

To: Directors in the Northwest

RE: Engagement for Enhanced Corporate Governance

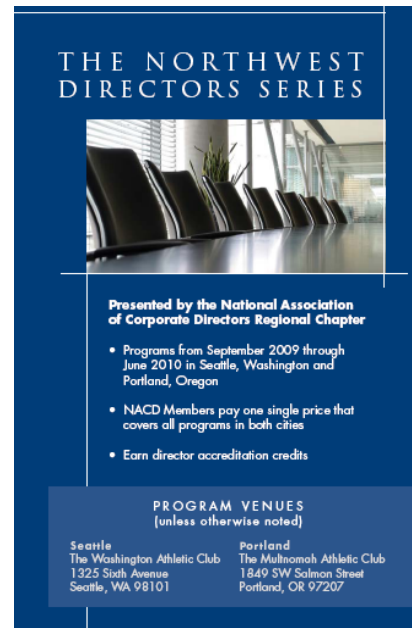
Dear Colleagues:

As the regional chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), our mission is to enhance corporate governance in Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho. The Northwest Chapter is one of 21 national chapters of the NACD. For more than 6 years, we have been actively involved with local directors, offering high-quality educational programs and networking opportunities throughout the Northwest. We serve more than 500 NACD members in the region who manage and advise corporations and business organizations from all industries—public, private and non-profit.

Best Programs and Events: The Chapter hosts programs that feature prominent regional and national directors, with the goal to provide the best, most cost effective education and networking opportunities for directors from all industries. Local NACD members attend the programs to gain insight on corporate directorship; and participants in our Northwest Directors Series (with prepaid attendance at all programs) earn educational credits from Risk Metrics/ISS* or the Corporate Directors Institute (CDI). The program series year runs from September through May.

Director of the Year: In 2006, the Northwest Director of the Year Award ceremony was launched and is now the premier regional event honoring boardroom leadership. The Chapter partners with the Puget Sound Business Journal (PSBJ) each spring to present this event and the PSBJ Corporate Governance Conference.

Valuable Website: The Chapter website, www.nacdnw.com, is regularly updated with program information, program materials, links, event videos/photos. The site provides easy, on-line registration for national and regional programs, including the Northwest Directors Series.



THE NORTHWEST DIRECTORS SERIES

Presented by the National Association of Corporate Directors Regional Chapter

- Programs from September 2009 through June 2010 in Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon
- NACD Members pay one single price that covers all programs in both cities
- Earn director accreditation credits

PROGRAM VENUES
(unless otherwise noted)

Seattle The Washington Athletic Club 1325 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101	Portland The Multnomah Athletic Club 1849 SW Salmon Street Portland, OR 97207
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Voice of the Director Community: The NACD has worked for more than a year with directors, business leaders, shareholder groups and legislators 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 represent a significant first step in helping restore public and investor confidence in the governance of corporations. These principles, and the extensive resources available from the NACD, can be viewed at www.nacdonline.org.

Qualified Non-Members May Attend as Guests: While the Northwest Chapter's programs and events are limited to NACD and Advisory Board members and their guests, non-members are welcomed to attend one program annually. Our purpose is to encourage broader awareness of good corporate governance and membership in the NACD.

Special Thanks to Our Esteemed Northwest Chapter Sponsors: Our Chapter and the Directors Program Series would not be possible without our sponsors, and we thank them for their support.



We Welcome Your Involvement: We extend an invitation to you and/or your board to join NACD and participate in our Chapter. If you are interested, please contact our Chapter administrator, Susan Key at info@nacdnw.org or contact the NACD National at www.nacdonline.org.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

Regards,

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Annette Jacobs
Chapter President



Scott Greenburg
Chapter Chairman and Chair Director of the Year Awards

About the National Association of Corporate Directors: The National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), www.nacdonline.org, is the premier national educational, publishing and consulting organization for board leadership. The NACD, founded in 1977 and headquartered in Washington D.C. is uniquely positioned as the only membership association for boards, directors, director-candidates and board advisors. As a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, NACD promotes high professional standards for board and director performance, creates forums for peer interaction, enhances director effectiveness, asserts the policy interests of directors, conducts research, and educates concerning traditional and cutting-edge issues. NACD connects, engages and educates directors. NACD has chapters across the United States. In 2003, the Northwest Chapter was chartered to enhance corporate governance with educational forums in Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho and foster the positive image of directors who serve and have served shareholders.