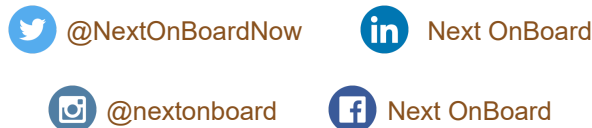


April 2020

As you may have seen in various communications, we at OnBoard have been monitoring the news on the coronavirus impact and have determined that we need to heed the clear advice from C.D.C. and infectious disease experts to postpone gatherings and stay at home. This has affected our 2020 events schedule but given us a chance to think creatively about how we can connect and engage digitally. Be on the lookout for virtual panels, inspiring digital content, and more in Q2.

We can't wait to see you in person soon but until then, we look forward to connecting virtually.

Be sure to follow us on social media to stay connected and learn about upcoming virtual events



## SIGN UP NOW! - Next OnBoard's Group Mentor Program 2020

One of the greatest benefits of being a Next OnBoard member is the opportunity to join our mentorship program. Given the current state of the world, we believe that rather than putting our mentorship program on hold, this is a perfect opportunity to show the agility that can be built into mentorship programs by taking on a virtual program format this year. There are already virtual networking programs that have been wildly successful and we are confident that a virtual experience for our program can provide the majority of the same benefits of in-person relationship building. This is an exciting opportunity and will be a great test to determine different ways we can better bridge distance to create strong connections and support systems, which, as we all know, have proven to be so beneficial to women's success in the workplace. Our mentor requests survey is now live so please take advantage of this unique opportunity to connect with 1 of 6 OnBoard mentors! Based on your responses, we will pair small groups of 2-4 Nexter's with a senior professional OnBoard member and help schedule an initial meeting that works best for the group in early May.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NOBMentor2020>

## Interested in getting more involved with Next OnBoard?

1. **Volunteer with one or all of our Leadership Committees: Governance, Marketing, Events and Membership** by reaching out to [nextonboardnow@gmail.com](mailto:nextonboardnow@gmail.com). You can also **refer your friends and colleagues** to Next OnBoard to help us grow our network of talented professionals!
2. **Join our Leadership Team:** We also have a unique opportunity to join our leadership team as the **Marketing Chair Elect**. The ideal candidate would step into the role for the remainder of 2020 and then assume the Marketing Chair role for 2021.

If you are interested in this position or know someone who would be a great fit, please contact our current Marketing Chair, Kayla Draffin, via the above email. We can't wait to hear from you!

The most active members and members with the most referrals will be eligible for our **Member of the Year** and **Making Connections Awards!**

## Pour Wine and Networking Social

In February, we gathered at Pour Kitchen + Bar for our third annual Tour of France Wine Tasting. We spent the evening networking with professionally driven women while tasting a variety of wines and light hors d'oeuvres. Since it was the first event of 2020, we introduced our new leadership team and had the chance to provide an inside peek into our yearlong events calendar. We also had the unique opportunity to meet OnBoard's newly elected Chairman and CEO, Kelly Gay, who was in attendance for this event. It was wonderful to see her enthusiasm and support for this group and we are excited for you all to engage with her again in the future!



## Happy Hour + Headshots Social

We were looking forward to our annual March headshot social – to be held at Gypsy Kitchen; however, due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of our members, we decided to postpone this event. We are actively staying connected with the OnBoard leaders and plan to reschedule this event once we are given the green light.

## Virtual Engagement + Power Hour Events

In the meantime, we are actively staying engaged via our social media channels and an upcoming virtual event. We are posting articles, podcasts and learning opportunities weekly and would love your input as well! Until we can meet again in person, we are thinking creatively about virtual events to continue our networking and learning opportunities. Be on

the lookout for our first topic around board readiness tips coming in early May. This will be a great opportunity to learn more from our OnBoard members on what it takes to join a board and how to ensure you are prepared for any opportunity that may come your way.

Be sure to check out [Next OnBoard's event page](#) for more information as we plan our events for 2020!

## Still on the fence about joining Next OnBoard?

Get the next decade off to a strong start by growing your professional network. Here are just a few of the many reasons to become a member today.

1. Discounts to Next OnBoard and OnBoard events throughout the year, plus a complimentary headshot at the Happy Hour & Headshots event.
2. Exclusive access to our mentorship program where you will be matched with an experienced professional and a small group to connect with and learn from throughout the year.
3. Apply for leadership and committee positions to enhance your professional experience and skills.

[Learn more about the benefits of membership here.](#)



## We need your input!

Whether you are a current member or haven't yet joined Next On Board, we want to hear from you! Please take this brief survey to help us learn how we can improve Next OnBoard and make it a valuable resource for you. [Click here to take the brief survey.](#)

## The Board Fact

In 2018, 15.4% of Georgia public company board seats were held by women, up from 13.8% in 2017. This represents 17 net women board seats added for women. We're making huge leaps forward, but there is still work to be done. [Learn more about our Next OnBoard's mission here.](#)

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