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DFIN Launches 14th Annual Guide to Effective Proxies to Help Companies Navigate Evolving Governance Expectations

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New edition highlights emerging disclosure trends, investor priorities and best practices for creating more effective proxy communications

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Donnelley Financial Solutions (NYSE: DFIN), a leading global provider of financial regulatory and compliance solutions and the top SEC filing agent, today announced the release of its **14th Annual Guide to Effective Proxies**, an in-depth resource designed to help public companies strengthen shareholder communications while meeting evolving regulatory and governance expectations.

Drawing insights from over 1,500 proxy statements and showcasing examples from over 300 leading public companies that DFIN supports in the creation of their proxies, the 2026 guide provides practical insights on enhancing proxy disclosures, improving design and readability, and effectively communicating governance, compensation and long-term value creation strategies to investors. The guide builds on DFIN's annual analysis of proxy statement trends and emerging best practices across the public company landscape.

"Amid the swirl of informal communications and proliferating information channels, the proxy is a reliable source for clear, comparable and strategic company data," said Leah Trzcinski, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer at DFIN. "The Guide to Effective Proxies helps organizations move beyond compliance and create disclosure documents that foster trust, support shareholder engagement and tell a compelling corporate story."

Key Topics Featured in the 14th Edition

The latest edition explores several areas shaping the future of proxy communication, including:

- **Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Risks** – Examples of how organizations are addressing AI governance, technology oversight and related disclosure considerations.
- **Board Oversight and Governance Transparency** – Strategies for clearly communicating board composition, leadership structure and risk oversight responsibilities.
- **Executive Compensation Disclosure** – Approaches for simplifying compensation discussions and strengthening pay-for-performance narratives.
- **Cybersecurity and Enterprise Risk Management** – Evolving practices for communicating cyber preparedness and board oversight of the highest priority risks.
- **Human Capital and Workforce Strategy** – Techniques for highlighting talent initiatives, employee development and organizational culture.
- **Proxy Design and Shareholder Engagement** – Best practices for improving readability, accessibility and overall shareholder experience.

"Proxy statements have become one of the most important opportunities companies have to communicate directly with investors," said Ron Schneider, Director of Corporate Governance Services at DFIN. "This year's guide highlights innovative ways organizations are increasing transparency, improving engagement, linking complex governance disclosures to the company's business strategy, making them easier to understand and support."

Supporting Better Proxy Creation Through DFIN ActiveDisclosure

Many of the proxy statements featured in the guide were developed using ActiveDisclosureSM, DFIN's financial reporting and disclosure management solution. Designed to streamline collaboration across legal, finance, investor relations and governance teams, ActiveDisclosure helps organizations improve accuracy, manage version control and create professional, investor-focused disclosure documents more efficiently. The platform also provides powerful document design capabilities, including multi-column layouts, advanced typography controls and rich data visualizations, enabling companies to create more engaging and visually compelling proxy statements.

Turn proxy season into a strategic advantage. Join us on September 14, 2026, at 1 p.m. ET for a live discussion on the latest insights from the 14th Annual Guide to Effective Proxies.

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