in the right direction. Please register [here](#). We look forward to seeing you virtually next week.

Victor Jendras
NIRI Chicago President

In the News

- Milken conference: [risks facing investors](#).

- This year's **hottest stocks are being driven up** by professional money managers, who are blaming index funds and individual investors for the rise.
- Investors like virtual meetings but **miss in-person site visits**.
- Common pitfalls of **stock buybacks**.
- **ESG transparency** challenges and the Wall Street Journal's new rankings.
- How **artificial intelligence** can assist ESG investment decisions.

NIRI-Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest member: **Amelia Zepernick**, investor relations supervisor, McDonald's Corporation.

Congratulations to NIRI Chicago members with milestone NIRI anniversaries in July through October **20 years: Ruth Venning**, IRC, Horizon Therapeutics; **10 years: Aaron Miles**, Cresco Labs; **Tina Ventura**, Horizon Therapeutics; **5 years: Jeremy Cohen**, Edelman; **Christopher Wightman**, PJT Partners.

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