About the IR Society board:

- The IR Society board consists of up to 15 directors. Full details on the powers of the board are shown in our Articles.
- We meet about 6 times a year and have an annual timetable of topics to consider.
- We delegate powers to a number of committees, each of which is in turn chaired by a Senior IR practitioner member or Board member and has its own terms of reference.
- Our board should represent the diversity of views of all our members. By facilitating the cross fertilisation of ideas, we can ensure the Society makes better decisions.

The relationship between the board and the executive team:

- The role of the IR Society board is to advise, challenge and support, thereby broadening the horizons and experience of the Executive team.
- The role of the Executive team is to suggest and develop new ideas; then to implement what has been agreed.
- In a membership society like the IR Society, board directors are particularly valued for their experience, network of contacts, engagement and commitment of time.

Responsibilities of individual IR Society board members:

- Be informed about the IR Society's mission, services, policies, and programmes
- Provide advice and direction to the Executive team in the development and evaluation of the strategy; monitor the implementation of the strategy and performance
- Attend all board and committee meetings and functions, such as special events including the Annual Conference, Best Practice Awards and AGM
- Review agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings
- Serve on committees or task forces and offer to take on special assignments
- Support the Investor Relations Society through individual membership subscription
- Inform others about the IR Society and advocate for the organization
- Pro-actively share network of contacts and contribute expertise and time
- Keep up-to-date on developments and best practice in Investor Relations
- Assist the board in carrying out its fiduciary responsibilities, such as reviewing the organization's financial statements.

Personal characteristics to consider:

- A deep understanding of investor relations and a strong network within the IR and wider investment community
- Ability to listen, analyse, think clearly and creatively, and work well with people individually and in a group

- Willingness to prepare for and attend IR Society board, committee meetings, and participate in wider IR Society events and meetings. Ask questions, take responsibility, and follow through on a given assignment
- Interest in developing certain skills that you may not possess, such as cultivating and recruiting board members and other volunteers, possess an understanding of risk, finance, and technology
- Possession of honesty, sensitivity to and tolerance of differing views, community-building skills, personal integrity and sense of values, and being engaged in and committed to the aims and values of the Society