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Biographies

Linda Y. Kelleher was named executive vice president of NIRI in December 2007 after serving as interim CEO since February 2007. She has more than two decades of experience in leadership roles at NIRI, spearheading programs to enhance both business and professional development at the 4,400-member association. She is responsible for NIRI's education programs including the NIRI National Annual Conference, which for the past several years has attracted more than 1,500 IR professionals from 1,200 companies from 26 countries.

Since joining NIRI in 1983, Kelleher has served as vice president of education, executive director of the NIRI Education Foundation and secretary to the board, in addition to her most recent positions. She previously worked as director, consumer affairs and public liaison for the National Association of Home Builders.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and completed the Wharton Executive Education Program in Strategic Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University's Advanced Investor Relations Integrated Communications Seminar.

Bob Laux, senior director of financial accounting and reporting at Microsoft Corporation, responsible for Microsoft's technical accounting, including interacting with and responding to accounting standard setters on numerous issues. Technical accounting responsibilities include responding to GAAP questions and issues within Microsoft. He is also responsible for Microsoft's comment letters on new accounting pronouncements and representing Microsoft at standard setters' public roundtables.

Prior to joining Microsoft in 2000, he was an Industry Fellow at the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) where he was responsible for coordinating the activities of the Emerging Issues Task Force. Prior to joining the FASB, Laux spent eight years at General Motors managing their external financial reporting and interacting with and responding to accounting standard setters.

Laux is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Board of Directors, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) Global Preparers Forum and the Center for Audit Quality (CAQ) SEC Regulations Committee, to name only a few of his affiliations. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Management Accountant.

Laux earned a B.A. in accounting from Michigan State University and an M.B.A. in finance from the University of Houston.

Ronald O. Mueller is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He works in the corporate/securities area with an emphasis on proxy and disclosure issues, corporate governance, executive compensation (including Section 16 and Rule 144) and corporate transactions.

From 1989 to 1991, Mueller separated from the firm to work as legal counsel to Commissioner Edward H. Fleischman at the United States Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC). While at the SEC, he worked on many of the matters before the Commission, including enforcement matters and regulatory initiatives.

Mueller has written articles and spoken at seminars about a variety of securities law issues, including trends and developments in proxy disclosures and proxy contests, the SEC's disclosure requirements, corporate governance developments, and executive compensation disclosure rules. He is chair of the Subcommittee on Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation of the Committee on Federal Regulation of Securities, Section of Business Law, American Bar Association. Likewise, he chairs the West Legalworks Annual Institute on Proxy Statements and Critical Corporate Disclosures and is a speaker at the ABA Annual Institute on Executive Compensation and at The Corporate Counsel/Corporate Executive seminars on executive compensation.

Mueller is a contributing author to *A Practical Guide to Section 16*, Wolters Kluwer, *A Practical Guide to SEC Proxy and Compensation Rules*, Wolters Kluwer, *Securities in the Electronic Age*, Glasser LegalWorks, and *Federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Insider Reporting and Short-Swing Trading*, Matthew Bender.

Mueller is admitted to practice before the courts of New York and Washington, D.C., and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Mueller received his J.D., from Columbia Law School, where he was both a Harlan Fisk Stone Scholar and a James Kent Scholar, and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University.
