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• GETTING THE YES •

USE THIS PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HELP SECURE APPROVAL TO ATTEND

The National Conference brings together the full spectrum of the governance community for three days of programming, peer connection, and professional development. Attendees gain practical insights from in-house practitioners, corporate directors, regulators, investors, and outside counsel.

The conference is designed for governance professionals looking to stay current on the issues, regulations, and trends shaping their work. The program is appropriate for corporate secretaries, in-house governance professionals, CLOs, general counsel, and outside counsel at public companies, private companies, and law firms of all sizes, as well as other governance professionals who support or advise the board.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

The Society's National Conference is the best forum to discover the latest developments and practical insights specifically tailored to corporate governance professionals – so how do you demonstrate this to your organization's leadership? Below is an email template to help you "Get the Yes."

Subject: Request for Approval to Attend Society for Corporate Governance National Conference

Dear [Team Leader],

I'm writing to request approval to attend the Society's 2026 National Conference, taking place July 7-10, 2026 in Nashville, TN. This is the premier corporate governance conference in the US, offering a unique opportunity to gain practical insights on core governance practices and the latest developments in AI, crisis management, regulatory decisions, and the current political and economic landscape. The 2026 program features more interactive sessions than ever before, with direct participation from SEC Chair Atkins and other key regulators.

The conference draws nearly 700 corporate governance professionals, and I'll have the opportunity to engage with, and learn from, industry experts, in-house practitioners, corporate directors, regulators, and law firms. The diverse range of service providers also makes this a promising event for exploring the newest solutions and technologies available to support our needs.

By attending the conference, I'll be able to:

Bring back actionable insights from the following sessions that will help add value to our organization:

- Session title 1
- Session title 2
- Session title 3

Forge relationships with organizations that can support our business objectives:

- Exhibitor/contact 1
- Exhibitor/contact 2
- Exhibitor/contact 3

Members of the Society for Corporate Governance find the organization to be an essential resource – it is a platform for education, collaboration, and advocacy, helping professionals navigate the complexities of corporate governance and contribute to long-term shareholder value. By addressing the evolving governance landscape and emerging issues, the Society continues to be a valuable resource. Attending this year's conference will round out my ability to prepare for what is next on the corporate governance horizon.

Below are the estimated costs for attending:

- Registration Fee (*note, this rate increases after May 22*):
- Hotel:
- Airfare and Transportation:
- Meals and Incidentals:
- Membership (if not currently a member): \$795

Following my return, I would be pleased to present key takeaways, recommendations and action items, as well as make introductions for any new potential relationships.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

SETTING CONFERENCE GOALS

Review the detailed [Conference Agenda](#), and download the [Schedule-at-a-Glance](#) to help you plan. Whatever you're hoping to accomplish, explaining how the conference will help you cross the finish line is critical to securing approval to attend. Your goals should be specific to your business needs and clearly demonstrate what benefits you will bring back to your organization.

KEY BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

Stay ahead of trends: Learn about governance challenges shaping boardrooms in 2026, from AI risk to a shifting regulatory environment.

Gain insight: Hear directly from corporate directors, CEOs, investors, and regulators on what effective governance looks like today.

Network and connect: In a setting created for meaningful collaborative conversation, where you'll trade ideas, and tackle challenges, with your peers.

Get an inside perspective: Learn how peers at companies of all sizes are handling annual meetings, succession planning, crisis management, and more.

Engage with peers: Participate in workshops and roundtables while expanding your professional network with real peer connections and lasting relationships across industries, company sizes, and career stages.

Discover innovative solutions: Explore technologies that support your work, from board portals to compliance tools with dozens of service providers.

Access resources on demand: Download conference materials via the website and app.

Professional development: Earn continuing legal education and professional development credits. The conference is regularly approved for CLE and the Society will apply for all states requested.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

There are dozens of plenary sessions, breakouts, workshops, and roundtables that dive into timely, relevant topics. The program is categorized into six themes:

The Corporate Environment: Ensure your board and management have the right governance in place to address the biggest economic and technological changes affecting US companies.

Core Governance Practices: Gain insights from corporate directors, CEOs, investors, and others on how to up your game in corporate strategy, risk management, board recruitment, executive compensation, disclosure, and more.

Key Governance Moments: Learn how to navigate pivotal moments for companies, including annual meetings, succession planning, crisis management, litigation and enforcement actions, and choosing the right state for incorporation.

Regulatory Landscape: Hear directly from key regulators, outside experts, and peers on rulemaking, enforcement trends, and judicial decisions.

Impact of AI: Gain and share practical insights on the impact of AI on business risks and opportunities, how the board functions, disclosure and shareholder engagement, and the governance profession.

Professional Development: Participate in workshops and roundtables on topics ranging from professional resilience to managing a more efficient and effective governance team.

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