



2026 DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD LEADERSHIP:

On behalf of the National Association of Corporate Directors New Jersey Chapter Board of Directors, we are pleased to welcome you to the Seventh Annual Director of the Year Awards Dinner. Thank you for joining us this evening as we recognize outstanding leaders and organizations whose steady, principled leadership continues to drive growth, innovation, and meaningful impact across New Jersey's business community and beyond.

We gather at a moment defined by both opportunity and complexity. Rapid advances in generative AI are reshaping how companies operate and compete, while evolving regulatory expectations, supply chain volatility, energy transitions, and cyber risk demand thoughtful and agile decision-making. At the same time, geopolitical risk and economic uncertainty continue to test organizations in new and consequential ways.

In this environment, strong board leadership is not optional—it is essential. Today's directors are navigating ambiguity with clarity of purpose, balancing innovation with oversight, and reinforcing cultures rooted in integrity, accountability, and transparency. Their leadership helps organizations remain resilient and adaptable, while building trust with stakeholders in a business landscape that is constantly evolving.

At NACD New Jersey, we are proud to be part of a community that values thoughtful governance and courageous leadership. This evening, we honor individuals and organizations that exemplify these principles and set a high standard for boardroom excellence. Their actions reflect a deep commitment to stewardship and long-term value creation, serving as a powerful example for peers and future leaders alike.

This celebration would not be possible without the dedication of the NACD New Jersey Board of Directors, the 2026 Nominating and Selection Committees, and our generous sponsors. As a nonprofit organization, we are deeply grateful for the time, expertise, and support of our volunteers and partners.

To our honorees, we extend our sincere congratulations and appreciation—your leadership embodies the mission and values of NACD New Jersey and helps shape the future of effective corporate governance.



Jeannie Diefenderfer
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Richard Mroz
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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
IN GOVERNANCE

Ralph Izzo

Retired Chairman, President, CEO, PSEG

PRESENTED BY: **RICHARD MROZ**

Richard Mroz

Event Chair, NACD New Jersey DOYA

KEYNOTE: REFLECTIONS ON
EXCELLENCE IN CORPORATE
GOVERNANCE

Martha Clark Goss

2025 Lifetime Achievement Honoree &

Distinguished Leader in Governance

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

SMALL COMPANY BOARD
OF THE YEAR

Commvault

ACCEPTED BY: **NICK ADAMO**, *Board Chair, Commvault*

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LARGE COMPANY BOARD
OF THE YEAR

New Jersey Resources

ACCEPTED BY: **JANE M. KENNY**, *Director, New Jersey Resources*

PRESENTED BY: **RICHARD MROZ**, *Event Chair, NACD New Jersey DOYA*

LEADERSHIP IN NON-PROFIT
GOVERNANCE

John Uzzi

Distinguished Director of Non-Profit & Corporate Boards

PRESENTED BY: **GEORGE RUOTOLO**, *Chair & CEO, Ruotolo Associates*

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN GOVERNANCE



Ralph Izzo

Ralph Izzo had been chairman and chief executive officer of Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) from April 2007 through December 2022 and the company's president since October 2006. Prior to this, Mr. Izzo was president and chief operating officer of Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G). Mr. Izzo held several executive positions within PSEG's family of companies, including PSE&G senior vice president – utility operations; PSE&G vice president – appliance service; PSEG vice president – corporate planning; and PSE&G vice president – electric ventures.

Mr. Izzo's career began as a research scientist at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, performing numerical simulations of fusion energy experiments. He has published or presented more than 35 papers on magnetohydrodynamic modeling. Mr. Izzo received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in mechanical engineering and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in applied physics from Columbia University. He also received a Master of Business Administration degree, with a concentration in finance, from the Rutgers Graduate School of Management. He is listed in numerous

editions of Who's Who, is a 2022 inductee into the New Jersey Hall of Fame and has been the recipient of several national fellowships and awards, including the 2022 United States Energy Award from the U.S. Energy Association and the 2022 S&P/Platts Global Energy Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Izzo has received honorary degrees from Montclair State University (Doctor of Science), the New Jersey Institute of Technology (Doctor of Science), Thomas Edison State University (Doctor of Humane Letters), Bloomfield College (Doctor of Humane Letters), Rutgers University (Doctor of Humane Letters) and Raritan Valley Community College (Associate of Science).

Mr. Izzo is the former chair of the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Board of Governors of Rutgers University, and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. He is currently a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. He is on the board of directors of TerraPower LLC., Ovintiv Inc. and CMS Energy. He also currently serves on the boards of the Argonne National Lab, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Hackensack Meridian Health and the Liberty Science Center. Mr. Izzo is also on the advisory board for Avina Clean Hydrogen, Inc., a member of the Board of Trustees of the Peddie School, the Advisory Council of Princeton University's Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment, as well as the Columbia University School of Engineering Board of Visitors, and a former member of the Visiting Committee for the Department of Nuclear Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Previously, he served on the board of directors for the Bank of New York Mellon, Ceres, the Edison Electric Institute, Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited, the Electric Power Research Institute, and the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations.

SMALL COMPANY BOARD OF THE YEAR



Commvault®

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supported long-term growth, financial strength, and consistent shareholder returns, including 30 consecutive years of dividend growth. Throughout this sustained success, NJR remains steadfastly focused on its customers, who rely on the company to provide safe, reliable, and essential energy services to their homes and businesses.

LEADERSHIP IN NON-PROFIT GOVERNANCE



John Uzzi

Mr. Uzzi is retired from a 40-year career consulting to several large financial and pharmaceutical companies. His focus was multi-faceted organizations navigating large scale change.

Clients included AXA Financial, Vanguard, Guardian Life Assurance, Chubb, PricewaterhouseCoopers and GE Capital. Non-financial clients included Johnson & Johnson, Dow Chemical and NOVO NORDISK. Projects gained significant improvement in associate and management productivity, quality of service, and increases in worker motivation.

During his career Mr. Uzzi chaired two, for profit boards, RWA and NJPR.

For more than 25 years he has applied his experiences from the for profit world to 10 non profit boards.

He has served in various roles on these boards. He recently served as secretary of Youth Consultation Services after five years as Chair, and as Treasurer of the YCS Foundation Board. He is also a director of The Center for Hope and Safety.

Mr. Uzzi has served on the following non profit boards: Paramus Community School, American Red Cross (Chair) Community Blood Services, West Side Infant and Day Care Center (Treasurer), Care Plus NJ (Treasurer), Care Plus Foundation (Chair), Alliance Against Homelessness (Chair), YCS (Chair), YCS Foundation (Treasurer) and The Center for Hope & Safety.

In 2004 he was the recipient of the NJ Governor's Award for Volunteer Leadership. Mr. Uzzi was Chair of the American Red Cross Northern NJ chapter during the 9/11 crisis and was one of the leaders of the recovery efforts.

A US Army veteran, Mr. Uzzi served in Vietnam in the late 60s.



Congratulations **Ralph Izzo**, former PSEG Chair, President and CEO, The Lifetime Achievement in Governance award recipient.

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We extend our congratulations to this year's distinguished honorees—**Ralph Izzo, John Uzzi, New Jersey Resources Group, and Commvault**—on their nominations for the **2026 Director of the Year Award.**

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Congratulations to the
New Jersey Resources Board of Directors
as the recipient of the
2026 NACD NJ Large Company Board of the Year Award,
and our sincere congratulations
to all other honorees.



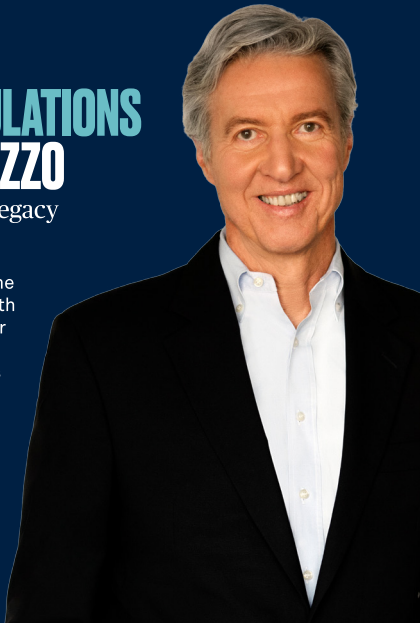
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– MARTHA CLARK GOSS,
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CONGRATULATIONS TO RALPH IZZO

on an enduring legacy
of leadership.

In honor of his lifetime achievement, and with deep appreciation for his distinguished board service, BNY is proud to recognize and thank Ralph for his principled leadership, integrity, and thoughtful stewardship.



NACD's 2026 New Jersey Director of the Year Awards

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NEW JERSEY RESOURCES

on being recognized as the
Large Company Board of the Year





J.M. Huber Corporation congratulates the
NACD New Jersey chapter
2026 Director of the Year Award Recipients

Hackensack Meridian *Health* is proud to support the
NACD's 7th annual Director of the Year Awards.

Congratulations

**Ralph Izzo, Ph.D., member of the Hackensack Meridian *Health*
Board of Trustees, for being recognized as a
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Thank you for everything you do to help us transform health care
and for being leaders of positive change in the communities we serve.



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Bravo to

Ralph Izzo

Lifetime Achievement in Governance Award
National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)
New Jersey Chapter

A steadfast friend, Board member and thought leader
whose contributions to NJPAC have been indispensable.

Congratulations to

John Uzzi

Leadership in Nonprofit Governance

New Jersey Resources (NJR)

Large Company Board of the Year

Commvault

Small Company Board of the Year



In Celebration of NACD New Jersey and This Year's Distinguished Honorees



Diamond Private Wealth Partners congratulates John Uzzi on his well deserved recognition in the category of Leadership in Nonprofit Governance. John's decades-long commitment to nonprofit governance reflects an enduring belief that strong boards and principled leadership are essential to lasting community impact.

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JOHN UZZI**

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Martha Clark Goss, *2025 Lifetime Achievement in Governance Honoree*

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Sara Peña, *2025 Leadership in Non-Profit Governance Honoree*

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2025 – 2026 PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 *Risk Oversight in a Post-Pandemic World*

Speakers: Rich Bagger, *Partner and Executive Director, Christie 55 Solutions*; Judith M. Persichilli, *Former Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health*; Deborah Visconi, *President and Chief Executive Officer, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center*; and moderator, Amadou Diarra, *Independent Board Director*

NOVEMBER 12, 2025 *Compensation Roundtable*

Speakers: Michael Marino & Marco Pizzitola, *Frederic W. Cook*

NOVEMBER 17, 2025 *Audit Roundtable*

Speaker: Krista Parsons, *Deloitte*

DECEMBER 3, 2025 *Nominating & Governance Roundtable*

Speakers: Mark A. Thomas, Jeffrey Knight and Stephen L. Brown, *KPMG*

DECEMBER 9, 2025 *Holiday Social, Keynote and Member Appreciation Event*

Speaker: Tarek Rabah, *President & CEO, Otsuka North America Pharmaceutical Business*

JANUARY 14, 2026 *Economic Forecast 2026*

Speakers: Jane Kenny, *Founder and Managing Partner, The Whitman Strategy Group*; Michele Siekerka, *President & CEO, New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*; Michael Soccio, *Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Citizens Bank*; and moderator Richard Mroz, *Senior Director, Arther Public Affairs and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*

JANUARY 27, 2026 *World Economic Forum 2026 Global Risks Report*

Speakers: Andrea Bonime-Blanc, *CEO, GEC Risk Advisory, Author and NACD New Jersey Director*; Mark Elsner, *Head, Global Risks Initiative, World Economic Forum*; Michael Marquardt, *CEO, Epi One, Inc.*; and moderator, Anita Allen, *President, Allen Advisory Group*

FEBRUARY 4, 2026 *Powering the Future: The Role of Nuclear Energy in U.S. Energy Resilience*

Speakers: Jane Accomando, *Partner, Energy Industry Team Co-Leader, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP*; Jacques Besnainou, *Executive Vice President, Global Markets, Westinghouse Electric Company*; Simon Irish, *Chief Executive Officer, Terrestrial Energy*; Ralph A. LaRossa, *Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. (PSEG)*; and moderator, Susan Gray, *NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*

FEBRUARY 19, 2026 *Edelman Trust Barometer 2026*

Speakers: Julia Fisher, *Executive Vice President, Edelman Smithfield and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*; and Aaron Guiterman, *U.S. Chair of Edelman's U.S. Government and Public Affairs practice*

MARCH 10, 2026 *M&A Series, Part 1: Navigating the Acquisition Process*

Speakers: Krystn Hammond, *Partner, Transaction Advisory – Valuation & Modeling, Grant Thornton*; Jason Navarino, *Chair, Tax and Corporate Groups, Riker Danzig*; Michael Rosendahl, *Managing Director, Investment Banking | M&A, PCE*; and moderator, Kenneth Dutcher, *Independent Director and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*

MARCH 31, 2026 *M&A Series, Part 2: The Exit Strategy – Navigating a Company Sale*

Speakers: Tim Devine, *Managing Director and Co-Head of Financial Institutions Group (FIG) M&A, Barclays*; Krystn Hammond, *Partner, Transaction Advisory – Valuation & Modeling, Grant Thornton*; Jason Navarino, *Chair, Tax and Corporate Groups, Riker Danzig*, Glenn Votek, *Independent Director and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*; and moderator, Rahul Patel, *Partner, Morgan, Lewis, Bockius LLP*

APRIL 8, 2026 *The Customer-Employee Connection and Why it Matters in the Boardroom*

Speakers: Alisa C. Norris, *Independent Director*; Jessica Saperstein, *Board Director, Fractional Chief Marketing Officer, Digital & Product Advisor*, and moderator, Judy Reinsdorf, *Nominating and Governance Committee Chair, ENPRO, NURIX Therapeutics, Toll Brothers, and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*

APRIL 14, 2026 *Board Pathways: Insights for Aspiring and Seasoned Directors*

Speakers: Alice Brennan, *Independent Director and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*; Scott Cowan, *Partner, Chair, New Jersey Corporate Group, DLA Piper*; John DePinto, *Senior Vice President, Laurel Hill*; Jeannie Diefenderfer, *Independent Director and Chair, NACD New Jersey Chapter*; Julia Fisher, *Executive Vice President, Edelman Smithfield and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*; Michael Marino, *Managing Director, Frederic W. Cook*; Mach Millett, *Chief Innovation Officer and Alternative Investment Practice Leader, Lockton Financial Services*; Judy Reinsdorf, *Nominating and Governance Committee Chair, ENPRO, NURIX Therapeutics, Toll Brothers, and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*; Michele Siekerka, *President & CEO, New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) and NACD New Jersey Chapter Director*; Kelly Slieter, *Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Advansix*; and Beth Stewart, *CEO, Trewstar Corporate Board Services*

MAY 20, 2026 *Governing Radical Technology Change: The Board's Responsibility*

Speakers: Andrea Bonime-Blanc, *CEO, GEC Risk Advisory, Author and NACD New Jersey Director*; Anna Ransley, *CEO Ranetix*; Anil Sood, *Senior Manager, Technology Consulting, EY*

JUNE 2, 2026 *Summer Social Event*

JUNE 16, 2026 *The Future-Ready Board: AI, Governance, and Strategic Foresight (joint event with NACD Florida, Texas Tri Cities and Utah)*

OCTOBER, 2026 *Joint Chapter Networking Event at NACD Summit*

DECEMBER 8, 2026 *Holiday Social Event*

... additional events to be scheduled and announced...

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