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**The ChangeMakers
Talent:**

*Educating & Preparing
Our Human Capital to
Fuel the Innovation Economy*


March 14, 2006
graves | 601 hotel
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

March 14 - The ChangeMakers - Talent:
Educating & Preparing Human Capital to Fuel the Innovation Economy.
An intriguing panel of Minnesota leaders will tackle this topic from a variety of perspectives:

- *Early Childhood Education Advocate:* **Art Rolnick**, Senior Vice President, **Federal Reserve Bank**
- *Largest Provider of MN Public Higher Ed:* **James McCormick**, Chancellor, **MnSCU**
- *K-12 National and Urban Perspective:* **Pat Harvey**, Co-Director, **America's Choice**
- *Private Sector Education Model:* **Steve Shank**, CEO, **Capella Education**
- *Science and Math Education Advocate:* **Eric Jolly**, President, **Science Museum of Minnesota**
- *Co-Chair Governor's MN Higher Ed Study:* **Vance Opperman**, CEO, **Key Investment**

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Register today and join the 120 already registered (see sample list below) for this 2-part Boards program! Reserve your spot today - [click here](#)

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**Boards
of Directors**

*Attracting a Great Board and
Leveraging It Well Can Make a
Tremendous Difference in a Growth*

Thursday, February 23, 2006
7:15 - 10:15 a.m.

A Two-Part Program

Boards of Directors

Attracting a Great Board and Leveraging It Well Can Make a Tremendous Difference in Growth Company's Success

A Two-Part Morning Program

February 23, 2006; 7:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Sheraton Bloomington

- **View content and speakers on our web brochure - [click here](#)**
- **FREE for Members of The Collaborative.** To register via our secure server, [click here](#) (or reply to this email with "Register me February 23" in the subject line).
- **Non-members pay \$85 (Only one fee for 2 programs!).**

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Having a great Board of Directors and using it well can be the difference between success and failure. This two-part program will examine how to create, develop and effectively utilize a Board of Directors perhaps one of the most important assets you can develop for your company. Learn the complexities and opportunities of building an effective board in today's heightened regulatory environment.

7:30 - 8:40 a.m. Part 1: Developing and Motivating a Great Board

Identifying, attracting and motivating the members of your "perfect" board can be important to your company's growth. A board of directors can be a valuable resource for connections, experience, expertise and sage advice.

Speakers Include:



Jim Bullock,
CEO, **Atritech**



Bryson Hollimon,
Managing General
Partner,
**Technology
Venture Partners**



Charlie Westling,
CEO, **Datalink**



Scott Ebert,
Partner, **Virchow
Krause**

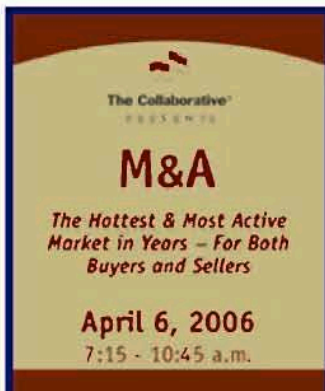


John Houston
Partner, **Robi
Kaplan Miller
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9:00 - 10:10 a.m. Part 2: The Costs, Responsibilities and Commitment Necessary in Today Board

Boards create tremendous value for growing companies but in today's more heightened regulatory environment they are also under intense scrutiny. This panel will address ways to maximize your board's output.



April 6 - M&A - The Hottest & Most Active Market in Years - For Both Buyers and Sellers
Speakers Include:

- **Tom Petters, CEO, Petters Group Worldwide**
 - **Paul Buckman, President, Cardiology, St. Jude Medical**
 - **John Whaley, Managing Partner, Norwest Equity Partners**
 - **Dan Gladney, CEO, Compex Technologies**
- Also hear from experts **Ernst & Young, Faegre & Benson** and **Piper Jaffray** who work with companies on these transactions.

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Speakers Include:



Jim Hawley, CFO, MGI PHARMA



Paul Knapp, CEO, Space Center Ventures



Andy LaFrance, Partner, KPMG



Bjorn Honda, Partner, RJF Agencies



Michael Kola, Partner, Oppenheimer Wolff & Don

Sample list of firms registered to date:

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| Alquest | Gruby Technologies | RiverPoint Investments |
| American Medical Systems | Halo Innovations | RJF Agencies |
| AMEX | Holiday Companies | RJH Enterprises |
| Andcor Companies | iDSS | Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi |
| Artistic Finishes | JNBA Financial Advisors | Rural Cellular |
| Atritech | JobDig | SAGE Electrochromics |
| BioMedix | Jump Technologies | ScanHealth |
| Cargill Ventures | KPMG | Schechter Dokken Kanter, CP |
| Carver Moquist & O'Connor | Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren | Schumacher Executive Search |
| CHF Solutions | MCG | Shavlik Technologies |
| Chi's Research | Merrill | Silicon Valley Bank |
| Ciprico | MGI PHARMA | Space Center Ventures |
| Clarus Medical | Micro Dynamics | Spinal Designs International |
| Coral Capital Management | Nanocopoeia | StarTec Investments |
| Datalink | Northfield Automation Systems | SuperProtection |
| Despatch Industries | Old Home Foods | Technology Venture Partners |
| Feed Management Systems | Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly | U of M Office of Business Dev |
| Fidelity Bank | Padilla Speer Beardsley | Venture Bank |
| Foldware | Phillips Plastics | Virchow Krause |
| Fredrikson & Byron | PRAGMATEK Consulting Group | Vision-Ease Lens |
| Fulbright & Jaworski | Prodigen | XATA |
| Goldsmith Agio Helms | Q-BA-MAZE | Zareba Systems |
| Grant Thornton | | |

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