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SANGAMO BIOSCIENCES, INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held June 1, 2011

To the Stockholders of Sangamo BioSciences, Inc.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Sangamo BioSciences, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company or Sangamo), will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific time at 501 Canal Boulevard, Richmond, California 94804, for the following purposes, as more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice:

- 1. To elect seven directors to serve on the Board of Directors for a one-year term ending at the Annual Meeting held in 2012 or until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
- 2. To vote on an advisory non-binding resolution to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers;
- 3. To vote on an advisory non-binding basis to determine whether the non-binding vote on the compensation of the Company s named executive officer should occur every one, two or three years;
- 4. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2011: and
- 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

In accordance with rules established by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are providing you access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, on or about April 21, 2011, we will mail a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, or the Notice, to our stockholders. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will describe how to access and review our proxy materials, including our proxy statement and annual report on Form 10-K. The Notice as well as the printed copy of proxy cards will also describe how you may submit your proxy on the Internet or by telephone. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by mail and would like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials included in the Notice. We will mail our registered stockholders a printed copy of all proxy materials

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 12, 2011 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. The stock transfer books of Sangamo will remain open between the record date and the date of the meeting. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at the executive offices of Sangamo. All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. To attend the meeting you will need a form of photo identification. If your shares are held in street name, you will also need to bring proof of your ownership of our common stock, such as your most recent brokerage statement. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please vote as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Edward O. Lanphier II President and Chief Executive Officer

Richmond, California

April 21, 2011

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

For the Stockholder Meeting to be Held on June 1, 2011:

The Proxy Statement, Proxy Card and Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2010 are available at:

www.edocumentview.com/sgmo

YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU OWN, PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT CAREFULLY, COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE REFER TO THE VOTING BY MAIL, VIA THE INTERNET OR BY TELEPHONE SECTION ON PAGE 3 OF THE PROXY STATEMENT FOR ALTERNATE VOTING METHODS.

SANGAMO BIOSCIENCES, INC.

501 Canal Boulevard

Richmond, California 94804

PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held On June 1, 2011

General

The enclosed Proxy (Proxy) is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Sangamo BioSciences, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company , Sangamo or we), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on June 1, 2011 (the Annual Meeting). The Annual Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Pacific time at 501 Canal Boulevard, Richmond, California 94804. The Notices of the Annual Meeting are being mailed to stockholders on or about April 21, 2011.

Voting

The specific proposals to be considered and acted upon at the Annual Meeting are summarized in the accompanying Notice and are described in more detail in this Proxy Statement. On April 12, 2011, the record date for determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting, 45,595,000 shares of Sangamo s common stock, par value \$0.01, were issued and outstanding. No shares of Sangamo s preferred stock, par value \$0.01, were outstanding. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held by such stockholder on April 12, 2011. Stockholders may not cumulate votes in the election of directors. All votes will be tabulated by the Inspector of Election appointed for the Annual Meeting, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes, abstentions and broker non-votes.

Quorum and Broker Non-Votes

Holders of fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding shares of our common stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting on the record date must be present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting in order to have a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be treated as shares present for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Broker non-votes result from shares held of record by stock brokerage firms or financial institutions which are not voted due to the failure of the beneficial owners of those shares to provide voting instructions as to certain non-routine matters as to which such brokerage firms or financial institutions may not vote on a discretionary basis. If the persons present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting constitute the holders of less than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding shares of our common stock as of the record date, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned to a subsequent date for the purpose of obtaining a quorum. One matter to be submitted to stockholder approval at the Annual Meeting, ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP (Proposal No. 4), is considered a routine matter and therefore brokerage firms or other financial institutions will not be precluded from voting in the absence of voting instructions from the beneficial owners of the shares.

Votes Required for Each Proposal

The required vote for each of the proposals expected to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting is described below:

Proposal No. 1 Election of directors. Directors are elected by a plurality of affirmative votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Under this standard, the seven nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected. Withheld votes and broker non-votes will have no effect in Proposal No. 1.

Proposal No. 2 Advisory and non-binding vote on executive compensation. Approval of the advisory non-binding resolution regarding the compensation of the Company's named executive officers requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on Proposal No. 2. As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal and broker non-votes will have no effect on the vote outcome.

Proposal No. 3 Advisory and non-binding vote on frequency of holding an advisory vote on executive compensation. This advisory vote provides a choice among three frequency periods for future advisory votes on executive compensation, i.e., every one, two or three years. A particular frequency will be deemed to have been approved if it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on Proposal No. 3. Accordingly, abstentions will count as negative votes and broker non-votes will have no effect on Proposal No. 3. However, whether or not a particular frequency receives majority approval in accordance with the above standard, our Board of Directors will have the discretion to determine the actual frequency at which the required advisory stockholder vote on the compensation of our named executive officers will be conducted, because the vote on such frequency is only advisory and non-binding. The Board's determination on the actual frequency of such vote will be disclosed in a Form 8-K to be filed in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Proposal No. 4 Ratification of independent registered public accounting firm. This proposal must be approved by a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the proposal. As a result, abstentions will have the same effect as voting against the proposal.

Recommendations of the Board of Directors

After careful consideration, our Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposals described in this Proxy and their recommendations for each proposal are set forth below:

Proposal	Recommendation of the Board of Directors			
1 Election of Directors	FOR all Nominees			
2 Advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation	FOR			
3 Advisory (non-binding) vote on frequency of holding an advisory vote on executive compensation	FOR every Three Years			
4 Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young as our independent registered accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2011. Voting by Mail, via the Internet or by Telephone	FOR			

You may vote by mailing a completed proxy card, by telephone, or over the Internet. Should you receive more than one Proxy because your shares are registered in different names and addresses, each Proxy should be signed and returned or the shares represented thereby should be voted by telephone or over the Internet to assure that all your shares will be voted.

Registered Holders

If your shares are registered in your own name as a registered holder, you may vote by mailing a completed proxy card, via the Internet or by telephone. Instructions for voting via the Internet or by telephone are set forth in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and the proxy card attached to this proxy statement. To vote by mailing a proxy card, sign and return the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed prepaid and addressed envelope and your shares will be voted at the Annual Meeting in the manner you direct. In the event no directions

are specified, the proxy holders will vote your shares in the manner recommended by our Board of Directors on all matters presented in this proxy statement and as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are a registered holder and you do not return the proxy card, your shares will not be voted and will not be deemed present for the purpose of determining whether a quorum exists. You may revoke or change your proxy vote at any time before the Annual Meeting by sending a written notice of revocation or submitting another proxy with a later date to the Inspector of Elections of the Company at the Company s principal executive offices before the beginning of the Annual Meeting. You may also revoke your proxy vote by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

Beneficial Owners

If your shares are registered in the name of a bank or brokerage firm, you may be eligible to vote your shares over the Internet or by telephone rather than by mailing a completed voting instruction card provided by the bank or brokerage firm. Please check the voting instructions card provided by your bank or brokerage house for availability and instructions. If Internet or telephone voting is unavailable from your bank or brokerage house, please complete and return the enclosed voting instruction card in the self-addressed postage paid envelope provided.

Solicitation

Sangamo will bear the entire cost of solicitation, including the preparation, assembly, printing and mailing of this Proxy Statement and any additional solicitation materials furnished to the stockholders. Copies of solicitation materials will be furnished to brokerage houses, fiduciaries and custodians holding shares in their names that are beneficially owned by others so that they may forward this solicitation material to such beneficial owners. In addition, Sangamo may reimburse such persons for their costs in forwarding the solicitation materials to such beneficial owners. The original solicitation of proxies by mail may be supplemented by a solicitation by telephone, facsimile or other means by directors, officers or employees of Sangamo. No additional compensation will be paid to these individuals for any such services.

Deadline for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals

Proposals of stockholders of Sangamo that are intended to be presented by such stockholders at Sangamo s Annual Meeting in 2012 must be received no later than December 21, 2011, in order that they may be included in the Proxy statement and form of Proxy relating to that meeting. In addition, the Proxy solicited by the Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting in 2012 will confer discretionary authority to vote on any stockholder proposal presented at that meeting, if Sangamo does not receive notice of such proposal prior to March 6, 2012.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

PROPOSAL 1:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

General

At the Annual Meeting, seven directors are to be elected to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until a successor for such director is duly elected and qualified, or until the death, resignation or removal of such director. The seven director nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected. Dr. Gerber is not standing for reelection at the Annual Meeting. The nominees for election have agreed to serve if elected, and management has no reason to believe that such nominees will be unavailable to serve. In the event the nominees are unable or decline to serve as directors at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee who may be designated by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them FOR the nominees named below.

Nominees for Term Ending Upon the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2012

Edward O. Lanphier II, age 54, the founder of Sangamo BioSciences, Inc., has served as President, Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our Board of Directors since Sangamo s inception in 1995. Mr. Lanphier has over thirty years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry. From June 1992 to May 1997, he held various positions at Somatix Therapy Corporation, a gene therapy company, including Executive Vice President, Commercial Development and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to Somatix, Mr. Lanphier was President and Chief Executive Officer of BioGrowth, Inc., a biotechnology company that merged with Celtrix Laboratories to form Celtrix Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in 1991. From 1986 to 1987, Mr. Lanphier served as Vice President of Corporate Development at Biotherapeutics, Inc. From 1984 to 1986 he served as Vice President of Corporate Development at Synergen Inc. Prior to Synergen, he was employed by Eli Lilly and Company, a pharmaceutical company, in the strategic business planning biotechnology group. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Biotechnology Institute and the Dean s Advisory Board of the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Mr. Lanphier received a B.A. in biochemistry from Knox College. Mr. Lanphier brings extensive experience in executive management of biotechnology companies focused on the therapeutic development of biologics. In addition, Mr. Lanphier s day to day leadership and intimate knowledge of Sangamo s business and operations provide the Board with an in-depth understanding of the Company.

Paul B. Cleveland, age 54, has served as a member of our Board of Directors since November 2008 and is Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Cleveland is currently General Partner and Chief Operating Officer of Mohr Davidow Ventures. From January 2006 through February 2011, Mr. Cleveland served as Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Chief Financial Officer of Affymax, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company focusing on the treatment of serious and life-threatening conditions. From April 2004 to December 2005, he served as a managing director at Integrated Finance, Ltd., an investment bank. From September 1996 to April 2003, he served as a managing director at J.P. Morgan Chase and Co. (and a predecessor firm, Hambrecht & Quist), an investment bank. From January 1993 to September 1996, he was a partner at Cooley Godward LLP, a law firm. From December 1988 to December 1992, he was a corporate attorney at Sidley Austin LLP, a law firm, and from September 1981 to November 1988, he was a corporate attorney at Davis Polk & Wardwell, a law firm. Mr. Cleveland received a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law and an A.B. from Washington University in St. Louis. Mr. Cleveland brings extensive experience in the areas of finance, investment banking and corporate and securities law to our Board. His experience as the chief financial officer of a biotechnology company provides additional insight to the Board on the operational, financial issues and best practices of such companies.

Stephen G. Dilly, M.B.B.S., Ph.D., age 51, has served as a member of our Board of Directors since March 2010 and is a member of the Audit Committee and is the Chairman of the Clinical Review Committee. Since 2006, Dr. Dilly has served as President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of APT Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a specialty drug company focused on the development of inhaled cyclosporine for the prevention and treatment of chronic rejection in lung transplantation. Since February 2007, he has served as a member of the board of directors of Avigen, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company which merged with MediciNova, Inc. in December 2009. From 2003 to 2006, he served as Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Development of Chiron BioPharma, a biotechnology company which was later acquired by Novartis International AG. From 1998 to 2003, he held various management positions at Genentech Inc., including Vice President of Development Sciences from 2002 to 2003. From 1988 to 1998, Dr. Dilly held various management positions in drug development with SmithKline Beecham in the U.K. During his career, Dr. Dilly has been closely associated with the development and launch of marketed drugs for many therapeutic areas, including Kytril, Paxil, Kredex, Requip, TNKase, Xolair, Avastin, Raptiva, Tarceva, Lucentis and Cubicin. Dr. Dilly currently serves as a member of the Advisory Board of Physic Ventures and the National Board of Advisors of the UC Davis Health System. In 1982, Dr. Dilly received an M.B.B.S., the equivalent of an M.D. in the U.S., from the University of London in the U.K. and a Ph.D. in Cardiac Physiology from University of London in 1988. Dr. Dilly brings medical expertise and significant drug development experience to our Board. Dr. Dilly s extensive experience in all stages of drug development, from project prioritization through clinical trial design and data analysis to product launch, provides the Board with valuable insight into this process as the Company continues to advance and develop our ZFP Therapeutic pipeline.

John W. Larson, age 75, has served as a member of our Board of Directors since January 1996 and is Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee. From February 2003 to December 2009, Mr. Larson served as a partner at the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. From 1969 to January 2003, Mr. Larson served as partner at the law firm of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP (Brobeck), except for the period from July 1971 to September 1973 when he was in government service as Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and Counselor to George P. Shultz, Chairman of the Cost of Living Council. From 1988 until March 1996, Mr. Larson was Chief Executive Officer of Brobeck. Mr. Larson serves on the boards of directors of Needham Funds, WageWorks, Inc. and MBA Polymers, Inc. Mr. Larson received a L.L.B. and a B.A., with distinction, in economics, from Stanford University. Mr. Larson s extensive legal career and business background and his experience on the boards of numerous public and private companies provides the Board with substantial expertise in corporate governance, securities law and corporate transactions.

Steven J. Mento, Ph.D., age 59, has served as a member of our Board of Directors since May 2005 and is a member of the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. He is President and Chief Executive Officer of Conatus Pharmaceuticals Inc. From 1997 to 2005 he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Idun Pharmaceuticals and prior to that, from 1982 to 1992, Dr. Mento held various positions at American Cyanamid Company. His last position was Director of Viral Vaccine Research and Development at Lederle-Praxis Biologicals, a business unit of American Cyanamid Company. In January of 1992, he joined Viagene, Inc. as Vice President of Research and Development. Dr. Mento was responsible for directing the company s transition from basic research through initiation of the first company sponsored Phase I and Phase II clinical trials in the emerging field of gene therapy. In October of 1995, Chiron Corporation acquired Viagene, Inc., and renamed the company Chiron Viagene, Inc. Dr. Mento served as President of Chiron Viagene, Inc. and Vice President of Chiron Corporation until August of 1997. Dr. Mento currently serves on the boards of BIOCOM, the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), the BIO ECS Governing Body, the BIO Health Section Governing Body, the SDSU BioScience Center Scientific Advisory Board and Cal State San Marcos Advisory Council. Dr. Mento received a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science, and a Ph.D. in microbiology from Rutgers University. He completed his post-doctoral fellowship in somatic cell genetics at the University of Toronto. Dr. Mento s technical background and extensive operational experience in the early stages of the development of biologic drugs provide the Board with expertise in the management and development of our novel ZFP Therapeutic platform.

William R. Ringo, age 65, has served as Chairman of our Board of Directors since April 16, 2010. From April 2008 until his retirement in April 2010, Mr. Ringo was the Senior Vice President of Business Development, Strategy and Innovation at Pfizer Inc. and was responsible for guiding Pfizer s overall strategic planning and business development activities. Prior to joining Pfizer, he served as an executive in residence at Warburg Pincus and Sofinnova Ventures. From August 2004 to April 2006, Mr. Ringo was President and Chief Executive Officer of Abgenix, Inc., a biotechnology firm focused on developing human antibodies as agents to treat cancer and other serious diseases. At Abgenix, he led efforts to transform the organization into a more focused product company by strengthening the senior management team and enhancing an existing partnership with Amgen, which acquired Abgenix in 2006. Mr. Ringo began his career at Eli Lilly & Company in 1973 and during his 28-year tenure he held a number of senior positions, including Product Group President for Oncology and Critical Care, President of Internal Medicine Products, President of the Infectious Diseases Business Unit and Vice President of Sales and Marketing for U.S. Pharmaceuticals. He retired from Lilly in 2001. From 2001 to 2007, he served on various boards of directors, including Encysive Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and InterMune, Inc. where he was the non-executive chairman of the Board of Directors after serving as interim Chief Executive Officer from June to September 2003. Mr. Ringo serves on the Board of Directors of BioCrossroads, a public-private collaboration of corporate, university, government and entrepreneurial leaders that supports Indiana s life sciences research and corporate strengths in life sciences while encouraging business development in the region. He received a B.S. in Business Administration and an M.B.A. from the University of Dayton. Mr. Ringo s extensive senior executive experience in both biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies provides valuable operational, commercial assessment and corporate leadership skills to the Board.

Thomas G. Wiggans, age 59, has served as a member of our Board of Directors since June 2008 and is a member of the Compensation Committee. Mr. Wiggans formerly served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Peplin, Inc., which was acquired by LEO Pharma of Copenhagen, Denmark in November 2009. Prior to joining Peplin he served as Chief Executive Officer of Connetics Corporation, a biotechnology company, from 1994, and as Chairman of the Board from January 2006, until December 2006 when Connetics Corporation was acquired by Stiefel Laboratories. From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Wiggans served as President and Chief Operating Officer of CytoTherapeutics, a biotechnology company. From 1980 to 1992, Mr. Wiggans served in various positions at Ares-Serono Group, a pharmaceutical company, including President of its U.S. pharmaceutical operations and Managing Director of its U.K. pharmaceutical operations. Mr. Wiggans currently serves as a member of the boards of directors of Onyx Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, and the Board of Trustees of the University of Kansas Endowment Association. In addition, he is Chairman of the Biotechnology Institute, a non-profit educational organization. Mr. Wiggans received a B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Kansas and an M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University. Mr. Wiggans brings senior management and governance experience from both biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies and provides valuable operational, financial and corporate leadership skills to the Board.

Other Current Directors

William G. Gerber, M.D., age 64, has served as a member of our Board of Directors since June 1997 and is Chairman of the Compensation Committee. Dr. Gerber is currently an investment partner at Bay City Capital, a life sciences venture capital fund management firm. From September 1999 until its merger into Nanogen, Inc. in December 2004, Dr. Gerber was President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Epoch Biosciences, Inc., a biomedical company. From June 2005 to June 2007, he served as a member of the board of directors of Nanogen, Inc., a biomedical company that was acquired by Elitech Group in July 2009. From April 1998 to July 1999, he was President of diaDexus LLC, a pharmacogenomics company. Previous to his appointment at diaDexus, he was Chief Operating Officer of Onyx Pharmaceuticals. Before joining Onyx in 1995, Dr. Gerber was with Chiron Corporation, a biotechnology company, where he was President of the Chiron Diagnostics business unit after Chiron s merger with Cetus Corporation in December 1991. He joined Cetus in 1987 as Senior Director of Corporate Ventures and was named Vice President and General Manager of the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) Division in November 1988. Dr. Gerber is on the board of directors of Conatus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.,

Aviir, Inc., ITC Nexus Inc. and Vivaldi Biosciences. Dr. Gerber received B.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine. Dr. Gerber brings significant experience in both executive and board positions in biotechnology companies and provides medical expertise as well as financial, management, risk assessment and corporate leadership skills to the Board.

Board Independence

The Board of Directors has determined that each of its current and nominated directors, except the Chief Executive Officer, is independent under applicable listing standard of NASDAQ.

Board Committees and Meetings

The Board of Directors held ten meetings during the year ended December 31, 2010. The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and a Clinical Review Committee. Each director attended or participated in 75% or more of the aggregate of (i) the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and (ii) the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which such director served during 2010.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee currently consists of three directors: Mr. Cleveland, Dr. Dilly and Dr. Mento. Dr. Gerber served as a member of the Audit Committee until September 2010, at which time he was replaced by Dr. Dilly. Our Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is independent under the applicable listing standard of NASDAQ and Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

Mr. Cleveland serves as the Chairman of the Company s Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Cleveland is an audit committee financial expert as defined in SEC rules and has the requisite financial sophistication in accordance with the applicable NASDAQ listing standards. The Audit Committee held four meetings during 2010.

The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in its oversight of the integrity of the Company s financial statements, the risk management and internal controls of the Company and the Company s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee interacts directly with, and evaluates the performance of, the independent registered public accounting firm, including determining whether to engage or dismiss the independent registered public accounting firm and to monitor the independent registered public accounting firm s qualifications and independence. The Audit Committee also pre-approves all audit services and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee Report is included herein on page 37. The Audit Committee has a charter, which is available on our website at www.sangamo.com.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee currently consists of three directors: Dr. Gerber, Mr. Larson and Mr. Wiggans, each of whom is independent under applicable listing standard of NASDAQ. Dr. Gerber currently serves as the Chairman of this committee. The Compensation Committee s responsibilities include (i) establishing, administering and reviewing compensation plans and programs for the Company s executive officers and other employees, including incentive and equity-based plans and programs; (ii) establishing compensation arrangements for the executive officers and setting the performance goals for their incentive compensation programs; (iii) evaluating the performance of executive officers and awarding incentive compensation, (iv) adjusting compensation arrangements as appropriate based upon performance and (v) reviewing and monitoring management development and succession plans and activities. A subcommittee of the Compensation Committee, the Compensation Subcommittee, currently consisting of Dr. Gerber and Mr. Wiggans, administers the Company s stock plans and makes grants and awards under such plans to employees at the level of vice president and above. The Compensation Committee is authorized to delegate its

authority to a subcommittee or a member of the Compensation Committee when appropriate. The Compensation Committee is authorized to hire independent compensation consultants and other professionals to assist in the design, formulation, analysis and implementation of compensation programs for the Company s executive officers and other key employees. The Compensation Committee generally utilizes the services of compensation consultants Setren, Smallberg & Associates, Inc. (Setren) every other year to provide advice and recommendations regarding the Company s equity compensation practices, the cash compensation structure for all employees at the level of vice president and above and the Company s cash bonus program. Dr. Gerber is not standing for reelection in 2011. Sangamo s Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Mento to serve on the Compensation Committee, effective immediately following the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to replace Dr. Gerber.

The Compensation Committee held one meeting and executed one unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting during 2010. The Compensation Committee has a charter, which is available on our website at www.sangamo.com. The Compensation Subcommittee held one meeting during the 2010 year.

None of our Compensation Committee members has been an officer or employee of Sangamo at any time. None of our executive officers serves on the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our Board or our Compensation Committee.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee currently consists of Mr. Larson, Mr. Cleveland and Dr. Mento, each of whom is independent under applicable listing standard of NASDAQ. Mr. Larson serves as the Chairman of this committee. Sangamo s Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Ringo and Mr. Wiggans to serve on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, effective immediately following the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to replace Mr. Cleveland and Dr. Mento, who will resign from the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee effective immediately following the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers and periodically reports on matters relating to the size, identification, selection and qualification of the Board of Directors and candidates nominated for the Board of Directors and its committees, and develops and recommends governance principles applicable to the Company. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee was established in March 2004. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee executed two unanimous written consents in lieu of meetings during 2010.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has a charter, which is available on our website at www.sangamo.com. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers properly submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for membership on the Board of Directors as described below under Identification and Evaluation of Nominees for Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board of Directors and to address the membership criteria set forth under Director Qualifications. Stockholder nominees will receive the same consideration that nominees of the Board receive. Any stockholder recommendations proposed for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee must provide all information requested by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee relating to such recommendation, including the candidate s name and qualifications for membership on the Board of Directors and should be addressed to Investor Relations at the following address:

Investor Relations Department

Sangamo BioSciences, Inc.

501 Canal Boulevard

Richmond, CA 94804

Director Qualifications

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will use a variety of criteria to evaluate the qualifications and skills necessary for members of our Board of Directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may assess character, judgment, business acumen and scientific expertise, and familiarity with issues affecting the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Other qualifications will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on whether the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee desires to fill a vacant seat or increase the size of the Board to add new directors. In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may also evaluate whether a potential director nominee s skills are complementary to existing Board members—skills or meet the Board—s need for operations, management, commercial, financial, or other expertise. While the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not prescribe specific diversity standards, as a matter of practice, the Committee considers diversity in the context of the Board as a whole and takes into account the personal characteristics and experiences of current and prospective directors that reflect a broad range of perspectives in the Board—s decision making process.

Identification and Evaluation of Nominees for Directors

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee utilizes a variety of methods for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee assesses the appropriate size of the Board of Directors, and whether any vacancies on the Board of Directors are expected due to retirement or otherwise. In the event that vacancies are anticipated, or otherwise arise, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers various potential candidates for director. Candidates may come to the attention of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee through current members of the Board of Directors, executive recruiting firms, stockholders or other persons. These candidates are evaluated at regular or special meetings of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and may be considered at any point during the year. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers properly submitted stockholder recommendations for candidates for the Board of Directors. In evaluating such recommendations, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee uses the qualifications standards discussed above and seeks to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and capability on the Board of Directors.

Dr. Stephen G. Dilly and Mr. William R. Ringo, who were appointed to the Board of Directors in March and April 2010, respectively, were recommended to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee as a director by Russell Reynolds Associates, Inc., an executive recruiting firm engaged by the Board of Directors.

Clinical Review Committee

The Clinical Review Committee was established in September 2010 for the purpose of overseeing, the ongoing and proposed human clinical trials of the Company. Its responsibilities include monitoring patient recruitment, clinical monitoring, data analysis, clinical data distribution and the review of study protocols. The Clinical Review Committee currently consists of Dr. Dilly and Mr. Lanphier. Dr. Dilly serves as the Chairman of this committee.

Leadership Structure of the Board

Under our bylaws, the Board is not required to appoint our Chief Executive Officer as the Chairman of the Board, and the Board does not have a policy on whether or not the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board should be separate. Currently two individuals serve these two positions. On April 16, 2010, the Board appointed Mr. William Ringo as the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman is responsible for chairing Board meetings and meetings of stockholders, setting the agendas for Board meetings and providing information to the Board members in advance of meetings and between meetings. In addition, our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Edward Lanphier, also serves as a director of our Board. The Board believes that

Mr. Lanphier s membership as a director provides the Board with an in-depth understanding of our business operations because of his extensive experiences and knowledge of the day-to-day management of all aspects of our operations.

All of our directors, including our Chairman of the Board, are independent under applicable NASDAQcorporate governance rules, except for Mr. Lanphier, our Chief Executive Officer. The Board believes that the independent directors provide effective oversight of the Company. Moreover, in addition to feedback provided during the course of Board meetings, the independent directors have regular executive sessions without Mr. Lanphier or any other members of management. We believe that our leadership structure of the Board is appropriate given the nature and size our businesses as it provides both effective independent oversight and expertise in the complexity and management of our operations as a life sciences company.

Oversight of Risk Management by the Board

Our Board of Directors is generally responsible for the oversight of corporate risk in its review and deliberations relating to Company activities and has determined that the Company s principal source of risk falls into two categories, financial and product development and testing. The Audit Committee oversees management of financial risks; our Board of Directors regularly reviews information regarding the Company s cash position, liquidity and operations, as well as the risks associated with each. The Board regularly reviews plans, results and potential risks related to our lead therapeutic development programs and other preclinical programs as well as financial and strategic risk related to our Company s operations. In addition, the Board of Directors established the Clinical Review Committee in September 2010, which is responsible, among other things, for monitoring and reviewing risks associated with conducting clinical trials for our human therapeutic programs.

In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee monitors the effectiveness of our corporate governance guidelines and policies and manages risks associated with the independence of the Board of Directors and potential conflicts of interest. Our Compensation Committee oversees risk management as it relates to our compensation plans, policies and practices for all employees, including executives, particularly whether our compensation programs may create incentives for our employees to take excessive or inappropriate risks which could have a material adverse effect on the Company. While each committee is responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of such risks, the entire Board of Directors is regularly informed through committee reports about such risks.

Annual Meeting Attendance

Although we do not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of the Board of Directors at our annual meetings of stockholders, directors are encouraged to attend annual meetings of our stockholders. Two directors attended the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Communications with the Board of Directors

Although we do not have a formal policy regarding communications with the Board of Directors, stockholders may communicate with the Board of Directors, including the non-management directors, by sending a letter to the Sangamo Board of Directors, c/o Investor Relations, 501 Canal Boulevard, Richmond, California 94804. Stockholders who would like their submission directed to a particular member of the Board of Directors may so specify.

Code of Ethics

The Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is applicable to all employees and directors of the Company. A copy of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our website at www.sangamo.com in the Investor & Media Section under Corporate Governance. In the event that we make any amendments to or grant any waivers of, a provision of the Code of Ethics that applies to the principal

executive officer, principal financial officer, or principal accounting officer that requires disclosure under applicable SEC rules, we intend to disclose such amendment or waiver and the reasons therefore, on our website at www.sangamo.com, in the Investor & Media section.

Director Compensation

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation of each non-employee director for service as a member of the Board of Directors during 2010.

	Earned or d in Cash	Stock	k Awards	Onti	ion Awards	Total
Name	(\$) (1)		(4) (5)		(2) (3) (5)	(\$)
Paul B. Cleveland.	\$ 45,000	\$		\$	31,008	\$ 76,008
Stephen G. Dilly, M.B. B. S., PhD.	\$ 39,375	\$		\$	185,355	\$ 224,730
William G. Gerber, M.D.	\$ 45,625	\$		\$	31,008	\$ 76,633
John W. Larson	\$ 35,000	\$		\$	31,008	\$ 66,008
Steven J. Mento, Ph.D.	\$ 37,500	\$		\$	31,008	\$ 68,508
William R. Ringo	\$ 56,250	\$	60,500	\$	206,605	\$ 323,355
Thomas G. Wiggans	\$ 35,000	\$		\$	31,008	\$ 66,008

- (1) Consists of the annual retainer fee for service as a member of the Board of Directors or any Board committee. For further information concerning such fees, see the section below entitled Director Annual Retainer and Meeting Fees.
- (2) Pursuant to the Automatic Option Grant Program in effect under the Company s 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, Mr. Cleveland, Dr. Gerber, Mr. Larson, Dr. Mento and Mr. Wiggans each received an option to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price per share of \$4.54 at the 2010 Annual Meeting, and each such option had an aggregate grant date fair value of \$31,008 without adjustment for estimated forfeitures. Dr. Dilly and Mr. Ringo each received an option to purchase 50,000 shares of Common Stock with an exercised price per share of \$5.42 and \$6.05, respectively, on the respective dates of their initial appointment to the Board in 2010 and each such option had an aggregate grant date fair value of \$185,355 and \$206,605, respectively, without adjustment for estimated forfeitures.
- (3) As of December 31, 2010 the following non-employee directors or former directors held options to purchase the following number of shares of the Company s common stock: Mr. Cleveland, 26,666 shares; Dr. Gerber, 100,000 shares; Mr. Larson, 100,000 shares; Dr. Dilly, 50,000 shares; Dr. Mento, 45,556 shares; Mr. Wiggans, 70,000 shares and Mr. Ringo, 50,000 shares.
- (4) This amount represents the aggregate grant date fair value of 10,000 restricted stock units issued to Mr. Ringo upon his initial appointment to the Board in 2010 and pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. As of December 31, 2010, Mr. Ringo held 6,667 restricted stock units.
- (5) The amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, or ASC 718, Compensation Stock Compensation. The assumptions used in the calculation of such grant date fair values are described in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Director Annual Retainer and Meeting Fees

Each non-employee Board member receives an annual cash retainer of \$30,000, subject to pro-ration for directors who either join or leave the Board during the year. To the extent that the Board meets more than ten times in any year, each member of the Board will receive, for each meeting in excess of ten, a per meeting fee of \$1,000 if attended in person and \$500 if attended by video or telephone conference. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$45,000. In addition, the non-employee Board member serving as the Chairman of the Audit Committee, the non employee Board member serving as the Chairman of the Clinical Review Committee and the non-employee Board member serving as the Chairman of the Compensation

Committee received an additional annual cash retainer of \$15,000, \$15,000, and \$10,000, respectively. Each non-employee Board member serving as a member of the Audit Committee and/or the Compensation Committee, other than the Chairman, receives an additional annual cash retainer of \$7,500 and \$5,000, respectively.

2004 Stock Incentive Plan

Under the Automatic Option Grant Program in effect under the Company s 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2004 Plan), each new non-employee Board member will receive, at the time of his or her initial election or appointment to the Board, an option to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock, provided such person has not previously been in the Company s employ. In addition, on the date of each annual stockholders meeting, each continuing non-employee Board member who has served as a director for the previous six months will receive an option to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock. Each option granted under the Automatic Option Grant Program will have an exercise price per share equal to the fair market value per share of the Company s common stock on the grant date and will have a maximum term of 10 years, subject to earlier termination following the optionee s cessation of Board service. Each option is immediately exercisable for all the option shares, but any shares purchased under the option will be subject to repurchase by the Company, at the exercise price paid per share, upon the optionee s cessation of Board service prior to vesting in those shares. The shares subject to each automatic option grant will vest in successive equal monthly installments upon completion of each month of Board service over a designated period. For the initial grant, the designated vesting period is three years, and for the annual grant the designated vesting period is one year. However, the shares subject to each automatic option grant will immediately vest upon (i) the optionee s death or permanent disability while serving as a Board member, (ii) an acquisition of the Company by merger or asset sale, (iii) the successful completion of a tender offer for more than 50% of the Company s outstanding voting stock or (iv) a change in the majority of the Board effected through one or more proxy contests for Board membership.

Pursuant to the Automatic Option Grant Program under the 2004 Plan, Mr. Cleveland, Dr. Gerber, Mr. Larson, Dr. Mento and Mr. Wiggans each received an option to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price per share of \$4.54 at the 2010 Annual Meeting and Dr. Dilly and Mr. Ringo each received an option to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price per share of \$5.42 and \$6.05, respectively, at the time of their appointment to the Board. In addition, on the effective date of his appointment to the Board, Mr. Ringo received restricted stock units covering 10,000 shares of common stock outside of the Automatic Option Grant Program. The restricted stock units will vest in 24 equal monthly installments upon the completion of each month of Board service measured from the date of his appointment to the Board.

All non-employee members of the Board elected at our 2011 Annual Meeting will receive an option to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price per share equal to the fair market value per share of the Company s common stock on the date of the 2011 Annual Meeting under the Automatic Option Grant Program.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote FOR the election of the nominees listed above.

PROPOSAL 2:

ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

General

Pursuant to Section 14A(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), the Company s shareholders are entitled to vote at the annual meeting to approve the compensation of the Company s named executive officers, commonly known as a Say on Pay, as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with the standards established under Item 402 of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act. However, the shareholder vote on executive compensation is an advisory vote only, and it is not binding on the Company or the Company s Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee of the Board.

Although the vote is non-binding, the Company s Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee of the Board value the opinions of the shareholders and will consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions affecting the Company s executive officers.

We design our executive compensation program to implement our core objectives of attracting and retaining superior executive talent, motivating and rewarding executives whose knowledge, skills and performance are critical to our business, ensuring executive compensation is aligned with our corporate strategies and business objectives and aligning executives—incentives with the creation of shareholder value. The key elements of the compensation program that were in effect during the 2010 fiscal year for the Company—s named executive officers are described in detail in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement.

Resolution

The Company s shareholders are being asked to approve by advisory vote the following resolution relating to the compensation of the named executive officers as described in this proxy statement:

Resolved that the Company s shareholders hereby approve the compensation paid to the Company s executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table of this proxy statement, as that compensation is disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the various compensation tables and the accompanying narrative discussion included in this proxy statement.

The vote on this resolution is not intended to address any specific element of compensation; rather the vote relates to the compensation of the Company s named executive officers, as described in this proxy statement in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors believes our executive compensation program uses appropriate structures and sound pay practices that are effective in achieving our core objectives. The Board of Directors unanimously recommends an advisory vote FOR the resolution to approve the compensation of the named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with the standards established under Item 402 of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders named in each proxy will vote the shares represented thereby FOR the approval of such resolution.

PROPOSAL 3:

ADVISORY VOTE AS TO FREQUENCY OF THE ADVISORY SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

General

Pursuant to Section 14A(a)(2) of the Exchange Act, the Company s shareholders are also entitled to vote at the annual meeting regarding whether the shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the named executive officers as required by Section 14A(a)(1) of the Exchange Act (and as presented in Proposal 2 of this proxy statement) should occur every year, once every two years or once every three years. Shareholders will also have the option to abstain from voting on the matter. The shareholder vote on the frequency of the say-on-pay vote to approve executive compensation is an advisory vote only, and it is not binding on the Company or the Board of Directors. Such an advisory vote will be provided to the shareholders every six years.

Although the vote is non-binding, both the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee value the opinions of the shareholders and will consider the outcome of the vote when setting the frequency of the shareholder vote on executive compensation.

Shareholders have four choices with respect to the frequency of the shareholder vote for the approval of the compensation of the Company s named executive officers. The four choices are as follows:

Every year;
Every two years;
Every three years; or

Abstain.

Recommendation of the Board

The Board of Directors has determined that an advisory shareholder vote on executive compensation once every three years is the best approach for the Company and its shareholders for a number of reasons, including the following:

A three-year cycle is in line with the long-term pay-for-performance objectives that the Compensation Committee seeks to attain in structuring executive officer compensation in a manner that focuses on long-term growth and sustained shareholder value rather than short-term results.

A three-year cycle will provide shareholders with sufficient time and opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the Company s short-term and long-term incentive programs, compensation strategies and pay-for-performance philosophy.

A three-year cycle will also provide the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee with sufficient time to thoughtfully evaluate and respond to shareholder input and effectively implement appropriate changes or modifications to the Company s executive compensation programs.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors unanimously recommends that the shareholders choose, on an advisory basis, a three-year frequency (a vote FOR EVERY THREE YEARS) for the advisory shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders named in each proxy will vote the shares represented thereby FOR every three years as the frequency of the advisory shareholder vote on executive compensation described in this Proposal 3.

However, the shareholder vote under this Proposal 3 is not to approve the Board s recommendation but is instead a direct advisory vote on the particular frequency at which each shareholder would like the advisory vote on executive officer compensation to be conducted.

PROPOSAL 4:

RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors has appointed the firm of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for Sangamo during 2010, to serve in the same capacity for the year ending December 31, 2011, and is asking the stockholders to ratify this appointment. The decision of the Board of Directors to appoint Ernst & Young LLP was based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of our shares of common stock present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote is required to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP.

In the event the stockholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Board of Directors will reconsider its selection. Even if the selection is ratified, the Board of Directors in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent auditing firm at any time during the year if the Board of Directors believes that such a change would be in the best interests of Sangamo and its stockholders.

A representative of Ernst & Young LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The following table presents fees for professional audit services rendered by Ernst & Young, LLP for the audit of the Company s annual financial statements for 2010 and 2009, and fees billed for other services rendered by Ernst & Young, LLP during 2010 and 2009:

	2010	2009
Audit Fees and expenses (1)	\$ 515,081	\$ 699,173
Audit related Fees		
Tax Fees (2)	84,591	101,942
All Other Fees		
Total	\$ 599,672	\$ 801,115

- (1) Includes fees and expenses for the audit of our annual financial statements included in our Form 10-K and the related audit of internal controls, review of interim financial statements included on Forms 10-Q, fees in connection with the completion of Sangamo s underwritten public offering in October 2009, fees in connection with the filing of the Company s registration statements on Form S-3 and Form S-8 and services normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings.
- (2) Includes fees billed for professional services for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, tax fees were related to tax return preparation fees, compliance and consultation with regard to our application for a U.S. government grant for qualified therapeutic discovery projects. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009, tax fees were related to tax return preparation fees and other consultation services.

Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services

Under its charter, the Audit Committee must pre-approve all engagements of the independent registered public accounting firm for the performance of all audit and non-audit services that are not prohibited and the fees for such services. The Audit Committee has delegated to its Chairman the authority to evaluate and approve service engagements on behalf of the full committee in the event a need arises for specific pre-approval between committee meetings. If the Chairman approves any such engagements, he will report that approval to the full Audit Committee not later than the next committee meeting.

The Audit Committee has determined that the rendering of other professional services for tax compliance and tax advice by Ernst & Young, LLP is compatible with maintaining their independence. The Audit Committee has established a policy governing our use of Ernst & Young, LLP for non-audit services. Under the policy, management may use Ernst & Young, LLP for non-audit services that are permitted under SEC rules and regulations, provided that management obtains the Audit Committee s approval before such services are rendered.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote FOR the ratification of the appointment