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Investor Engagement Springer
Failure to keep meticulous records can threaten the legal validity of a corporation -- and lead to dates with the IRS and the courts. The Corporate Minutes Book provides all the plain-English legal information, instructions and forms readers need to take and organize meeting minutes. Forms include: -- Call of Meeting-- Meeting Summary Sheet-- Minutes of Shareholders' Meeting-- Waiver of Notice of Meeting-- and much more. The book also provides readers with 75 resolutions to insert into their minutes. All forms and resolutions are included as tear-outs and on CD-ROM.

An Analysis of Shareholder Resolutions Involving Australian Listed Companies from 2004 to 2013
Routledge

Achieve competitive financial returns and make a difference at the same time by applying the information in *Compelling Returns: A Practical Guide to Socially Responsible Investing*, a well-rounded guide to socially responsible investing (SRI). Understand the basics of SRI and discover how you can align your values with your investments by choosing from three basic strategies. Learn to implement these strategies in your investment portfolios and combine your newfound knowledge with the basic principles of successful investing. An up-to-date directory of companies involved with SRI is included.

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In 2007
This February 2008 report reviews U.S. shareholder activity on social policy issues in 2007, looking both at what happened to the resolutions proposed to American corporations and at the attitudes of major institutional investors that voted on them. The 2007 proxy year broke records in the social policy sphere. The vote average

reached 15.3 percent, a full two percentage points higher than the previous record set only the year before. The number of resolutions proposed also hit a new high, reaching 384, up from 367 in 2006. Sixty-four social issues proposals received support from more than 15 percent of the shares voted, 10 more than the year before, and the 33 of those that got better than 30 percent support doubled the number of top scorers in 2006. To put this in context, as recently as 2000 only about 20 proposals had passed the 10 percent mark that enables proponents to indefinitely resubmit a proposal. *Understanding Institutional Shareholder Activism*

Western business practice has been transformed since the 1980s, especially in the US and Britain, with the growth of shareholder value. This book examines the resulting change in relations between investors and managers as investors have become actively engaged with the companies in which they invest, the rationale for this, and forms it takes.

How Institutions Voted on Shareholder Resolutions in the ... Proxy Season
Addison Wesley Publishing Company

This paper tests whether very diversified and patient investors, also known as universal owners, tend to vote in favor of shareholder resolutions instructing corporations to reduce or communicate on the negative externalities they produce. Our sample includes 213 US fund families that voted on 13,108 different shareholder resolutions at 2,352 companies over the period from 2013 to 2016. We find that, contrary to the common ownership logic, universal owners' support for issues related to externalities is lower than the one of otherwise similar fund families. Instead, support is positively associated with the proportion of socially responsible investment funds in the family. We discuss various practical implications of our results.

The Corporate Minutes Book Investor Responsibility

In the wake of the recent global financial collapse the timely new edition of this successful text provides students and business professionals with a welcome update of the key issues facing managers,

boards of directors, investors, and shareholders. In addition to its authoritative overview of the history, the myth and the reality of corporate governance, this new edition has been updated to include: analysis of the financial crisis; the reasons for the global scale of the recession the failure of international risk management An overview of corporate governance guidelines and codes of practice; new cases. Once again in the new edition of their textbook, Robert A. G. Monks and Nell Minow show clearly the role of corporate governance in making sure the right questions are asked and the necessary checks and balances in place to protect the long-term, sustainable value of the enterprise. Features 18 case studies of institutions and corporations in crisis, and analyses the reasons for their fall (Cases include Lehman Brothers, General Motors, American Express, Time Warner, IBM and Premier Oil.)

Corporate Governance Highlights Oxford University Press

The first book to offer a global look at the state-of-the-art thinking and practice in investor relations and financial communication. Featuring contributions from leading scholars and practitioners in financial communication and related fields—including public relations, corporate communications, finance, and accounting—this volume in the critically acclaimed “Handbooks in Communication and Media” series provides readers with a comprehensive, up-to-date picture of investor relations and financial communications as they are practiced in North America and around the world. The Handbook of Financial Communication and Investor Relations provides an overview of the past, present, and future of investor relations and financial communications as a profession. It identifies the central issues of contemporary investor relations and financial communications practice, including financial information versus non-financial information, intangibles, risk, value, and growth. Authors address key topics of concern to contemporary practitioners, such as socially responsible investing, corporate governance, shareholder activism, ethics, and professionalism. In addition, the book arms readers with metrics and proven techniques for reliably measuring and evaluating the effectiveness of investor relations and financial communications. Bringing together the most up-to-date research on investor relations and financial communication and the insights and expertise of an all-star team of practitioners, The

Handbook of Financial Communication and Investor Relations: Explores how the profession is practiced in various regions of the globe, including North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, India, Australia, and other areas Provides a unique look at financial communication as it is practiced beyond the corporate world, including in families, the medical profession, government, and the not-for-profit sector Addresses "big-picture" strategies as well as specific tactics for financial communication during crises, the use of social media, dealing with shareholder activism, integrated reporting and CSR, and more This book makes an ideal reference resource for undergrads and graduate students, scholars, and practitioners studying or researching investor relations and financial communication across schools of communication, journalism, business, and management. It also offers professionals an up-to-date, uniquely holistic look at best practices in financial communication investor relations worldwide.

Understanding Institutional Shareholder Activism Ann Arbor, Mich. : UMI Research Press

No aspect of business or finance has changed more dramatically over the past decade than corporate governance. Until recently it has been unthinkable for a shareholder resolution to be sponsored by an institutional investor, or for a resolution sponsored by an individual investor to get more than 3 per cent of the vote. Suddenly institutional investors are submitting dozens of shareholder resolutions, all with substantial support. Astonishingly, shareholders have been responsible for the departures of CEOs from the giants of Corporate America - General Motors, Westinghouse, IBM and Kodak.

Shareholder Activism Emerald Group Publishing

Summary of United States Shareholder Resolutions How Institutions Voted on Shareholder Resolutions in the ... Proxy Season Coalition Files Shareholder Resolutions On Environmental Commitment From Companies Shareholder Resolutions Social Policy Shareholder Resolutions In 2007

Annual Report John Wiley & Sons This February 2008 report reviews U.S. shareholder activity on social policy issues in 2007, looking both at what happened to the resolutions proposed to American corporations and at the attitudes of major institutional investors that voted on them. The 2007 proxy year broke records in the social policy sphere. The vote average reached 15.3 percent, a full two percentage points higher than the previous record set only the year before. The number of resolutions proposed also hit a new high, reaching 384, up from 367 in 2006. Sixty-four social issues proposals received support from more than 15 percent of the shares voted, 10 more than the year before, and the 33 of those that got better than 30 percent support doubled the number of top scorers in 2006. To put

this in context, as recently as 2000 only about 20 proposals had passed the 10 percent mark that enables proponents to indefinitely resubmit a proposal.

Protection of Minority Shareholders Investor Responsibility

Judging from prior writings, many researchers and practitioners think shareholder-initiated corporate governance proposals promote value-maximizing policies. These proposals are regarded as serving an important role in the governance of public corporations. Our findings, however, do not support this view. Shareholder-initiated corporate governance resolutions tend to target poorly performing firms, as measured by market-to-book ratio, operating return, and recent sales growth. This suggests that their sponsors seek improvements. We find little evidence, however, that proposals increase share values or spur performance improvements. The average wealth effects associated with shareholder-initiated corporate governance proposals are not significantly different from zero. Sales growth subsequently declines for firms receiving proposals relative to sales growth for control firms. And changes in operating return on sales are not significantly larger for proposal firms than their controls. We also find little evidence that shareholder proposals are associated with significant changes in firm policy. Turnover among chief executive officers is not significantly higher among firms that previously attracted proposals than for other firms matched by industry and size. We find that some of the firms attracting successful proposals changed managers or restructured operations, but such changes typically were motivated by external control threats, not the shareholder proposals. Even proposals receiving a majority of share votes are not associated systematically with significant changes in target firms' policies or stock values.

Institutional Investors' Power to Change Corporate Behavior Wiley

We provide evidence on the incidence and effectiveness of shareholder monitoring by examining shareholder proposals to rescind poison pills. Our research indicates that shareholders present resolutions when they are more likely to increase the value of the firm. We find that pill rescission proposals are submitted more frequently when

firm performance has been poor, when the initial market reaction to the adoption of the pill is negative, and when insider and block ownership of stock is low. In addition, pill rescission proposals receive more support when performance is poor and when the pill has characteristics that increase its potential for misuse by management. Unlike some previous studies, we find evidence that shareholder monitoring is effective. Poison pills are more likely to be restructured or rescinded when there is a shareholder resolution concerning the pill. In addition, once a pill rescission proposal is presented, the firm is more likely to restructure or rescind the poison pill if the initial market reaction to the pill adoption was negative and if the proposal was submitted by a pension fund. Overall, our results support the idea that shareholder proposals, despite the fact that they are non-binding, can be an effective mechanism in managerial oversight and an important component of the governance process of the firm. *A Trojan Horse for Corporate Change* Investor Responsibility

The authors analyse resolutions proposed by shareholders of Australian companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange for the 10 year period from 2004 to 2013. They investigate the number of shareholder resolutions over time, the subject matter of the resolutions, whether the resolutions were supported by management, the number of resolutions at extraordinary and annual general meetings, and some of the characteristics of companies that were the subject of many of the resolutions. Key findings include: (a) an increase in resolutions during the global financial crisis; (b) management recommended against 81 per cent of the shareholder resolutions; (c) 92 per cent of the resolutions concerned the election or removal of directors; (d) 71 per cent of the resolutions were proposed for consideration at extraordinary general meetings and not annual general meetings; and (e) a very small number of companies (23) were responsible for 37 per cent of all shareholder resolutions and these companies tended to be small capitalisation companies and the majority of the resolutions involving these companies occurred in 2008-2009.

Voting by Institutional Investors on

Corporate Governance Issues, 1993

Springer

The aim of the book series is to explore public concerns and practical issues deeply and rethink theoretical debates and institutional policies critically in the broad area of corporate responsibility, corporate governance and sustainability around the world. It examines the social, economic and environmental impacts of corporations, and the real effects of corporate governance, CSR and business sustainability on societies in different regions. It facilitates a better understanding of how value systems, cultures and traditions in different societies may affect the policies and practices of corporate responsibility, governance and sustainability. It identifies the future development trends of corporate responsibility, governance and sustainability in contexts when examining and exploring those key issues.

Social Policy Shareholder Resolutions In 2007 John Wiley & Sons

This is a book about shareholders — who they are, what they own, how their composition and character has changed, and with it their relationship with the companies they own. It is also a book about shareholder rights and responsibilities. In a clear and readable style the book explores the key current corporate governance issues — company law and reporting, chief executive pay, regulatory and accountability requirements — against the background of an ever-changing business environment: an environment in which private investors may have grown in number, but in which shareholders influence has dwindled as institutions have become the dominant shareholding group. Throughout the book the authors provide numerous examples and anecdotes illustrating the evolution of the joint stock company from the South Sea Company of the 18th century to the giants and cause celebres on the corporate stage in the 1980s and 1990s. Both authors are authoritative and informed commentators on issues of corporate governance with extensive management, policy and advocacy experience; their underlying concern is to show the importance of shareholder interest and involvement, which they strongly believe will remain in the best interests of the company and the wider society in the 21st century.

Social Policy Shareholder Resolutions in 2002 OUP Oxford

Resistance to the corporate pursuit of profit takes many forms, but this thesis examines the effectiveness of shareholders (owners of the corporation and beneficiaries of profit)

in challenging the corporate belief that profit should prevail over non-financial concerns. Shareholders are privileged due of their location within corporate structure and large shareholders are especially privileged. Using secondary sources (shareholder resolutions plus newspaper articles) and informed by Gramsci's notion of hegemony, this thesis examines the shareholders' discourse within the context of the legal environment. The legal environment is significant because it shapes the shareholder's discourse, influences the engagement process and supports the dominant hegemony. Though Canadian legal changes in 2001 provided shareholders with more rights, shareholders remain conservative when engaging companies. Yet, despite a hegemony that constrains shareholders and despite voluntarily operating within the hegemonic discourse, shareholder engagement can be effective in making corporations consider their social or environmental responsibility.

Walter de Gruyter

Shareholder activism in Korea, led by a civil society organization, has been commended by Western economists. How could activism led by such an organization grow and thrive to become the success story of corporate governance reform in developing countries? This book examines this phenomenon using social movement theory to explain.

Watching the Watchers John Wiley & Sons
The renowned authors of this ECFR special volume systematically develop legal standards and regulatory frameworks for closed corporations in Europe (including of course the *Societas Privata Europaea*), putting a strong focus on the economic practice and efficiency. The profound, in-depth analysis of the objectives and strategies comes to groundbreaking insights and also offers specific solutions for a multitude of practical aspects.

Shareholder Rights and Proxy Access
Institutional shareholder participation has long been considered as vital to good corporate governance yet its potential does not seem to have been realized. The recent banking crisis exposed the passivity of some institutional shareholders, many of whom appear to have chosen to sell their stakes in the banks rather than intervene or challenge the board when they realized the strategies followed by the banks were excessively risky. Institutional shareholders' role to scrutinize and monitor the decisions of boards and executive management in the banking sector in the UK is considered by many to be a failure, resulting in the phenomenon of 'ownerless corporations', as described

by Lord Myners. In China, despite the fast rising of institutional investment in the securities market, institutional shareholders have not yet played a contributory role in monitoring corporate managers in listed companies. Drawing on empirical evidence this book seeks to systematically analyse institutional shareholders' incentives to activism to explain when and why shareholder activism will occur. The book puts forward a model which explains the factors that determine institutional shareholders' propensity for activism. The model both elaborates the collective benefits of activism as a means of achieving managerial accountability asks whether and when shareholder activism is rational for any individual shareholder. The book then goes on to apply these findings to both the UK and China in order to explain the varying levels of shareholder activism in each jurisdiction. The book is the first to take an in-depth look at institutional shareholder activism in China providing prescriptions to promote greater shareholder engagement and exploring the potential it holds for improving corporate governance in the region.

The Protestant Challenge to Corporate America

Do institutional investors engage with companies on corporate externalities such as greenhouse gas emissions? And if so, why? We study voting at shareholder meetings by two emblematic global investors: BlackRock, a major asset manager, and the Norway Fund, a responsible sovereign wealth fund. Our data cover 2014 and include the two institutions' votes on 35,382 resolutions at 2,796 corporations across the world. Both of these so-called universal owners oppose management significantly more often on externality than on financial issues. The Norway Fund is more active on shareholder resolutions concerning externalities related to environmental and social issues rather than governance issues. The difference between the two investors' voting behavior is larger when we focus on resolutions related to greenhouse gas emissions, a clearly identified externality. Overall, universal ownership (see, e.g., Monks and Minow, 1995) and, more importantly, delegated philanthropy (see, e.g., Benabou and Tirole, 2010) both appear to provide incentives for institutional investors to combat negative externalities generated by firms.

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"Break the Wall Street Rule explains how you

can maximize your stock-market returns by acting as a true owner of the companies whose stock you purchase. In his thorough analysis of today's investment landscape, former Treasury Department official Michael T. Jacobs shows that this "effective owner" approach takes the guesswork out of investing and reinvents the relationship between corporations and shareholders. In contrast, the current Wall Street Rule - to sell stock whenever its performance displeases you - actually undermines your returns." "Most investors speculate on stock prices, either buying and selling or paying mutual funds to buy and sell. Such shuffling produces dismal results compared to the overall market; each year three out of four money managers return less than the market average. The real beneficiaries of the Wall Street Rule are the investment industry and company executives who don't want to answer to owners. Jacobs shows that simply by investing for long-term growth, you can beat 95 percent of mutual funds. Even better, in the last decade companies with large effective-owner shareholders earned triple the market average." "With Break the Wall Street Rule investors of any size can become effective owners. In clear language Jacobs explains how small shareholders can utilize the power of institutional investors. There are guidelines for choosing companies structured for the benefit of their shareholders, not to insulate their executives from shareholders. Other chapters describe how to assemble a portfolio and how to calculate whether a stock has paid you back enough." "Many books explain when to buy stocks or which stocks to buy. Break the Wall Street Rule shows how real gains come from what you do once you own a stock. You can use the power of new SEC proxy rules to maximize your returns. You can ensure that management works for shareholders by supporting directors and resolutions that protect your interests, such as connecting pay to performance. Owning only \$1000 of stock lets you propose your own shareholder resolutions; Jacobs illuminates the rules and realities of this process. As shown at Sears and GM, shareholders and boards can affect how major corporations are run. In sum, the effective owner philosophy of Break the Wall Street Rule will revolutionize the way you look at stock-market investing."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved