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## **NIRI's Rocky Mountain Chapter Names 2014-2015 Officers and Director**

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) today announced its chapter officers and directors for the 2014-2015 program year.

Newly-elected chapter president, David Banks, said, "It is my pleasure to welcome both new and returning members to our board and to serve in a lead role during this exciting time for the Rocky Mountain Chapter." He continued, "Just as the investor relations profession continues to evolve, so does NIRI-Rocky Mountain, as we strive to bring compelling programs to our NIRI membership, covering timely and relevant topics and offering members the chance to advance their professional development and meet other experienced IR professionals. This year, we are thrilled to offer more exciting ways for members of the Rocky Mountain IR community to 'plug in' to the chapter, including more social events, the continuation of the NIRI 'In Your Neighborhood' IRO breakfasts, and new event formats that cater to our diverse IR professional community."

NIRI's Rocky Mountain Chapter board for 2014-2015 includes:

### Officers

**President: David Banks**, Vice President of Investor Relations for DigitalGlobe, Inc. (NYSE: DGI). Banks will begin a new position this year as President of the chapter. Previously, he held the office of Treasurer, a position he held from 2010 to 2014 and in 2005 and 2006.

**Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer: Kathleen Marvin**, Director, Investor Relations for CSG Systems International (NASDAQ: CSGS). Marvin is returning for a third term as vice president and secretary for the chapter, and begins her first term as Treasurer. Marvin was recognized earlier this year as a NIRI Individual Leadership Award winner for her dedication and enthusiasm in supporting the Rocky Mountain Chapter.

**Vice President and Sponsor Chair: Ann Scott**, Director, Investor Relations for Ball Corporation (NYSE: BLL). Scott is serving her first term as sponsor chair for the Rocky Mountain Chapter, having previously served as officer at large.

**Past President, Director and Sponsor Co-Chair: Steve Nutt**, Account Manager for Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. Nutt will be returning as sponsor co-chair this year after completing two years as the chapter's president and, previously, holding the offices of programs co-chair and membership chair. Nutt was also recognized in 2013 as a NIRI Individual Leadership Award winner.

**Board Director and Sponsor Co-Chair: Karla Kimrey**, Vice President of Cloud Peak Energy Inc. (NYSE: CLD). Kimrey returns to the board as director and sponsor co-chair, having previously served the chapter as president, secretary, programs chair and membership chair.

**Vice President and Programs Chair: Karen Winkler**, Director of Investor Relations for Golden Minerals Company (NYSE MKT: AUMN; TSX: AUM). Winkler is returning for her second term on the chapter's programs committee.

**Vice President and Programs Co-Chair: Scott Kozak**, Director of Investor Relations at General Moly, Inc. (NYSE MKT and TSX: GMO). Kozak is serving his second term as vice president and programs co-chair.

**Vice President and Programs Co-Chair: Rebecca Palumbo**, Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Administration at Hallador Energy Company (NASDAQ: HNRG). Palumbo joins the board for her first term serving as vice president and programs co-chair.

**Vice President and Membership Chair: Heath Cooper**, former Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain area, for Curran & Connors, Inc. Cooper is returning to the board for her fourth year as vice president and membership chair. She previously served the chapter as sponsorship chair and volunteered on the Golden Summit Committees.

**Vice President and Communications Chair: Jennifer Almquist**, President and Owner of Ivy Street Advisory, LLC. Almquist is returning for a second term as vice president and communications chair for the Rocky Mountain Chapter.

**Vice President and Officer at Large: Greg Bensen**, Director of Investor Relations for QEP Resources, Inc. (NYSE: QEP). Bensen is serving as an officer at large, having previously served as vice president and sponsorship chair.

**Vice President and Officer at Large: Charul Doshi**, Investor Relations Analyst for Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: LVLT). Doshi is newly elected to the board as vice president and officer at large.

**Vice President and Officer at Large: Cary Jernigan**, Client Development Manager for Computershare Governance Services in Golden, Colorado. Jernigan is returning for her third term as vice president and programs co-chair. She has previously served the chapter as secretary and communications chair.

#### Directors

**Board Director: Brenda Bell**, Regional Manager for Business Wire, a Berkshire Hathaway company. Bell is a former chapter president and previously served four consecutive terms as membership chair and three terms as sponsorship chair. She has also served the chapter as the volunteer coordinator, chaired the Golden Summit Awards Committee and served on the Membership Committee.

**Board Director: Suzanne Brink**, former Manager of Investor Relations for Royal Gold, Inc. Brink has served as the president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, following her two years as secretary and communications chair. She also participated on the Membership Committee in 2005 and served as the treasurer in 2001. Brink was also the 2011 recipient of the National Investor Relations Institute scholarship to the University of Michigan's Theory and Practice of Investor Relations seminar.

**Board Director: Derek Cole**, President of Investor Relations Advisory Solutions. Cole served on the NIRI National Board of Directors from 2008 through 2012, including chairman in 2012. He also served as chairman of the Working Group on Financial Disclosure for NIRI's Standards of Practice for Investor Relations and as co-chairman of the national steering committee for the NIRI BioPharma Roundtable. Cole is a former president for the Rocky Mountain Chapter and previously served as programs chair, secretary and communications chair.

**Board Director: Linda Dellett**, Partner with IGNITE Public Relations and Investor Relations Consulting. Dellett has served as the president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, as well as programs chair, membership chair, secretary and volunteer coordinator.

**Board Director: Karen Gross**, former Vice President & Corporate Secretary for Royal Gold, Inc. (NASDAQ: RGLD). Gross is a former director of the NIRI National Board of Directors and also served as president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter for three years. She previously served the chapter as treasurer, secretary, and program chair.

**Board Director: Deborah Kelly**, Partner with Genesis Incorporated. Kelly is a former president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter. She also served on the NIRI National Board of Directors.

**Board Director: Jane Okun Bomba**, Senior Vice President, Chief Sustainability, Investor Relations and Communications Officer for IHS (NYSE: IHS). Okun Bomba is a director of the NIRI National Board of Directors and has served the Rocky Mountain Chapter as president, program chair, membership chair and treasurer.

**Board Director: Andy Schulz**, Vice President of Financial Planning & Analysis and Investor Relations for Ping Identity. Schulz has held the offices of president, treasurer and program co-chair with the Rocky Mountain Chapter.

#### **About the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute**

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) represents most of the major public companies in the Rocky Mountain region with a membership that averages about 95 corporate practitioners, IR consultants and IR-related service providers. The chapter holds regular monthly meetings and special events featuring experts on leading issues affecting publicly traded companies and the investor relations profession. For more information on the Rocky Mountain Chapter, please visit our website at [www.rockyniri.org](http://www.rockyniri.org).

#### **About the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI)**

Founded in 1969, NIRI is the professional association of corporate officers and investor relations consultants responsible for communication among corporate management, shareholders, securities analysts and other financial community constituents. NIRI is the largest professional investor relations association in the world with more than 3,300 members representing over 1,600 publicly held companies and \$9 trillion in stock market capitalization.

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