



# 2025 DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR **AWARDS**

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD LEADERSHIP:

***On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Corporate Directors New Jersey Chapter, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Sixth Annual Director of the Year Awards Dinner. Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate the exceptional directors and organizations whose trusted leadership continues to foster growth, innovation and positive impact in the New Jersey business community and beyond.***

We are undoubtedly living in a time of rapid disruption: generative AI is reshaping business models, while geopolitical challenges, supply chain pressures, energy transitions, and the mounting urgency of climate change demand adaptive and visionary leadership. At the same time, the proliferation of cyber threats and global economic uncertainty add layers of complexity to an already dynamic corporate landscape.

The role of directors today has never been more critical. During these unprecedented challenges, directors are rising to the occasion with forward-thinking strategies, unwavering commitment to strong governance, and an unrelenting focus on integrity and accountability. Their leadership builds trust, drives innovation, and ensures that boards and businesses remain agile and

transparent, fostering confidence among stakeholders in a world defined by change.

At NACD New Jersey, we are inspired by the remarkable leadership within our community. Tonight, we honor individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards of governance, ethical leadership, and corporate stewardship. Their contributions set a benchmark for excellence and serve as an inspiration to us all.

This evening would not be possible without the dedication of the NACD New Jersey Board of Directors, the 2025 Nominating and Selection Committees, and our valued sponsors. As a nonprofit association, we rely on the generosity and expertise of our volunteers and partners to advance our mission and support our programming. To our honorees, we extend our deepest gratitude—your visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to excellence reflect the core values of NACD New Jersey and inspire the future of corporate governance.



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NACD New Jersey



**Richard Mroz**  
Event Chair  
NACD New Jersey DOYA

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# EVENING PROGRAM

## WELCOME REMARKS

**Daryl Brewster**

*2025 Awards Program Emcee*

**Jeannie Diefenderfer**

*Chair, NACD New Jersey Chapter*

## LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

**Irene Chang Britt**

*ICB Enterprises LLC*

PRESENTED BY: **JAY MAZELSKY**, *CEO, IDEXX*

## DINNER

### POST DINNER REMARKS

**Richard Mroz**

*Event Chair, NACD New Jersey Chapter DOYA*

### SMALL COMPANY BOARD THE YEAR

**Suburban Propane**

ACCEPTED BY: **MICHAEL A. STIVALA**,

*President and Chief Executive Officer, Suburban Propane*

PRESENTED BY: **PETER GLEASON**, *President and CEO, NACD*

### LEADERSHIP IN NON-PROFIT GOVERNANCE

**Sara Peña**

*Director of External Affairs, PSEG*

PRESENTED BY: **RICK THIGPEN**,

*Senior Vice President of Corporate Citizenship, PSEG*

### LARGE COMPANY BOARD OF THE YEAR

**Prudential Financial**

ACCEPTED BY: **GILBERT F. CASELLAS**,

*Board of Directors, Prudential Financial*

PRESENTED BY: **PEGGY FORAN**,

*Chief Governance Officer, Prudential Financial*

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN GOVERNANCE

**Martha Clark Goss**

*Independent Director, American Water; Independent Trustee,  
Neuberger Berman Mutual Funds and Independent Director,  
EA Engineering (PBC)*

PRESENTED BY: **M. SUSAN HARDWICK**, *CEO, American Water*

## LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC CORPORATE GOVERNANCE



### Irene Chang Britt

Irene Chang Britt is an experienced board and committee chair on public and private boards across varied industries. She currently serves on the boards of Amica Senior Lifestyles (Chair of the Board), Victoria's Secret & Co (Chair, Human Capital and Compensation), IDEXX (Chair, Compensation and Talent), First Watch Restaurant Group (Chair, Nomination and Corporate Governance), Peloton Capital Management (LP and Advisory Board Member), MikMak, Partake Foods (Lead Director), and JustBoardrooms. Her previous corporate boards were Dunkin' Brands (Chair, N&CG), Brighthouse Financial (Chair, N&CG), Tailored Brands (Chair, N&CG), TerraVia (Chair of the Board) and Sunoco.

Irene is a retired Fortune 500 President/Divisional CEO and SVP, with a distinguished 30-year career at Campbell Soup Co., Kraft Foods, Nabisco and Kimberly-Clark, during which she was known for leading transformative growth and strategic turnarounds. Irene earned her BA from the University of Toronto and her MBA, with honors, from the University of Western Ontario Richard Ivey School of Business.

## SMALL COMPANY BOARD OF THE YEAR



**Amy M. Adams**  
**Matthew J. Chanin**, *Chairman*  
**Terence J. Connors**  
**William M. Landuyt**  
**Harold R. Logan, Jr.**

**Rommel M. Oates**  
**Michael A. Stivala**, *President and Chief Executive Officer*  
**Jane Swift**

### Suburban Propane

Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. ("Suburban Propane") is a publicly traded master limited partnership listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Headquartered in Whippany, New Jersey, Suburban Propane has been in the customer service business since 1928 and is a nationwide distributor of propane, renewable propane, renewable natural gas ("RNG"), fuel oil and related products and services, as well as a marketer of natural gas and electricity and producer of and investor in low carbon fuel alternatives, servicing the energy needs of approximately 1 million residential, commercial, governmental, industrial and agricultural customers through approximately 700 locations across 42 states.

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For additional information on Suburban Propane, please visit [www.suburbanpropane.com](http://www.suburbanpropane.com).



## LEADERSHIP IN NON-PROFIT GOVERNANCE



### Sara Peña

Sara Peña has two decades of initiating and delivering sustained results across a wide range of industries including healthcare, private entities, and government. She currently serves as the Director of External Affairs at PSEG. In her current role she develops and implements strategic outreach in support of critical organizational priorities and directs the activities of Senior and Regional Public Affairs managers.

ROI-NJ, a media company, recognized her in 2023 and 2024 as one of the most influential People of Color for her work at Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) and her nonprofit, Boys to Leaders Foundation. Most recently, she was elected to serve as a delegate under the New Jersey Delegation for the 2024 Democratic National Convention held in Chicago.

Prior to her role at PSEG, Ms. Peña served as the Director in the New Jersey Department of State's Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development under Governor Murphy's administration. She was twice named NJ's Insider 100: Policy-Makers Power List for her work leading

the Center. During her tenure at the NJ Department of State she was widely lauded for expanding its statewide footprint and national presence in advocacy for Hispanics and Latinx.

Ms. Peña received her bachelor's degree in management science from Kean University and her master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University in Newark. Sara was born, raised, and educated in the City of Newark, NJ. She is the proud daughter to an Ecuadorian mother and Dominican father.

Sara is a proud mother to Anthony, who inspired her to start her own non-profit Boys to Leaders Foundation in 2013. In response to her commitment to her community and most importantly her son, she decided to create an organization that will benefit young men, giving them a strong sense of direction to enhance their achievement and demonstrate her commitment to them and her community.

## LARGE COMPANY BOARD OF THE YEAR



**Gilbert F. Casellas**

**Carmine Di Sibio**

**Robert M. Falzon**

**Martina Hund-Mejean**

**Wendy E. Jones**

**Charles F. Lowrey**, *Chairman & CEO*

**Kathleen A. Murphy**

**Sandra Pianalto**

**Christine A. Poon**

**Douglas A. Scovanner**

**Michael A. Todman**

### Prudential Financial

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## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN GOVERNANCE




### Martha Clark Goss

Since 1992, Goss has served on numerous corporate and mutual fund boards, including five NYSE-listed companies: Dexter Corporation, Foster Wheeler Corporation, American Water, Ocwen Financial, and Claire's Stores. She was Non-Executive Chair of Channel Reinsurance and has served on boards of various private companies in banking, insurance, engineering and construction, and natural language processing. Currently, she serves on the Board of American Water and is a Trustee of the Neuberger Berman Mutual Funds Complex.

Goss has had a distinguished career in investments and finance, holding CFO roles at Booz Allen Hamilton and The Capital Markets Company, as well as senior executive positions at Prudential Insurance Company of America and Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. Goss's leadership has not only driven significant organizational transformations but also restored trust in these organizations.

Goss has also served as a faculty member at Deloitte University, has been a Trustee/Treasurer and now Trustee Emerita of Brown University since 1987, President/Past President of the Financial Women's Association of New York since 2006, a member of the Committee of 200 since 1990, Trustee/Chair/Trustee Emerita of the Independent College Fund of New Jersey since 1986, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of American Finance since 2013. She has been profiled in various publications, including *Directors & Boards*, *Fortune Magazine*, *Business Week*, *Working Mother Magazine*, *Board IQ*, *Fund Board Views* as well as several trade publications. She is a frequent speaker on governance, enterprise risk management, and audit committee topics for the Conference Board, the Mutual Fund Directors Forum, and other organizations, further demonstrating her leadership in these areas.



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE  
2025 NACD NEW JERSEY DIRECTOR  
OF THE YEAR HONOREES.**

**- THE GOSS, BRILEY, SOMMERVILLE  
AND SULLIVAN FAMILIES**

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***Congratulations Martha*** on the ***Lifetime Achievement in Governance*** award from **NACD New Jersey** for your outstanding contributions to corporate governance and leadership.

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**MARTHA  
CLARK  
GOSS**

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**Irene Chang Britt**  
IDEXX Board Member and  
Compensation and Talent Committee Chair

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IDEXX congratulates Irene Chang Britt on her well-deserved Leadership in Public Corporate Governance Award from the NACD New Jersey. We highly value Irene’s leadership, insights, and contributions to our Board as we work to advance our Purpose.



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KPMG is proud to support the National Association of Corporate Directors New Jersey Chapter and its mission to be a leader in corporate governance. KPMG congratulates Martha Clark Goss, Irene Chang Britt, Sara Peña, Suburban Propane, and Prudential Financial for being honored with the NACD New Jersey 2025 Director of the Year awards. Discover more at [kpmg.com](https://kpmg.com)

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With special congratulations to our client, **Prudential Financial Inc.**,  
on receiving the **Large Company Board of the Year** award.

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a special congratulations to our  
client, **Suburban Propane  
Partners, L.P.**, on being named  
the 2025 Small Company Board  
of the Year.

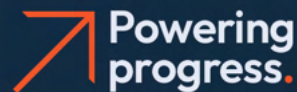


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**PSE&G** congratulates  
**Sara Peña**  
and all honorees.



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2025 NACD Small Company Board of the Year



**CONGRATULATIONS**

to the 2025 NJ NACD winners and honorees –  
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leadership, and long-term value creation

**Suburban Propane**

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

VS&Co celebrates Board Member Irene Chang Britt on receiving the 2025 Leadership in Public Corporate Governance Honoree recognition.

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2025 Director of the Year Awards



## HONOREE SELECTION COMMITTEE

**Anita Allen**, *Chair Emeritus,*  
NACD New Jersey Chapter

**Marcy Bliss**, *2024 Private Company Board of  
the Year Honoree, Wedgewood Pharmacy*

**Jeannie Diefenderfer**, *Board Chair,*  
NACD New Jersey Chapter

**Peter Gleason**, *President and CEO, NACD*

**M. Susan Hardwick**, *2024 Public Company  
Board of the Year Honoree, American Water*

**Denise Morrison**, *2024  
Leadership in Public Corporate  
Governance Honoree*

**Richard Mroz**, *2025 DOYA Chair,*  
NACD New Jersey Chapter

**Joe Rigby**, *2024 Lifetime  
Achievement in Governance  
Honoree*

## INDIVIDUAL HONOREE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

**Anita Allen**, *ex-officio*

**Andrea Bonime –Blanc**, *Chair*

**Daryl Brewster**

**Chrissy Buteas**

**Jeannie Diefenderfer**, *ex-officio*

**Richard Mroz**, *ex-officio*

**Lori Pressler**

**Judy Reinsdorf**

**Shane Sanders**

**Glenn Votek**

## COMPANY HONOREE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

**Anita Allen**, *ex-officio*

**Daryl Brewster**

**Chrissy Buteas**

**Jeannie Diefenderfer**, *ex-officio*

**Mary Jacobson**, *NACD Regional Director*

**Richard Mroz**, *ex-officio*

**Lori Pressler**

**Shane Sanders**

**Michele Siekerka**, *Chair*

## 2025 NACD NEW JERSEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Anita Allen**, *Chair Emeritus*

**Andrea Bonime-Blanc**, *Secretary*

**Alice Brennan**, *Director*

**Chrissy Buteas**, *Director*

**Jeannie Diefenderfer**, *Chair*

**Julia Fisher**, *Marketing Chair*

**Susan Gray**, *Program Chair*

**Gregory Johnson**, *Audit/Finance Chair*

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**Shane Sanders**, *Director*

**Michele Siekerka**, *Director*

**Glenn Votek**, *Sponsor Chair*

## STAFF

**Gina Barberio**, *Chapter Coordinator*

**Kristin Hassan**, *Executive Director*



## 2024 – 2025 PROGRAMS

### SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 *Cyber Governance 2024: Part 2 – Crises, Geopolitics & New Tech*

**Speakers:** Nicholas Barry, *Client Advisor, Cyber Practice, Marsh*; John Pearce, *Principal, Cyber Risk Advisory Services, Grant Thornton*; and moderator, Andrea Bonime-Blanc, *CEO, GEC Risk Advisory, Director & Author*

### SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 *The Evolving Grid: Right Here in New Jersey*

**Speakers:** Travis Kavulla, *VP, External Affairs, NRG*; Peter Kind, *Independent Board Member*; Jeff Weiss, *Chairman, Trucurrent and Distributed Sun*; Simon White, *Head of Power and Utilities, S&P Global Ratings* and moderator, Susan Gray, *Director, NACD New Jersey Chapter*

### NOVEMBER 20, 2024 *Audit Roundtable*

### NOVEMBER 21, 2024 *Future of Financial Services and the Role of Fintechs*

**Speakers:** Benjamin Froehlich, *Managing Director, Digital Finance, Barclays*; Richard Kim, *Partner, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz*; David MacGown, *Managing Director, Head of North America Specialty Finance, Barclays*; Craig Stine, *Vice Chairman, FIG, Barclays*; and moderator, Adam Goldstein, *Chief Business Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York*

### DECEMBER 3, 2024 *Nom/Gov Roundtable*

### DECEMBER 11, 2024 *Holiday Social*

### JANUARY 9, 2025 *Economic Forecast 2025 with Pat Harker*

**Speakers:** Patrick T. Harker, *President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia* and Richard Mroz, *Senior Director, Archer Public Affairs, and Director NACD New Jersey Chapter*

### JANUARY 22, 2025 *BRC Technology Leadership in the Boardroom: Driving Trust and Value*

**Speakers:** Claudia Allen, *Senior Advisor, KPMG Board Leadership Center*, Gregory Touhill, *Brigadier General, USAF (ret.) Director, CERT Division*; and moderator, Glenn Booraem, *Principal, Office of the General Counsel, The Vanguard Group*

### JANUARY 30, 2025 *World Economic Forum 2025 Global Risks Report Presentation*

**Speakers:** Andrea Bonime-Blanc, *CEO, GEC Risk Advisory, Director, Author*, Michael Marquardt, *Advisor, Board Member, CEO, Epi One, Inc.*; Allison Pan, *Senior Vice President, Emerging Risks Group, Marsh Advisory*; and moderator, Anita Allen, *Founder and Managing Partner, Allen Advisory Group, and Director & Chair Emeritus NACD New Jersey Chapter*

### FEBRUARY 10, 2025 *Edelman Trust Barometer 2025*

**Speakers:** Alex Thompson, *President, Global Practices & Sectors, Edelman*; Julia Fisher, *Executive Vice President, Edelman Smithfield, and Director NACD New Jersey Chapter*

### MARCH 25, 2025 *How Customer Understanding Improves Corporate Governance*

**Speakers:** Shaz Kahng, *Board Director, Transformational CEO, Growth Company Advisor, Key Note Speaker, Award-Winning Author*; Jessica Saperstein, *Fractional Chief Marketing Officer, Digital & Product Advisor*



## APRIL 15, 2025 *Navigating Your Path to the Boardroom*

**Speakers:** Isela Bahena, *Head of Infrastructure, Nuveen*; Alice Brennan, *Director, NACD New Jersey Chapter*; Tanuja Dehne, *Independent Board Director*; Robin Doyle, *Independent Board Director*; Jeanmarie Dunn-Kane, *Counsel, Riker Danzig LLP*; Susan Gray, *Director, NACD New Jersey Chapter*; Sharon Manewitz, *Co-Founder of Manewitz, Weiker Associates, LLC, Independent Board Director*; Gloria Mirrione, *Executive Director, Head of Financial Services, Americas*; Sara Peña, *Director of External Affairs, PSEG*; Scott Raymond, *Corporate Issuer, Account Manager, Broadridge*; Sherise Ritter, *Board Member & Former Chairman, RWJ University Hospital Foundation, Former Chair, MIDJersey Chamber of Commerce, Former President, YWCA Trenton*; Michele Siekerka, *President & CEO, New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA), Director, NACD New Jersey Chapter*; Margie Warrell, *PhD, Leadership Advisor, Speaker & Author*

## JUNE 3, 2025 *Summer Social Event*

## JUNE 11, 2025 *AI & Tech Governance at the Cutting Edge: Trends, Trust & Opportunity in Transformative Times*

## SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 *Nuclear Energy Event at PSEG Headquarters*

## SEPTEMBER, 2025 *Healthcare/Life Sciences Panel*

## OCTOBER, 2025 *Joint Chapter Networking Event at NACD Summit*

## FALL, 2025 *Cyber Update*

## FALL, 2025 *Audit Roundtable*

## FALL, 2025 *CEO Exits – Choice or Necessity?*

## NOVEMBER 12, 2025 *Compensation Roundtable*

## DECEMBER 9, 2025 *Holiday Social Event*

## DECEMBER, 2025 *Nom/Gov Roundtable*

## HONORING THE LEGACY OF TRISH OELRICH



Trish Oelrich was a visionary leader whose profound impact on the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), the NACD New Jersey Chapter, and the broader business community will be remembered for years to come.

Trish built an extraordinary career, rising to partner at Ernst & Young, serving as Vice President at GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, and earning both an M.A. and Ph.D. in Human Organizational Systems. Rather than retire, she chose to apply her passion and expertise to the boardroom, bringing invaluable wisdom and vision to corporate governance.

As Chair of the NACD New Jersey Chapter, Trish passionately advocated for strong governance, equipping directors to lead with confidence and

integrity. She also served on the boards of Federal Home Loan Banks, USA Technologies, Pepco Holdings, the Association of Audit Committee Members, and Women Corporate Directors Philadelphia—leaving a lasting imprint on each organization.

Outside of her professional accomplishments, Trish was a passionate learner, a devoted enthusiast of art and music, and an adventurous spirit. Yet, what brought her the most happiness was spending cherished moments with her beloved great nieces and nephews.

Although Trish is no longer with us, her legacy of wisdom, strength, and kindness will continue to inspire the NACD and all who had the privilege of knowing her. With heartfelt gratitude and admiration, we honor Trish's enduring legacy.

## ABOUT NACD NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

NACD advances exemplary board leadership - for directors, by directors. Directors and boards turn to NACD to gain the knowledge and insight to become a strategic asset to their companies, and NACD amplifies the collective voice of directors in the national dialogue on board governance issues. NACD is the Voice of the Director.

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