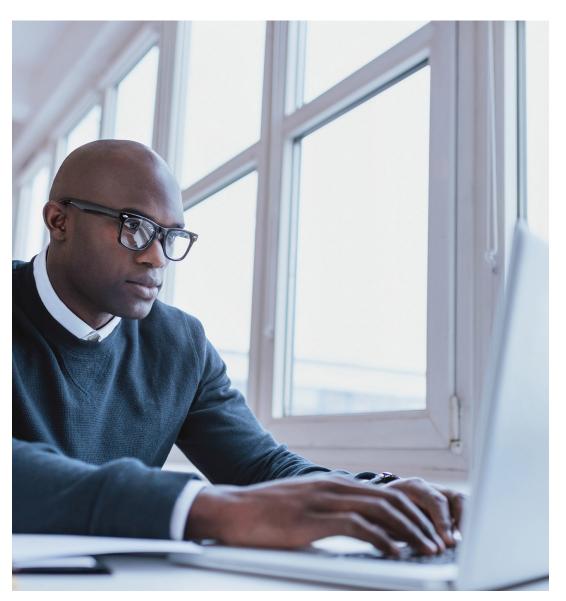


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Broadridge Proxy Best Practices

Proven strategies to transform your next proxy into an engagement storytelling experience









As shareholder expectations evolve, proxy storytelling matters more than ever.

Converging trends are reshaping the landscape, putting enormous pressure on investor relations professionals to step up shareholder engagement.

Consider that mobile trading platforms and zero trade commissions are bringing millions of new investors into the fold. Shareholders, employees, and consumers are more focused on ESG issues than ever. Meanwhile, so-called meme stocks continue to gather steam. Small-time investors can now mobilize on social media to disrupt the largest institutional investors and hedge funds.

In this climate, corporations will need to reimagine how they connect with investors and position themselves in the market. How will you tell your story?

Proxy season: your best storytelling opportunity

Each year, we help thousands of corporate issuers deliver millions of proxies. When you manage as many proxies as we do, you get to see what works and what doesn't. The proxy is no longer a mere regulatory disclosure. Instead, your proxy represents the very best opportunity to own your narrative.

We've found that leading issuers excel at the craft of storytelling and their proxy is the main vehicle through which they tell their story.

To that end, basic principles can help drive successful outcomes across myriad industries. The right proxy design empowers you to shape investor perceptions, showcase your achievements and build shareholder loyalty.

Inside this resource, you'll discover the principles, strategies and best practices proven to help transform your next proxy into an engaging narrative experience.

Let's dive in.



Under pressure from investors, leading issuers are rethinking proxy design to step up shareholder engagement.

Proxy storytelling matters more than ever. That's why more issuers are transitioning away from plain, visually dense proxies to more thoughtfully designed narrative experiences. By leveraging these design best practices, we'll help you craft a story, which is more accessible and consumer friendly. Design makes a big difference when it comes to audience persuasion and understanding. Strategically designed charts, graphs and iconography, for example, can help simplify complex ideas and more effectively showcase your achievements. Using your brand elements and photography can reinforce your brand and help build shareholder loyalty.

Bottom line: Good storytelling requires sound design.

Design Considerations

Here are six easy-to-implement design enhancements for you to consider to help in creating a more effective shareholder communication.



Make your story more engaging



Summarize key points



Reinforce your brand identity



Visualize information



Humanize your board



Tell your **ESG** story



Make your story more engaging

Think about content organization and flow while identifying key content you wish to highlight. Use color and infographics to add interest to the page. Utilize design to help your proxy stand out, have more impact and effectively engage your stakeholders.

All-text documents are transitioning to a simpler, more visually appealing approach that incorporates color and graphics to help readers understand complex issues quickly.





2 Summarize key points

Investors demand brevity and clarity, so it's critical to add a summary at the beginning of your proxy. This enables you to highlight your company's goals, strategies and performance.

Don't hesitate to include visual elements to enhance understanding. Include callouts and sidebars to highlight key points.



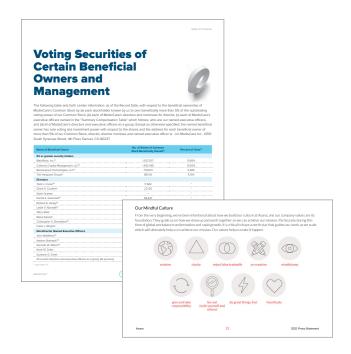




3 Reinforce your brand identity

Your proxy should be an extension of your brand. Be sure to align design with existing brand standards. Of course, include your logo, colors and font style to anchor all the elements of your story.

Brand elements should work together to reflect the personality and vision of your organization — and brand.



4 Visualize information

A well-designed chart or table highlights key data and makes your point instantly clear. Keep charts and graphs simple and straightforward, with legends that are easy to read. Clarity, logical organization and consistency are key.

For example, consider using graphics to contextualize and illustrate executive compensation or board composition. You can more effectively highlight board diversity, tenure, skills, and more.





5 Humanize your board

When shareholders can associate a face with a name, they are more likely to feel a connection to your board and to your company. Photography, as well as a well-written bio, help the reader to better know the individual, their experience and their skills.

Make it easy to scan the board member's competencies and roles, committee memberships and other board memberships.



- Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Other C. Ware has served as a director of our Company since March 2021. Ms. Ware has more than 20 years of experience in pharmaceutical drug the property of t

Director Qualifications: Ms. Ware was nominated for election to our Board due to her extensive leadership experience in pharmaceutical development and commercializing drug products at multiple pharmaceutical companies.









Sydney Carey has served as a member of our Board of Directors since July 2019.

Since November 2018, Ms. Carey has served as the Chief Financial Officer of Sumo Logic Since November 2018, Ms. Carey has served as the Chief Financial Officer of Sumo Logic. Inc., a data analytics company, From December 2017 to October 2018, Ns. Carey served as the Chief Financial Officer for Duo Security, Inc., a software security company, From June 2016 to December 2017, 4 see served as the Chief Financial Officer of Apttus Corporation, a business-to-business software company, From February 2015 to June 2016, be served as the Chief Financial Officer of Azcader, Inc., an information security company, and from April 2015 to February 2015, as served as the Chief Financial Officer of MongoDB Inc., a software company, Ms. Carey has served as the Chief Financial Officer of MongoDB Inc., a software company, Ms. Carey has served and the Chief, since March 2021, and previously served as a member of the board of directors of Bazaavolice, Inc. from April 2012 to September 2017, and Procelopint, Inc. from April 2012 to September 2017, and Procelopint, Inc. from January 2014 to March 2015, Ms. Carey holds a B.A. in economics from Stanford University.

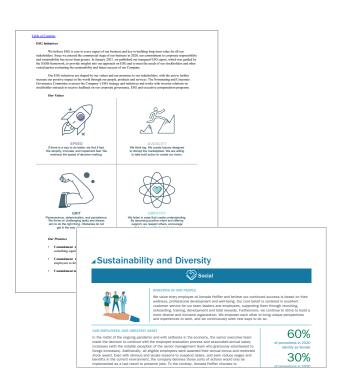




Tell your ESG story

Today, many investors believe ESG issues impact materiality and financial performance. So, it's imperative to include content that showcases your ESG metrics and progress.

The proxy statement can serve as a springboard to additional in-depth ESG content on your website or a free-standing ESG Report.



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