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It's Time to Vote Your Proxy Ballot

The NIRI Annual Meeting takes place on November 29, so it is proxy time! This is the annual business meeting of NIRI, when new board members are elected and other business transacted. And your vote is needed to meet quorum.

NIRI's Nominating and Governance Committee has developed an excellent slate of candidates for the NIRI Board of Directors. For regular directors: Patrick Davidson, Vice President, Investor Relations, Oshkosh Corporation; Jennifer Driscoll, IRC, Director of Investor Relations, E. I. Dupont; Jeffrey K. Smith, IRC, CFA, Staff Director, Investor Relations, FedEx Corporation; and Ruth Venning, Executive Director, Investor Relations, Horizon Pharma. Michael Becker, Executive Vice President, International Business Strategy, Business Wire, is nominated for the Associate Member Director position, a new board seat that will be created if an amendment to the NIRI bylaws is approved.

The new Associate Member Director position is among several amendments proposed this year. Some amendments will tidy up the bylaws, such as eliminating the appointed "Treasurer" position, which actually hasn't been filled in several years. Another proposed change is to create a board seat for the immediate past board chair, a practice followed by over 90 percent of associations. You can learn more by clicking this [link](#). Your approval of these changes will help our organization operate more efficiently.

To vote your proxy, please sign in to www.niri.org as a member, then click on your name in the upper right corner of the home page. Click on "My Transactions" and scroll to the bottom of the page to "Online Surveys" to vote. The proxy ballot also is available as a PDF document for both [regular](#) and [associate](#) members. Candidate bios are available [online](#) for review.

New board members will be welcomed at the Annual Meeting on November 29, 3:00 – 3:30 pm PT at the Montage Laguna Beach Hotel, Laguna Beach, California. The Annual Meeting will be [webcast](#) live.

Speaking of distinguished leaders, nominations for the next class of NIRI Fellows are now being accepted. Please [nominate](#) your choice -- someone who has had a positive influence on both IR and NIRI -- by January 31, 2018.

All the best,
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