



Board Leadership Fellow Be Recognized.

Document your status as an exemplary board leader and show your ongoing commitment to keeping pace with the evolving opportunities, challenges and relationships in today's corporate boardroom environment.

Why Become a 2011 NACD Board Leadership Fellow?

NACD's Board Leadership Fellow program:

- Ensures that your knowledge and expertise remain relevant as the environment for board leadership rapidly changes
- Alerts you to emerging issues so you can engage them as opportunities instead of reacting to them as challenges
- Helps you identify real risks based on reality, rather than hysteria or hype
- Enables you to learn from the only real experts in board leadership: other active directors
- Protects your reputation from the impact of sudden economic and regulatory shifts
- Reinforces your reputation and authority with recognized prestige and stature
- Documents your stature to serve as a director under new requirements
- Safeguards your seat from challenges
- Shows you are current in your expertise and that your decisions and judgments are based on sound interpretations of up-to-date information
- Provides opportunities for networking and collaboration, as well as knowledge

“The focus on the credentials of directors will only become more intense as the effort to improve corporate governance continues. With this in mind, the NACD program created to introduce Board Leadership Fellow recognition could not be more timely. Fellow status will represent a differentiating factor that all governance constituencies will value highly.”

Jim Brady, Managing Director, Ballantrae International Ltd; Director, Constellation Energy Group, McCormick & Company, and T. Rowe Price

How does the Fellowship Program Work?

A comprehensive program of study has been developed exclusively for experienced corporate directors. NACD Board Leadership Fellow candidates begin their course of

study by completing a strong foundation course—[The Master Class](#)—that brings a laser focus to both topical matters and committee-specific issues.

Candidates then build on that foundation through a combination of skill-specific and collaborative courses covering leading practices and emerging issues. 2011 NACD Board Leadership Fellows maintain and advance their knowledge with continuous learning and peer-led collaboration opportunities, renewing their status every year.

Upon completion of the program, your Fellowship stature is recognized by NACD, and you will receive a transcript and certificate to share with your board and shareowners. You will also be entitled to add your Fellowship status to your email signature and resume.

The NACD Board Leadership Fellow designation demonstrates a director’s commitment to adding definable value to boards and shareowners—over time, and despite change. Board Leadership Fellows receive full recognition from the director and investor community for their proactive involvement in advancing exemplary board leadership.

“NACD’s commitment to helping committee chairs, presiding directors and other experienced boardroom players understand the changing environment is key. America needs well-rounded directors who are sensitive to public company shareowners, and who can clearly demonstrate their value on their proxy disclosures. I look forward to meeting NACD Board Leadership Fellows everywhere I go.”

Anne Sheehan, Director-Corporate Governance, CalSTRS

Program Components

Become a NACD Board Leadership Fellow (For Experienced Directors)	
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Foundation Course	NACD Director Professionalism®— The Master Class
Skill-Specific Electives	At least 6 credits
Collaborative Electives	At least 4 credits
Completion Time	Within 12 months
Continuing Education*	At least 10 credits per year
Credential Earned	NACD Board Leadership Fellow

* Credits needed to maintain credential.

Get Started Today

If you have already attended the Board Leadership Fellowship foundation course—[The Master Class](#)—you are off to a great start. Please contact [NACD’s Registrar](#) to indicate

your interest in becoming a 2011 NACD Board Leadership Fellow. We will then be able to help you develop a Fellowship completion plan that best suits your interests, schedule and budget.

Not yet attended The Master Class? Pick the date and location that suits you:

➤ [The Master Class](#)

For more information or for help getting started, contact NACD's Registrar:

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Not yet an experienced director? Contact [NACD's Registrar](#) to find out more about other education options from NACD.

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