

# Central Audit Committee Network

CACN

FACTSHEET

## Chairing the audit committee of a large public company is difficult work.

Audit committees have broad mandates, ranging from the traditional task of ensuring reliable financial reporting, to an additional set of responsibilities tied to risk oversight. There are no one-size-fits-all solutions for these challenges. Success calls for judgment, developed from personal experience and from engaging with others who have faced similar situations.

### About

Since 2007, the Central Audit Committee Network (CACN) – has convened a select, invitation-only group of audit committee chairs from public companies for private, peer-to-peer dialogue.

Tapestry Networks orchestrates CACN, building on nearly two decades of convening board leaders for meaningful conversations designed to yield practical insights. EY supports the network as part of its continuing commitment to board effectiveness and good governance.

Meetings, whether in person or virtual, feature world-class guests, but the directors' voices dominate the conversations and drive the agenda. Everything is done under a non-attribution agreement that ensures candor and protects personal and company confidentiality.

## Membership

**Kapila Anand**, Elanco Animal Health  
**Anne Arvia**, GATX  
**Bruce Besanko**, Diebold Nixdorf  
**John Bryant**, Macy's  
**Stuart Burgdoerfer**, Progressive  
**Pat Condon**, Entergy  
**Frank Dellaquila**, Reliance Steel & Aluminum  
**Lisa Flavin**, Caleres  
**Cheryl Francis**, Morningstar  
**Marla Gottschalk**, Big Lots and Reynolds Consumer Products  
**Mike Hanley**, BorgWarner  
**Rejji Hayes**, Fortive  
**Cara Heiden**, Casey's General Stores  
**Sandy Helton**, Covetrus  
**Jay Henderson**, The J.M. Smucker Company  
**Frank Jaehnert**, Nordson  
**Ginger Jones**, Tronox Holdings  
**Laurette Koellner**, Celestica, Nucor, and Papa John's International  
**Blythe McGarvie**, LKQ Corporation  
**Cary McMillan**, Hyatt Hotels  
**Michael Merriman**, Regis  
**Ralph Nicoletti**, Arthur J. Gallagher  
**Neil Novich**, Hillenbrand  
**Derrick Roman**, CommScope  
**Abbie Smith**, HNI  
**Al Smith**, Simon Property Group  
**Sherry Smith**, Deere & Company  
**Michael Todman**, Brown-Forman  
**Richard Wallman**, SmileDirectClub  
**Phoebe Wood**, Invesco and Leggett & Platt  
**Ray Young**, International Paper

Program

The network convenes several times each year. In-person meetings typically run from 2:30pm through dinner. Virtual meetings consist of a series of interactive sessions scheduled in 60 to 90-minute increments.

- Before each meeting, members are provided with brief, curated materials designed to stimulate dialogue at the meeting.
- After each meeting, a *ViewPoints* is published. That document draws upon the meeting discussion and similar meeting discussions with other networks across the United States.
- Members are encouraged to share the *ViewPoints* with board colleagues and others in their professional networks.

*“The network provides a great opportunity to broaden my knowledge on some worthwhile topics while getting valuable perspectives from well-qualified peers.” – Member*

Eligibility

Membership is by invitation and there is no fee to participate. The network includes:

- Audit committee chairs representing public companies with annual revenues typically exceeding \$2 billion.
- A mix of operating and retired executives.
- A mix of EY clients and non-clients.

Members can expect to spend two or three days per year to prepare for and participate in network meetings. If a member has a conflict with a meeting date, they may attend a similar meeting of one of five similar regional audit committee networks in another part of the country.

*“Well worth the time commitment for the value received. The network helps me be a better audit committee chair.” – Member*

*“I learn at least one or two things and get at least one or two new ideas at every meeting, plus I’ve met some great people.” – Member*

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