



# New York Minute

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## Reopening Optimism

Gov. Cuomo recently announced that vaccinated New Yorkers can remove their masks in many indoor and outdoor settings. Together with the sudden arrival of summertime weather, there's an energy in the streets of New York that I haven't felt in over a year. It's good to be back.

Here at NIRI NY, we are ready for summer but already thinking about the next program season starting in the fall. For example, the advocacy committee of NIRI's board of directors is currently preparing for their annual leadership week in September in Washington, D.C., and climate change disclosure is a key topic this year. Many IROs agree that consistent standards for ESG disclosure would not only make it easier to communicate ESG performance, they would help drive that performance to create long-term value.

The SEC recently announced that it is reviewing climate-related financial disclosures and may update its current guidance. It has [asked for input](#) from investors, companies, and other market participants, and NIRI is working on a response that will represent the views of the IR community. Are there aspects of existing frameworks that you and/or your company support? Do you have a preference for SASB, TCFD, or other investor-focused frameworks that you would like to see as part of new climate risk disclosure

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## RECENT EVENTS

### Annual Half-Day Event

On Friday, May 14, 2021, NIRINY hosted its first virtual Annual Half Day Event. Over 60 NIRINY members tuned into some or all of the event, which featured three separate 45-minute panels and a host of experts in the investor relations, investment, and capital markets space. In case you missed it, [click here to watch a recap!](#)

[See entire calendar](#)

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Jason Chryssicas, *BGC Partners Inc.*
- Trina Schurman, *T-Mobile*

requirements? Few issuers have responded so far – [Uber](#) is a welcome exception – so I encourage you to respond directly to the SEC or contribute to NIRI's response by emailing Niels Holch at [atnholch@holcherickson.com](mailto:atnholch@holcherickson.com) by June 11, 2021.

Please note that NIRI NY board member Laura Kiernan serves as our chapter's advocacy ambassador, and is an excellent resource on NIRI's advocacy efforts. She gathers input from our chapter about key issues that NIRI may take a position on and helps answer members' regulatory questions. I encourage you to reach out to her at [treasurer@niriny.org](mailto:treasurer@niriny.org), and to read more about NIRI's advocacy initiatives here: <https://www.niri.org/advocacy>.

As many companies start returning to some degree of long-awaited normalcy and hopefully well-deserved office happy hours, our 2020-2021 program year is coming to a close. It has been a privilege to serve as the New York chapter's president during an unprecedented year, and I'd like to applaud our entire board for successfully pivoting to a digital-only chapter for the last 15 months. Thank you for a wonderful year, and I look forward to getting together with my NIRI friends and colleagues in the coming months.

The board is planning ahead for the next program year and, as always, we're focused on creating programming that is relevant and engaging. If you have thoughts on content or would like to share your comfort level in attending in-person events, we'd like to hear from you. Please reach out to me at [president@niriny.org](mailto:president@niriny.org).

Finally, if you haven't already done so, please remember to cast your vote for the Officers and Directors for the NIRI NY 2021-2022 term at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nirinybod21>.

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As always, I would encourage you to stay connected with the NIRI NY chapter by following us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and checking out the latest information on our [website](#).



Warm regards,

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## Update

**NIRI NY NextGen** has concluded a successful season of events and programs! In addition to supporting the NIRINY Board, NextGen organized several successful educational panels and social Zoom meetings as well as launched the NIRI NY Mentorship Initiative in April. The 2020-2021 season was unique and the committee looks forward to the opportunities that returning to our offices will bring in the Fall. Please look out for communications regarding next season's committee members and events. If you are interested in helping the NIRINextGen committee or have ideas for next year's programs, please contact Emily Mohr, President, NIRI NY NextGen, at [Emohr@sloanep.com](mailto:Emohr@sloanep.com).



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