



## NVCA BOARD SERVICE EXCELLENCE FORUM

September 15, 2022

9AM-7PM

Join NVCA for our 1-Day education event covering in-depth topics on board governance for rising GPs at [Capital Factory](#) in Austin, TX

### AGENDA

- **Opening Fireside Chat** with Julia Cheek (EverlyWell) and Mike Smerklo (Next Coast Ventures)
- **Guiding the Challenged Company** with Brian Smith (S3 Ventures), James Eadie (Sante), Sara Brand (True Wealth Ventures), Heath Butler (Mercury Fund), and Scott Craig (Latham & Watkins). *Learn how prolific investors navigate nuanced and complex challenges that face portfolio companies as they grow and scale.*
- **The Founders' Perspective** with Zeynep Young (TeleVet) Mike Gonzales (HNI), Doug Donovan (Interplay Learning), Adelle Archer (Etenerva), and Dax Williamson (SVB). *Founders discuss strategies to leverage their boards in building successful businesses and ways to effectively manage board dynamics.*
- **Guiding a Company to Exit** with Dan Levine (Accel), Morgan Flager (Silverton), Katie Bullard (Insight), Aziz Gilani (Mercury Fund), and Kristin Bannon (Softbank). *Seasoned investors share how they advise companies in navigating the many paths to exit in today's unique environment.*
- **Navigating DE&I** with Maryam Haque (Venture Forward), Crista Bailey (Him for Her), JD Weinstein (Oracle), and Lucinda Duncalfe (AboveBoard). *Ecosystem leaders examine the importance of diversity on company boards and how to foster inclusive cultures within growing companies.*
- **Keynote Closing Fireside Chat** with Evan Loomis (ICON) and Conrad Shang (Ensemble VC).

Join us at 5PM for our Closing Party [Upstairs at Caroline](#) immediately after the panel discussions for a chance to network with your fellow VCs!

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