



NORTHWEST CHAPTER www.nacdnw.org

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To: Directors of Northwest Companies

Dear Colleagues:

We are the regional chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors, a national organization serving more than 10,000 members. The NACD chartered our Chapter over five years ago to enhance corporate governance in Washington, Alaska, Oregon and Idaho. Through the active involvement of experienced directors, we offer high quality educational and networking opportunities to directors throughout the Northwest region who serve corporations and business organizations from all industries, public and private, profit and non-profit. On a local level, we engage, educate and connect the more than 500 NACD members in the region and, through our regular programming and events in both Seattle and Portland, we have served over 1,000 individual in the Northwest director community.

Chapter Programs and Events in Seattle and Portland

Our chapter's programs are presented from September through May in downtown Seattle and downtown Portland. As part of our programming, we offer the annual Northwest Directors Series, which provides a fixed fee subscription to all regular educational programs. Participants in the Northwest Directors Series can earn, through attendance at our regular educational programs, continuing education credits granted by ISS and the NACD. Every program includes social time to network with fellow participants. Please visit our website www.nacdnw.org/events.html for details about our program offerings and our special events.

Like other NACD chapters across the country, our primary objective is to provide NACD members with topical and practical programs that highlight best practices in board governance. Our vision is to prepare members for their roles as effective directors and to foster a positive image of corporations and business organizations through improved corporate governance.

Qualified Non-Members May Attend as Guests

The NACD is a national membership organization, and our chapter serves members in the Northwest region. While our programs are limited to NACD members, chapter guests, and Advisory Board members, we welcome non-members as guests with the purpose of encouraging non-members to join the NACD and become regular participants.



NACD as Voice of the Director Community

Founded in 1977, the NACD is the premier educational, publishing, and consulting organization for board leadership and the only membership association for boards, directors, director-candidates, and board advisors.

The NACD has worked for more than a year with business leaders and shareholder groups to create a set of Key Agreed Principles for Strengthening Corporate Governance. These principles identify core areas that boards, management, and shareholders agree should be the basis for good corporate governance, and they are a significant first step in helping to restore public and investor confidence in the governance of corporations. You can review them at the NACD website, www.nacdonline.org.

The NACD will now engage member boards and directors in discussions throughout the country to identify and advocate leading practices that empower board leadership, particularly in four key areas: oversight of risk, corporate strategy, compensation and transparency. The input provided by NACD members will be used to inform lawmakers and boards alike, with the goal of designing solutions to the economic crisis that derive from the leading practices of real life directors and boards.

Please visit the NACD website, www.nacdonline.org, to learn more about the NACD’s mission, national scope, and extensive resources and services. At the website you can also view the web sites of the 21 NACD chapters across the country.

Corporate Director of the Year

In 2006, our chapter inaugurated a special event, the Director of the Year Awards, to honor individuals in our region who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in the boardroom. We hold our Director of the Year Awards event annually in late April. The 2009 Director of the Year Awards will be held on April 23 at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel in downtown Seattle. For information, visit www.nacdnw.org/directoroftheyear.html

Special Thanks to our Sponsors

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And in Portland:



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Please visit our chapter website at www.nacdnw.org for more information about the chapter and our programs and events.

If you or others are interested in NACD membership opportunities, contact our chapter administrator, Susan Key, at info@nacdnw.org, or contact the NACD national at www.nacdonline.org.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our Seattle and Portland Advisory Boards, we extend an invitation to you to consider membership in the NACD and participation in our chapter. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming programs.

Warm Regards,

Catherine L. Walker
Chapter President

G. Scott Greenburg
Chapter Chairman & Chair, Director of the Year Awards