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NIRI Advocacy – Join Us!

The NIRI national office is in the Washington D.C. metro area. We can't escape politics if we tried to. Politics comes up everywhere – social events, sporting events, education events – there is no hiding.

So with the lights beginning to dim Saturday night, the irony was not lost on me that I was about to, by choice, watch the Capitol Steps, a comedy troupe well-known in D.C. for satirizing everything about politics, including “the very people and places that employ them.”

We complain, but we love (tolerate?) our politics. And some of us get excited by the prospect of discussing regulation. For example, I was pleased and honored by the opportunity to have an in-depth discussion about the U.S. public company disclosure regulatory framework, and Reg FD in particular, with several representatives from the Japan FSA (SEC equivalent) at the [Embassy of Japan](#) on Friday as they consider the country's disclosure regime. Special thanks to tireless NIRI advocate Pat Tracey for making this meeting happen.

Part of our job is to keep you apprised of what happens in Washington, and how it may affect you and the profession. Given the upcoming presidential election, we're happy to offer our [next webinar](#) this Thursday titled, “The Impact of Presidential Elections on Financial Markets and the Economy.”

We also keep an eye out for IR-relevant regulatory news like [this item](#) suggesting that the SEC may be listening to earnings calls (thanks to NIRI Fellow Doug Wilburne for spotting this). We also look for rulemaking updates such as the SEC's recent universal proxy ballot rule proposal, which led to last Thursday's [Executive Alert](#). We provided a preview of this [via eGroups](#) several days earlier when we first became aware of it.

That eGroups post led to an interesting discussion about NIRI's advocacy efforts. I came away thinking that it's great that you feel invested in advocacy. One relatively new avenue for NIRI members to help in this regard, and for greater grassroots involvement in NIRI advocacy initiatives, is our chapter “Advocacy Ambassador” program. Through this initiative, every NIRI chapter may appoint someone to be a

liaison with our national Board Advocacy Committee to voice your chapter's thoughts, help if possible, and report back to your chapter on NIRI's advocacy progress. It is a modest volunteer commitment, and one that connects you and your chapter more closely with this important NIRI benefit.

Does your chapter have an Advocacy Ambassador?

It turns out that the answer for more than half of you (18 chapters) is "no."

Won't you join us? Just contact Ted Allen, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Practice Resources at tallen@niri.org or 703-562-7681.

Best regards,
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