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Directors' Bootcamp
April 23-24, 2026 | Chicago

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 - 8:30 AM	**Attendee Breakfast** Join us for a networking breakfast to connect with other attendees before sessions begin.
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM	**Registration and Event Information Desk**
8:30 - 8:45 AM	**NAMIC Welcome and Event Orientation** The moderator, NAMIC General Counsel Andrew Kirkner, will welcome the group and discuss how the event will flow over the next day and a half.
8:45 - 10:45 AM	**Learning Block 1: Corporate Governance Foundations** This session provides a foundation in essential responsibilities of modern insurance boards. Participants explore the evolving role of directors, core governance principles, and the distinctions between oversight and management. It also covers an overview of the board's role in strategic planning. Includes presentation, tabletop exercise, and Q&A. **Michael Renetzky** Partner Troutman Pepper Locke, LLP
10:45 - 11:00 AM	**Networking Break** Grab a beverage or a bite to eat between sessions. This may be a great time to connect with a faculty member to ask questions.
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	**Learning Block 2: Financial Oversight** This session provides an understanding of insurance financial statements and performance metrics crucial to board oversight of mutuals. Includes presentation, faculty-led exercise, and roundtable discussion. **Abby DeZeeuw** Partner, CPA Cain, Ellsworth & Company
12:15 - 1:15 PM	**Attendee Lunch** Lunch will be an informal opportunity for open discussion with peers. Faculty members will also participate to encourage conversation, share insights, and engage in discussions.
1:15 - 2:30 PM	**Learning Block 3: Enterprise Risk Management** This session examines Enterprise Risk Management from a board perspective and includes topics such as risk appetite, controls, and monitoring. Includes presentation, group exercise, and insight-sharing. **Lorie Graham** Senior Vice President & Chief Risk Officer American Agricultural Insurance Company
2:30 - 2:45 PM	**Networking Break** Grab a beverage or a bite to eat between sessions. This may be a great time to connect with a faculty member to ask questions.
2:45 - 4:30 PM	**Learning Block 4: The Board's Role in CEO Succession** This session focuses on the board's role and best practices as it relates to CEO succession planning. It also covers the role of the board in oversight of C-suite succession. Includes presentation, roundtable discussion and real-world insights. **Peter Pelizza** Retired Chief Executive Officer Rural Mutual Insurance Company **Dave Seeley** Managing Director, Financial Services Russell Reynolds Associates **Heather Blonkenfeld** Leadership & Succession Consultant Russell Reynolds Associates

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23 (CONTINUED)

4:30 - 6:00 PM	**Networking Reception** Join us for a casual networking opportunity with peers and faculty to wrap up Day 1. Drinks will be provided.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 - 8:30 AM	**Attendee Breakfast** Join us for a networking breakfast to connect with other attendees before sessions begin.
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	**Registration and Event Information Desk**
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	**Learning Block 5: Cultivating Boardroom Excellence Through Culture** This session is designed for participants to gain understanding of the dynamics and nuances that shape board culture. Board culture plays a critical role in driving organizational success, effective decision-making, and fostering a healthy governance environment. During this course, participants will delve into the multifaceted aspects of board culture, exploring its impact on board effectiveness, leadership dynamics, and overall organizational performance. By gaining insights into the intricacies of board culture, board directors will be equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to contribute effectively and make a positive impact in the boardroom. Includes presentation, small group case studies, and group debrief. **Heather Blonkenfeld** Leadership & Succession Consultant Russell Reynolds Associates **Amy Sampson** Consultant Russell Reynolds Associates
10:30 - 10:45 AM	**Networking Break** Grab a beverage or a bite to eat between sessions. This may be a great time to connect with a faculty member to ask questions.
10:45 - 11:45 AM	**Learning Block 6: State of the Industry** This session reviews regulatory, market, and industry trends shaping board strategy. Includes presentation, reflection roundtables, and group insights. **Erin Collins** Senior Vice President, State & Policy Affairs NAMIC
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	**NAMIC Thank You and Event Takeaways** We'll take this time to wrap up and answer any outstanding questions. Safe travels home!