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The Delaware Counsel Group LLP, a firm that focuses on corporate and alternative entity transactions, agreed to help the forum become a reality. Since that time, the forum has been held every year, with the support of the Ruby R. Vale Foundation and The Delaware Counsel Group LLP.

Each of the visiting scholars in the program to date has continued as a notable contributor to corporate law scholarship. They have included Robert Sitkoff, Steven Davidoff Solomon, Mohsen Manesh, Minor Myers, Afra Afsharipour and Verity Winship.