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<b>American College of Corporate Directors</b>			
American College of Corporate Directors	<a href="#">Directors Forum</a> March 3 – 4, 2026 Scottsdale, AZ (in person)	\$1,295	<p>Effective boards drive company performance, but to do so, they must continually adapt. In today's rapidly changing global landscape, boards face increasing challenges – macroeconomic pressures, regulatory changes and technological advancements – that demand more strategic focus. Traditional governance approaches are no longer enough.</p> <p>At the Directors Forum, you'll gain the insights and tools needed to address these challenges head-on and position your board for success in the years to come.</p>
American College of Corporate Directors	<a href="#">22nd Annual Boardroom Summit and Board Committee Peer Exchange</a> September 29 – 30, 2026 New York, NY (in person)	\$2,495	<p>Exclusively for sitting public company board directors, this summit features off-the-record sessions that open the door for you to network and learn from fellow board directors who have experienced the same challenges you're facing today – navigating an uncertain economy, evolving workforce, artificial intelligence, hard-driving regulators and more.</p> <p>Come together with your peers to share and refresh your perspective, build your skills and prepare for the next chapter of board governance. Organizers will solicit input from participants to develop the most relevant outline for each group – the audit committee, compensation committee, nominating/governance committees, lead directors and board chairs, and general counsel.</p>

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<b>Columbia Business School</b>			
Columbia Business School	<a href="#">Corporate Governance Program: Developing Exceptional Board Leaders</a> February 24 – 27, 2026 April 28 – May 1, 2026 September 28 – October 1, 2026  All sessions are held in person on the Manhattanville campus in New York City.	\$10,250 \$10,550 (September program)	This program equips executives and professionals who currently serve – or are interested in serving – on corporate boards with the knowledge required to excel as stewards of shareholders that promote long-term and sustainable value creation.
Columbia Business School	<a href="#">Strategic Value Creation: Transform Strategy Into Sustainable Advantage</a> March 18 – 20, 2026 November 16 – 18, 2026  All sessions are held in person on the Manhattanville campus in New York City.	\$8,150 (March) \$8,400 (November)	<p>Value creation is the process of delivering products, services or experiences that fulfill customer needs while building a sustainable advantage for long-term success. Business leaders often face challenges in understanding the complexities of how their organizations create and distribute value. This gap in knowledge can lead to ineffective decision-making, misaligned strategies and an inability to achieve sustainable growth.</p> <p>This program is designed to provide leaders with a comprehensive understanding of the entire value chain of business. Participants will delve into the seven drivers of value creation that create sustainable advantage and firm value: corporate purpose, the product market, human capital, materials and capacity, tech options, funding strategy and capital allocation, and stewardship and risk management. By the end of the value creation program, leaders will be equipped to critically assess company strategies, stress test visions with concrete proof points and forecast future business prospects.</p>
Columbia Business School	<a href="#">Aspiring Board Directors Program</a> June 1 – 4, 2026 October 27 – 30, 2026  All sessions are held in person on the Manhattanville campus in New York City.	\$10,250 (June) \$10,550 (October)	<p>Stepping into the boardroom is a defining moment in an executive's career. It requires a shift from leading operations to shaping an organization's long-term direction – exercising independent judgment, overseeing risk, challenging strategy, and upholding fiduciary duties with clarity and integrity. Yet the path to board service is rarely transparent, and even the most accomplished leaders often lack the governance experience that boards expect.</p> <p>This program is designed for leaders who feel ready to elevate their influence. The program provides a rigorous, practical introduction to modern governance, revealing how effective boards actually work, what directors are accountable for, and how to contribute with confidence from</p>

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			<p>day one.</p> <p>Across four immersive days in New York City, participants learn directly from faculty experts, experienced board members and governance advisors. Through case discussions, committee simulations and real-world scenario work, they gain a deep understanding of board responsibilities, financial oversight, CEO succession, culture evaluation and the recruiting process that determines who earns a seat at the table.</p> <p>For those ready to translate years of executive experience into board-level impact – and who want the knowledge, clarity and confidence to navigate that transition – this program provides the framework to get there.</p>
<b>Council of Institutional Investors</b>			
Council of Institutional Investors	<p><a href="#">CII-NYU School of Law: Corporate Governance Bootcamp</a></p> <p>Dates to come: Registration will open mid-summer 2026, and the event will be held in November. New York University School of Law (in person)</p>	TBA	The two-day curriculum, offered only in-person and once a year, covers a range of topics in corporate governance, proxy voting and engagement. Instructors include NYU faculty, as well as seasoned practitioners, regulators, directors and investors.
Council of Institutional Investors	<p><a href="#">CII Spring 2026 Conference: Washington, DC</a></p> <p>March 9 – 11, 2026 Salamander, Washington, DC 1330 Maryland Ave. SW Washington, DC (in person)</p>	\$2,495	This conference offers a unique opportunity to network, share best practices and learn from a spectrum of executives, stewardship teams and investment professionals from major pension funds and asset managers across the globe.
Council of Institutional Investors	<p><a href="#">CII Fall 2026 Conference: Boston, MA</a></p> <p>September 30 – October 2, 2026 Westin Boston Seaport 425 Summer St. Boston, MA (in person)</p>	TBA	This conference offers a unique opportunity to network, share best practices and learn from a spectrum of executives, stewardship teams and investment professionals from major pension funds and asset managers across the globe.

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<b>Harvard Business School</b>			
Harvard Business School – Executive Education	<a href="#">Preparing to Be a Corporate Director</a> April 29 – May 2, 2026 September 30 – October 3, 2026  All sessions are held in person on the Harvard Business School campus.	\$12,500 (April) \$13,000 (September)	What does it take to succeed as a corporate director? For senior executives interested in joining a corporate board, preparation is key. This program dives into the unique responsibilities, dynamics, risks and opportunities of joining a corporate board. You'll gain critical tools and insights that enhance your readiness for corporate board service and your ability to make a lasting contribution at the highest level of an organization
Harvard Business School – Executive Education	<a href="#">Making Corporate Boards More Effective</a> July 15 – 18, 2026 October 21 – 24, 2026  All sessions are held in person on the Harvard Business School campus.	\$13,000	There is no one best way for boards to operate – rather, each board must develop practices that suit the unique needs of its company and management. During this program, participants will explore topics relevant at the highest level of corporate oversight, such as financial resilience, strategic direction, executive compensation and regulatory compliance. Analyze the most important strategic and organizational challenges facing corporate boards today, and find ways to strengthen governance, manage unexpected crises and add value.
Harvard Business School – Executive Education	<a href="#">Compensation Committees: New Challenges, New Solutions</a> July 22 – 24, 2026 October 25 – 27, 2026  All sessions are held in person on the Harvard Business School campus.	\$8,250	Executive compensation has become a flashpoint issue for board members, institutional investors, regulators and the media. This program helps committee chairs and members design more effective compensation plans. You will examine the evolving regulatory climate and explore best practices for aligning executive pay with business strategy, company goals and shareholder expectations.
Harvard Business School – Executive Education	<a href="#">Audit Committees in a New Era of Governance</a> July 19 – 21, 2026 October 28 – 30, 2026  All sessions are held in person on the Harvard Business School campus.	\$8,250	With growing public focus on corporate governance and oversight, audit committees face increasingly complex regulatory challenges. Managing this tension between compliance and strategy can feel like an art. This program addresses the core responsibilities of audit committees including risk management. You will learn how to strengthen internal control systems and move your company toward strategic financial reporting that mitigates risk.
Harvard Business School – Executive Education	<a href="#">Women on Boards: Succeeding as a Corporate Director</a> November 30 – December 4, 2026 Harvard Business School campus (in person)	\$14,500	Traditionally, most board appointments are made through informal networks that are especially hard for women to break into. With a focus on the critical issues facing boards today, this session will show you how to approach board selection strategically and raise your profile to find your best match. This program unpacks the board selection process and provides you with the knowledge you need to instantly drive impact as a new member. You'll

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Harvard Business School – Executive Education	<a href="#">Value Creation Through Effective Boards</a> May 4 – 7, 2026 Barcelona, Spain (in person)	€8,500	Corporate boards can have a significant impact on value creation, but directors must first optimize how they're structured and governed. Developed and taught in collaboration with the <a href="#">IESE Business School at the University of Navarra</a> , this program examines the strategic and organizational issues facing corporate boards of directors. With greater insight into corporate governance oversight and best practices, you'll be prepared to enhance your contribution as a board member and create more value for your company.
<b>INSEAD Business School</b>			
INSEAD Business School	<a href="#">International Directors Programme</a> Three in-person modules in Fontainebleau, France: April 20 – 23, 2026 June 22 – 25, 2026 November 9 – 11, 2026 Three in-person modules in Fontainebleau, France: June 10 –13, 2026 September 21 – 24, 2026 November 16 –18, 2026 Three in-person modules in Singapore and Fontainebleau, France: June 8 – 11, 2026 (Singapore) September 28 – October 1, 2026 (Fontainebleau) December 7 – 9, 2026 (Singapore) Three in-person modules in Singapore: June 15 –18, 2026 October 5 – 8, 2026 December 10 –12, 2026	€27,900 S\$39,200	This flagship course in corporate governance is a unique educational experience that aims to develop effective directors for the global business scene by nurturing and training boards of directors to be impactful business stewards. Set within an international context that is rare in director education, this course offers practical and tested frameworks and tools to sharpen judgment and corporate decision-making skills. It also augments the oversight abilities of directors seeking to boost their existing competencies or be better prepared for new board mandates. In three focused modules, you will master strategies for the fundamental areas: board effectiveness and dynamics; board decision-making and oversight; and director effectiveness and development.

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INSEAD Business School	<a href="#">Leading From the Chair</a> June 3 – 5, 2026 Fontainebleau, France (in person)	€9,900	<p>This course provides board chairs with the opportunity to discover, share and practice techniques for achieving greater board effectiveness. Because the role of the chair in particular has assumed greater significance, visibility and complexity than in the past, an increasingly different skill set – and a distinctive form of engaged, informed and strong board leadership – is required.</p> <p>This course is designed to sharpen your skills for leading a successful and high-performing board that can effectively set and implement the company's direction and strategy.</p>
INSEAD Business School	<a href="#">Corporate Strategy for Board Members</a> June 15 –19, 2026 Fontainebleau, France (in person)	€11,800	<p>The complex forces now shaping the business world have a direct impact on board agendas and the decisions that boards need to make. Boards need to take greater responsibility for their organization's course in this new global environment, which offers great challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>This course aims to deepen directors' understanding of the complexities of this new business landscape. A dynamic mix of lectures and discussions enables participants to review and explore key issues, such as the impact of digital technology on strategy and organizations, and on the role of the board. Role-playing activities allow directors to practice formulating, implementing and evaluating strategies in a board environment.</p>
INSEAD Business School	<a href="#">Value Creation for Owners and Directors</a> April 6 – 11, 2026 Fontainebleau, France (in person)	€11,200	<p>This course is designed to develop skills and knowledge for highly effective ownership and board membership by focusing on the key areas of value creation, including finance, governance, strategy, leadership and organizational skills. Through specifically developed INSEAD frameworks and tools, this course provides business owners and directors with the insights they need to incorporate the concept of value creation in a more systematic, principled and disciplined approach.</p>
INSEAD Business School	<a href="#">Aspiring Directors Programme</a> March 23 – 27, 2026 Fontainebleau, France (in person)  June 8 – 12, 2026 Singapore (in person)	€11,800 SGD\$16,950	<p>This course helps high-potential professionals, managers and executives preparing for their first board mandate acquire the knowledge base that directors are expected to master, and which forms the basis of effective board membership.</p> <p>Dynamic and immersive learning allows participants to understand the essential areas of the board – such as architecture, structure, processes and the job market – so they can move into a board position with confidence.</p>

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<b>International Corporate Governance Network</b>			
International Corporate Governance Network	<a href="#">ICGN Korea Conference 2026</a> April 14, 2026 76 Yeouinaru-ro, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul, 07329, Korea	ICGN member: Free KRX-listed company: Free Nonmember: £100	This conference, hosted by Korea Exchange (KRX), examines global trends in sustainability, stewardship codes, and reporting standards and explores Korea's rapidly evolving corporate governance and stewardship landscape. Our topical panel discussions offer insights into how governance can drive long-term value creation and strategic resilience alongside unrivalled networking opportunities.
International Corporate Governance Network	<a href="#">ICGN Autumn Conference 2026 – Toronto</a> November 4 – 5, 2026 Toronto, Canada	ICGN member: £600 Nonmember: £850 CCGG rate: £600	This conference will explore global governance and stewardship trends, including regulatory developments across major markets and their implications for shareholder rights and corporate accountability. Through plenary sessions, expert briefings and breakout discussions, participants will gain practical insights on future-fit governance, collaborative investor initiatives and strategies for effective engagement in a rapidly changing landscape.
International Corporate Governance Network	<a href="#">ICGN Summer Conference 2026 – Amsterdam</a> June 25 – 26, 2026 Beurs Van Berlage, Amsterdam	ICGN member: £750 + 21% Netherlands VAT Nonmember: £1050 + 21% Netherlands VAT Partner rate: £900 + 21% Netherlands VAT	This conference, hosted by Eumedion, offers a global perspective on governance and stewardship, examining regulatory developments, emerging standards and their implications for investors and companies. Sessions will explore key themes such as sustainability reporting and assurance, shareholder rights under SRD III, and the integration of culture and human capital into long-term value strategies. With deep dives into major markets and emerging economies, expert briefings, and practical insights on proxy voting and activism, the programme equips participants to navigate evolving expectations and drive effective stewardship.
<b>International Institute for Management Development</b>			
International Institute for Management Development	<a href="#">High Performance Boards</a> February 23 – 26, 2026 May 4 – 7 2026 June 15 – 18, 2026 October 5 – 8, 2026 November 23 – 26, 2026 All sessions are held in person in Lausanne, Switzerland.	CHF 12,500	IMD's flagship program for board directors is inspired by the latest research conducted by the <a href="#">IMD Global Board Center</a> and the world's best boards. This program draws on nearly five decades of board education experience at IMD to offer an in-depth exploration of issues related to nonexecutive board performance and effectiveness. You will broaden your skills as you familiarize yourself with the latest tools and frameworks for enhancing your board's performance – as well as your own.  Alongside board members and prominent chairpersons from around the world, you will learn about successes and failures and explore governance best practices. You also will build a solid network of global peers while identifying the strategies, structures and processes that make boards the driving force behind corporate success.

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International Institute for Management Development	<a href="#">Role of the Chair</a> June 4 – 5, 2026 November 12 – 13, 2026  All sessions are held in person in Lausanne, Switzerland.	CHF 8,600	<p>Chairing practice has evolved due to geopolitical and macroeconomic instability, societal tensions and complex stakeholder dynamics.</p> <p>This program gives you a deep understanding of how impactful board chairs fulfill their roles and responsibilities, and the practices they adopt to uphold the highest governance standards. It also explores the crucial role of committee chairs in leading discussions, anticipating blind spots and interfacing for decision-making.</p> <p>A strong chair-CEO relationship is essential for corporate leadership. This program teaches indicators of a healthy relationship and how to address dysfunction. Top board and committee chairs share their experiences, including crisis management, ways to ensure efficient board operations, and adherence to the highest corporate governance standards.</p>
International Institute for Management Development	<a href="#">Women on Boards</a> May 28 – 29, 2026 September 24 – 25, 2026  All sessions are held in person in Lausanne, Switzerland.	CHF 6,600	<p>Opportunities for women on boards are increasing, fueled by growing recognition of the value of diversity, evolving societal norms and legislation requiring more gender diversity in the boardroom – yet securing a board position remains challenging. And even when women have a place at the boardroom table, they often encounter gender-based barriers, rooted in behavioral stereotypes.</p> <p>This program will provide you with personalized support and essential tools for jump-starting your board career or taking it to the next level – including how to enhance your personal brand, raise your profile among executive search firms, nomination committees and board chairs, and strengthen your leadership presence. You will be better positioned to manage the dynamics that are unique to women on boards and empowered to add value and impact to the boardroom.</p> <p>You'll also learn how to determine the type of board you should target, based on your profile, areas of interest and values, and receive practical guidance on positioning yourself as a strong candidate. You will gain insights into the board selection process and examine important factors you should consider before accepting a board role.</p>
International Institute for Management Development	<a href="#">Stakeholder Management for Boards</a> March 4 – 5, 2026 June 8 – 9, 2026 November 16 – 17, 2026	CHF 6,600	<p>Understanding and managing stakeholders has become central to high-quality corporate governance, particularly as organizations are increasingly interdependent with a wider range of stakeholders around them.</p> <p>Effective stakeholder management enables boards to identify, evaluate and manage changes in their global business ecosystem that may have</p>

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	All sessions are held in person in Lausanne, Switzerland.		<p>significant implications for their business strategy and their capacity to implement it. Yet many boards struggle to understand the complex dynamics presented by stakeholders and the strategic implications of stakeholder management.</p> <p>In this program, you will gain insights into the broader stakeholder environment while learning how to integrate market and nonmarket strategies. You'll also learn best practices for boards to ensure your organization and senior executives are attuned to risks and opportunities. Through both theoretical and practical approaches, you will develop a more sophisticated understanding of stakeholder management and the diverse tools you can immediately apply to your organization to achieve best-in-class practices.</p>
International Institute for Management Development	<p><a href="#">Digital and AI Transformation for Boards</a></p> <p>April 29– 30, 2026 October 2 – 3, 2026</p> <p>All sessions are held in person in Lausanne, Switzerland.</p>	CHF 6,600	This program brings you up-to-speed with the new digital landscape so you can make informed decisions and provide the best recommendations when evaluating digital opportunities and threats for your company. You will develop a better understanding of the board competencies required to successfully lead in a business environment increasingly shaped by digital technologies and AI, learning how to navigate disruptive forces, foster innovation, address cybersecurity and ethical considerations, and confidently guide your organization towards success.
International Institute for Management Development	<p><a href="#">Driving Sustainability from the Boardroom</a></p> <p>May 26 – 27, 2026 November 10 – 11, 2026</p> <p>All sessions are held in person in Lausanne, Switzerland.</p>	CHF 7,500	Environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors have become a global imperative, placing companies under increasing scrutiny. This heightened stakeholder focus means boards are confronted with new expectations. Yet, few directors are equipped to govern ESG issues. This highly experiential program immerses you in the complex and multifaceted realities of ESG. Part of IMD's collaboration with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), it will enable you to fulfill your role of influencing and steering the integration of sustainability into your company's strategy.
<b>Kellogg School of Management – Northwestern University</b>			
Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern University)	<p><a href="#">Corporate Governance: Effectiveness and Accountability in the Boardroom</a></p> <p>June 1 – 4, 2026 Wieboldt Hall on Chicago campus November 2 – 5, 2026 Miami campus</p> <p>All sessions are held in person.</p>	\$11,500	This highly interactive and engaging program will prepare you to claim your seat on the board with confidence and to deal effectively with those difficult, often unpredictable situations that all directors inevitably must face. You'll be guided by top Kellogg faculty, in collaboration with recognized corporate governance experts, to deepen your understanding of your responsibilities as a board member, develop the essential skills and strategic insight needed to serve effectively, and learn how to apply them in practice. You'll orient yourself to the shareholder perspective, gain an understanding of the interests of multiple constituencies, and learn

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<b>KPMG</b>			
KPMG	<a href="#">KPMG Board Leadership Center Webcast</a> (virtual)	Free	This quarterly webcast series provides updates and insights into issues affecting board oversight – from key accounting and regulatory changes to developments in risk oversight.
KPMG	<a href="#">KPMG Board Insights Podcast Series</a> (virtual)	Free	A podcast series to explore the emerging issues and pressing challenges facing boards today.
<b>National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)</b>			
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">NACD Directors Summit</a> October 11 – 14, 2026 Washington, DC  This is an in-person course for members only.	\$4,495	Bring future-focused strategies to your boardroom with a bespoke experience tailored for today’s rapidly changing governance landscape.  During this summit, you will join 1,300+ governance experts and gain innovative tools needed to excel in today’s boardroom and beyond.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Leading Minds of Governance</a> March 11, 2026 Atlanta, GA	Complimentary for Members	Board service has never carried more scrutiny or higher stakes. Leading Minds of Governance is a director-level program designed to help board leaders sharpen judgment, pressure-test oversight approaches and stay aligned on evolving expectations. Through expert panels, candid Q&A and peer discussion, you’ll gain practical governance insights that you can apply immediately to board deliberations, committee work and strategic oversight. This is a working session for directors who want to lead with clarity.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">NACD Master Class: Technology &amp; Innovation Oversight</a> April 9 – 10, 2026 Washington, DC June 15 – 16, 2026 Chicago, IL	\$1,995	Technology and innovation are reshaping the world at lightning speed, and boards must rise to the challenge. This event is specifically designed for board directors navigating complex issues featured on boardroom agendas. This event will provide directors with insights on the responsibilities and challenges faced by boards in overseeing technology-related strategies. Attendees gain actionable insights, practical frameworks and expert guidance to strengthen oversight of technology-related strategies. The experience also offers an in-depth look at best practices, ways to integrate

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National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">A Director's Guide to AI: Strategy, Governance &amp; Value Creation</a> February 25, March 4, and March, 11, 2026 Virtual, instructor-led	\$1,595	them into business strategy and opportunities to network while enjoying world-class service. AI is now a board-level responsibility with direct impact on strategy, risk oversight and long-term value creation. This live, virtual, instructor-led program helps directors understand how to evaluate AI strategy, govern responsible adoption and oversee AI-related risks. Delivered across three interactive sessions, the program translates AI complexity into clear, board-ready governance judgement.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Generative AI Tools for Directors</a> April 13, 2026 Virtual, instructor-led	\$295	Generative AI is already influencing how organizations analyze information, set strategy and operate at scale. This hands-on, instructor-led program equips directors with practical experience using tools like ChatGPT and Gemini, so you can apply AI confidently to real governance, strategy and oversight challenges. Learn by doing, not by watching.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Lead with Impact: Your First 90 Days on a New Board</a> April 22 and 29, 2026 Virtual, instructor-led	\$995	Joining a new board is a high-stakes moment – your first 90 days set the tone for all that follows. This live, instructor-led virtual program is designed to help you get up to speed quickly, contribute with confidence and add value from day one. Walk away with a clear, personalized roadmap for making an immediate and credible impact in the boardroom.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Director Professionalism – Boardroom Fundamentals Training</a> This is a self-led online course for members only.	Corporate and individual memberships available	Kick-start your path to becoming NACD Directorship Certified with this online boardroom fundamentals training – now accessible when and where you want. Get ready for your future director positions with immersion in the boardroom practices most in demand for today's governance. Experience the most respected governance education, which only NACD can provide.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Introduction to Directorship</a> This is a self-led online course.	Free (included in corporate membership)	Elevate your boardroom acumen with our Introduction to Directorship course. Expand your knowledge of essential boardroom principles to position yourself for future board seats – including directors' roles and responsibilities, their fiduciary duties, operational frameworks and strategic oversight. This course is specifically designed for new or less experienced directors, or nondirectors interested in corporate governance.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Governing Into the Future</a> This is a self-led online course.	Free (included in corporate membership)	Public and private US corporations are under increasing pressure to meet heightened societal expectations and evolving demands. Boards of directors must adapt to ensure their corporations bolster societal well-being while contributing to a healthy economy. This five-module course provides a framework of essential principles, probing questions, actionable guidance and committee-specific blueprints to drive long-term value for all stakeholders.

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National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">CERT Certificate in Cyber-Risk Oversight Program</a> This is a self-led online course.	\$3,995 (members) \$4,495 (nonmembers)	Each year, we find ourselves relying more on digital services. Our businesses and our lives depend on connected technologies, but along with that growing dependence comes growing risk. Thieves, hackers, nation-state actors, natural disasters and other destructive forces can take down the digital life force of a business in minutes. Helping governance professionals to understand how to identify cybersecurity threats and provide oversight of critical digital assets are the goals of this important course.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Director Proficiency: Financial Oversight</a> This is a self-led online course.	Free for corporate members	All directors must have a certain level of financial literacy to fulfill their role as a board member – it is both a legal duty and a practical necessity – and this course helps you attain, or maintain, that basic literacy in finance and financial statements. Intended to help you “fill in the gaps,” regardless of your background or previous corporate experience, this course will help you feel more confident that you have the solid foundation in financial analysis all board members should have.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Directorship Essentials: Compliance and Ethics</a> This is a self-led online course.	Free for corporate members	An organization’s commitment to compliance and ethics implicates, and is demonstrated by, almost everything a board of directors does. Oversight of your organization’s compliance and ethics program is a core duty of a director, and this course is for new directors and others who want a comprehensive understanding of those responsibilities. In this course, you’ll receive an overview of the essential components of a compliance and ethics program – and the board’s role in that program’s success.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">Directorship Essentials: Risk Oversight</a> This is a self-led online course series.	Free for corporate members	This dynamic and interactive e-learning series is designed to provide information about the fundamentals of effective directorship – including short case studies, key questions that directors should ask management, and introductions to key regulatory and investor expectations.  Each course within this series will focus on one core governance topic, drawing on insights from NACD’s Director Essentials and Director FAQs publication series, among other thought leadership. Perfect for onboarding new directors or as an ongoing resource for more tenured board members, this course’s content includes practical tools and resources you can bring back to your own boardroom.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">The Art of Directorship: Adaptive Governance</a> This is a self-led online course series.	Free for corporate members	From major financial crises to global pandemics, disruptive events can and do occur. Some risks may not seem critical, urgent or disruptive when first considered, but like summer rain showers, those risks can quickly intensify into severe storms, given the right conditions.

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National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">The Art of Directorship: CEO Succession</a> This is a self-led online course series.	Free for corporate members	This course provides directors with an advanced, nuanced, in-the-trenches consideration of the board's role in planning for the succession of a chief executive officer – to position that new CEO for success.
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)	<a href="#">The Art of Directorship: Strategy and Long-Term Value Creation</a> This is a self-led online course series.	Free for corporate members	<p>This highly engaging and interactive e-learning series is designed to explore the intricacies of board leadership and to help directors navigate the complexities of today's boardroom.</p> <p>Each course within this series will explore one critical governance topic through panel discussions and interviews with experienced directors, investors, and executives, and give you opportunities to benchmark your own practices against NACD governance survey findings, as well as recommendations from NACD's Blue Ribbon Commissions and other thought leadership. This course also includes practical tools and resources you can bring back to your own boardroom.</p>
<b>PwC – Corporate Insights Center</b>			
PwC – Corporate Insights Center	<a href="#">Corporate Directors Exchange</a> March 23 – 24, 2026 Napa, CA (in person)	Free	This program brings together Fortune 1000 US public corporate directors to explore the latest business and governance perspectives. Participants will hear from PwC leaders, distinguished industry leaders and engage in small-group peer discussions.
PwC – Corporate Insights Center	<a href="#">The Directors' Table</a> March 11 – 12, 2026 New York, NY (in person)	Free	This roundtable event gathers Fortune 250 directors for a unique, two-day program. Participants engage in private peer-to-peer dialogues on key governance issues, enabling them to swiftly identify critical trends, explore solutions and develop lasting relationships.
PwC – Corporate Insights Center	<a href="#">Committee Peer Exchanges</a> March 12, 2026 New York, NY (in person)	Free	This one-day program, for Fortune 1000 US public company directors, is centered around small, peer group discussions that focus on the key issues committees face in fulfilling their responsibilities.

## Silicon Valley Directors Exchange

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Silicon Valley Directors Exchange	<a href="#">Silicon Valley Directors Exchange Calendar</a> Webinars	Free	Review the calendar of events for upcoming webinars. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proxy in Transition: Implications for the Boardroom</li> <li>• Behind Closed Doors: The CEO-Board Dynamic</li> </ul>
<b>Stanford University</b>			
Stanford Law School and Rock Center for Corporate Governance	<a href="#">31st Annual Stanford Directors' College</a> June 22 – 24, 2026 Stanford Law School Stanford, CA (in person)	\$8,450 (until March 6, 2026)  \$8,950 (starts on March 7, 2026)	<p>A premier US executive education program for directors and C-level executives of publicly traded firms, this course addresses a broad range of problems facing modern boards, including a board's role in setting business strategy, environmental, social, and governance (ESG), CEO succession, techniques for controlling legal liability, challenges posed by activist investors, boardroom dynamics, and contemporary challenges including the state of the macroeconomy, the politicization of the corporation, and emerging ransomware and cybersecurity threats.</p> <p>Directors' College brings together CEOs, directors, regulators, jurists and scholars for a rigorous and balanced examination of corporate governance, strategy, and the evolving role of the modern public company board of directors.</p>
Stanford Graduate School of Business, in collaboration with Stanford Law School	<a href="#">Directors' Consortium</a> October 19 – 23, 2026 Stanford, CA (in person)	\$16,000	Big data, stakeholder activism, cybersecurity, financial literacy, ESG and liability risk – the list of issues and responsibilities for board members is ever-increasing and ever-changing. This course provides a tailored, topical and highly interactive experience. Tackling relevant topics, sharing best practices with a cohort of peers who face similar issues, and applying newfound knowledge to your specific board role will enhance your learning and your success.
<b>Vanderbilt University – Owen Graduate School of Management</b>			
Vanderbilt University – Owen Graduate School of Management	<a href="#">Executive Leadership</a> March 24 – 26, 2026 401 21st Ave. South Nashville, TN (in person)	\$4,700	<p>By the end of this highly interactive program, conducted by one of the United States' top business experts on executive leadership, you'll be equipped to lead more effectively and achieve your professional and organizational goals.</p> <p>In this course, you'll learn ideas and techniques you can immediately apply, including strategies to cultivate leadership excellence, tactics to strategically motivate others using key leverage points tailored to their unique character and capabilities, skills necessary to lead change initiatives more effectively, and development of a personal action plan to amplify your impact within your organization and drive meaningful change.</p>

## 2026 Director Education Opportunities

Organizer	Course	Cost	Description
<b>Wharton – University of Pennsylvania</b>			
Wharton	<a href="#">Boards That Lead: Corporate Governance That Builds Value</a>  February 3 – 4, 2026 Philadelphia, PA (in person)	\$6,875	<p>Based on the book “Boards That Lead: When to Take Charge, When to Partner, and When to Stay Out of the Way,” this program provides the latest thinking from some of the world’s most knowledgeable boardroom veterans on how directors can best make a leadership difference.</p> <p>This course will examine the changing role of boards with some of the world’s most preeminent thought leaders on the subject. Participants who currently serve on a board will learn how to improve their leadership and decision-making effectiveness. Aspiring board members and those whose roles involve extensive contact with directors will get fresh insights on how to partner with boards and build boards that add new value to the company.</p>
Wharton	<a href="#">Corporate Governance: Essentials for a New Business Era</a>  April 7 – 10, 2026 Philadelphia, PA (in person)	\$10,250	<p>Today’s corporate boards face historic and unprecedented challenges. Boards of directors must navigate these sources of unexpected enterprise risk while capably monitoring their firms’ financial performance. For those responsible for filling board seats, the push toward making boards more diverse and inclusive adds complexity.</p> <p>This course provides critical tools for aspiring, newly appointed and veteran board members, and for executives working with their board or other boards. You’ll gain insight into the duties and nuances of board service, as well as how to forge partnerships with company officers to strengthen financial return and enterprise risk management.</p>
Wharton	<a href="#">Women on Boards: Building Exceptional Leaders</a>  June 2 – 5, 2026 Philadelphia, PA (in person)	\$9,850	<p>This course prepares women executives and their allies to seize valuable emerging opportunities. In this program, you will learn how to identify the boards that are the best fit for your skills and experience, better understand the fundamental obligations of directors, and discover best practices for corporate governance duties. You also will acquire proven strategies and tools to enhance your professional résumé and market yourself successfully to nomination committees, search firms, and corporate board consultants. Exclusive invitations to join high-level networking and resource groups, including Wharton’s Alumni for Boards group, mean the impact of this comprehensive program will endure long after it ends.</p>