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*As part of ICGN's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations we met with a number of founding members and others who been instrumental in creating the Network. We asked each to describe a favourite ICGN moment and what the value of ICGN means to them.*

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The value of the ICGN is demonstrated in all that we have accomplished on behalf of shareowners through the power of collective action and engagement. Great progress has been made over the past 20 years on shareowner rights pertaining to auditor independence, majority voting, access to the proxy, board diversity, say on pay, transparency on executive compensation, corporate political spending, environmental and non-financial disclosure just to name a few topics. None of this could have been accomplished without collective action and persistence of organizations like the ICGN and its members.

Some of the most memorable times have been the progress we have made as an organization to improve the sustainability of our own governance, Secretariat and network. Witness our own first board evaluation in 2012 and the restructuring of our own governance and membership fees in that year to provide for a more sustainable future network. These were not easy decisions but ones that required leadership and forward thinking to provide for the future of a stronger ICGN. It is gratifying that we were unafraid to hold ourselves to the good governance standards that we require of other institutions.

Apart from the numerous gala events and conferences, letters written to regulators and standard setters and writing of best practice guidance, the ICGN can look back on the last 20 years with pride that we helped make companies more transparent and accountable, boards more democratic and capital markets safer for the owners of shares.

*About Christianna:*

*Christianna "Christy" Wood has over 30 years experience managing performance-based capital on behalf of institutional investors in both public and private markets. Ms. Wood served on the Board of Governors of the International Corporate Governance Network from June 2008 until June 2012, having served as Chairman of the Board from June 2009 until June 2012. Ms. Wood is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Vassar College where she serves on the Investment, Audit, and Budget and Finance Committees and as Chair of the Investor Responsibility Committee. In addition to the Global Reporting Initiative, Ms. Wood is also a member of the boards of H&R Block*

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