



## Upcoming Events

**April 8**

**What I Wish I Knew Before Facing IR  
Mega-Challenges**

**Register**

**April 12**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**West Suburban Networking Dinner**

**Register**

**May 10**

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Portillo's Sneak Peek Taste Test for  
NIRI Chicago Members**

**Register**

**May 20**

**Quarterly ESG Program: The IRO's  
Role in ESG Board Oversight**

**Register**

**June 23**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Annual Meeting and Celebration**

**Register**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**September 23**

2022 IR Workshop

## Event Recaps and Webcasts

Unable to attend a recent event? [Event recaps and webcasts](#) can be found by clicking the links below.

**January 2022**

[What You Need to Know: IPOs Versus SPACs](#)

**January 2022**

[Quarterly ESG Program: Tracking Data and Producing ESG Reports](#)

**December 2021**

[Virtual Shareholder Engagement: Zooming Forward with What We've](#)

## From the President



As the March Madness tournament games were tipping off, our chapter hosted a special social event at high-energy Franklin Tap in the Chicago Loop to celebrate our [NextGen program](#) members. I have enjoyed my discussions with our NextGen members, who bring fresh ideas and challenge the status quo. They are our future, and NIRI

Chicago is proud to sponsor their advancement. Our NIRI NextGen program offers early-career investor relations professionals many resources for success, including heavily discounted memberships and compelling educational events/programs. Perhaps the greatest benefit of the program is networking with a broad spectrum of experienced investor relations professionals. Feel free to contact me or any chapter officer with questions about NIRI Chicago's NextGen program.

I'd like to highlight a couple of events in early April. [NIRI Fellow Elizabeth Higashi](#) will moderate a panel of three IR battle-tested veterans to discuss how they successfully navigated the [mega-challenges](#) of their storied careers. ([Register.](#)) We also will host a [West Suburban networking dinner](#) at [Vie](#) restaurant in Western Springs. ([Register.](#)) We hope that you can join us before you enter peak earnings season!

Mike Steele, CFA, IRC  
NIRI Chicago President

## In the News

- (Not) a surprise: 15% of IROs now come from the [sell-side](#); 30% began their careers in corporate finance.
- [Study](#): companies with highly priced stocks are more willing to take on potentially groundbreaking projects.
- Bill Ackman discovers his inner "nice guy" and says he is [permanently retired](#) from activist short-selling.
- [M&A declines](#) 23% in first quarter 2022 but is likely to [remain strong](#).
- Buybacks on track for another [record](#) amid [proposed regulations](#).
- The SEC's [climate change disclosure proposal](#) = more [litigation](#) and [costs](#) – and climate [proposals](#) are the most numerous in the 2022 proxy season to date.
- ESG investing [hurt by war](#).

## Member News

Welcome to NIRI Chicago's newest member: **Isabelle Swartz**, senior analyst, investor relations, Hyatt Hotels Corporation.

Congratulations to former NIRI Chicago member (and frequent speaker for our chapter) **Ashish Kohli**, who has been appointed

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vice president of investor relations for [General Motors](#).

**November 2021**

Proxy Season Trends and Hot Topics

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

**September 2021**

2021 IR Workshop  
The Evolution of IR

Maryellen Thielen  
Vice President, Communications  
NIRI Chicago

**September 2021**

Get Ready for SEC Climate Change  
Regulations Ahead

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