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Notice of 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Meeting Information

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Hubbell Incorporated, 40 Waterview Drive, Shelton Connecticut 06484

Items of business

1. To elect the nine members of the Board of Directors named in the Proxy Statement.
2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2019.
3. To approve, by non-binding vote, the compensation of our named executive officers as presented in the 2019 Proxy Statement.
4. To transact any other business that properly comes before the meeting and any continuation, adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

Record date

If you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on March 8, 2019, you will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Webcast

A webcast of the Annual Meeting will be available on our website, www.hubbell.com, on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, starting at 9:00 A.M. An archived copy of the webcast will be available on our website for 12 months following the date of the Annual Meeting. Information on our website, other than our Proxy Statement and form of proxy, is not part of our solicitation materials.

Voting

It is important that your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting. You can vote your shares using the Internet, by telephone or by requesting a paper proxy card to complete, sign and return by mail. Voting procedures are described in the Proxy Statement on page 5, the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, and on the proxy card.

By order of the Board of Directors

Katherine A. Lane

Vice President, Acting General

Counsel and Secretary

March 25, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON May 7, 2019: This Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended 2018 are available at www.proxyvote.com. Have your Notice of the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or proxy card in hand when you go to the website.

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Proxy Statement

Annual Meeting Details

Date, Time and Place

The Annual Meeting of Hubbell Incorporated, which we refer to as Hubbell or the Company is being held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. at our corporate headquarters, 40 Waterview Drive, Shelton, Connecticut 06484.

Availability of Proxy Materials

Your proxy is being solicited for the Annual Meeting, or any adjournment, continuation or postponement of the Annual Meeting, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company. On March 25, 2019, we mailed a Notice of the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to all shareholders of record advising that they could view all of the proxy materials (Proxy Statement, Proxy Card and Annual Report on Form 10-K) online at www.proxyvote.com free of charge, or request in writing a paper or email copy of the proxy materials free of charge. We encourage all shareholders to access their proxy materials online to reduce the environmental impact and cost of our proxy solicitation. You may request a paper or email copy of the materials using any of the following methods:

By Internet: Go to www.proxyvote.com

By Phone: 1-800-579-1639

By Email: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

Eligibility to Vote

You can vote if you held shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock") as of the close of business on March 8, 2019, which is the record date for the Annual Meeting. Each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote. As of March 8, 2019, there were 54,505,290 shares of Common Stock outstanding and eligible to vote.

How to Vote

You may vote using any of the following methods:

BY INTERNET

Go to **www.proxyvote.com**. Have your Notice of the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or proxy card in hand when you go to the website.

BY MAIL

If you have requested a paper copy of the proxy materials, complete, sign and return your proxy card in the prepaid envelope.

IN PERSON

Shareholders who attend the Annual Meeting may request a ballot and vote in person. If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you must obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or record holder and present it to the inspectors of election with your ballot to be able to vote at the meeting.

BY PHONE

1-800-690-6903. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

You may revoke your proxy at any time prior to its use by any of the following methods:

- Delivering to the Secretary of the Company written instructions revoking your proxy
- Delivering an executed proxy bearing a later date than your prior voted proxy
- If you voted by Internet or telephone, by recording a different vote on the Internet website or by telephone
- Voting in person at the Annual Meeting

If you hold your shares in street name, you must follow the instructions of your broker, bank or other nominee to revoke your voting instructions.

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Proxy Summary

This summary highlights some of the important information contained in this Proxy Statement and does not include all of the information you should consider regarding the proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. You should read the entire Proxy Statement before casting your vote. Page references are supplied to help you find more detailed information in this Proxy Statement.

Voting Proposals

Proposal 1 - Election of Directors (Page 8)

The table below presents information on each of the nominees for Director of the Company, including their principal occupation and relevant experience. Each of the nominees is a current Director of the Company and possesses the qualifications and experience recommended by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and approved by our Board, to serve as a Director.

Name	Principal Position	Director Since	Independent	Committee Membership*	Experience
Carlos M. Cardoso	Chairman of Garrett Systems, Inc.	2013	Yes	A / C	Public company officer/director, operations, international, manufacturing
Anthony J. Guzzi	Chairman, President and CEO, EMCOR Group, Inc.	2006	Yes	E / F / N	Public company officer/director, operations, distribution, manufacturing
Neal J. Keating	Chairman, President and CEO, Kaman Corporation	2010	Yes	C / E / N	Public company officer/director, international, operations, distribution
Bonnie C. Lind	Senior Vice President, CFO and Treasurer of Neenah, Inc.	2019	Yes	A / F	Public company officer/director, finance, manufacturing, mergers and acquisitions
John F. Malloy	Chairman, President and CEO, Victaulic Company	2011	Yes	A / E / F	Private company officer/director, manufacturing, operations, distribution
Judith F. Marks	President of Otis Elevator Company	2016	Yes	A / N	Public company officer, operations, strategy, business development
David G. Nord	Chairman, President and CEO, Hubbell Incorporated	2013	No	E	Public company officer/director, finance, operations, strategic planning
		2011	Yes	C / F / N	

John G. Russell	Chairman of the Boards of CMS Energy Corporation and Consumers Energy					Public company officer/director, finance, governance, utility industry
Steven R. Shawley	Retired Senior Vice President and CFO, Ingersoll-Rand	2014	Yes		A / E / F	Public company officer/director, finance, auditing, manufacturing

* A – Audit, C – Compensation, E – Executive, F – Finance, N – Nominating/Corporate Governance.

Proposal 2 - Ratification of Auditors (Page 58)

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has selected PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the annual financial statements of the Company for the 2019 fiscal year. While shareholder ratification of our independent auditors is not required, we are submitting the item to a vote as a matter of good corporate governance.

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Proposal 3 (“Say on Pay”) - Approval, by non-binding vote, of the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers as contained in the 2019 Proxy Statement (Page 61)

Our executive compensation program has been designed to attract and retain highly-talented executives, deliver compensation that is competitive and fair compared to relevant benchmarks, reward strong Company performance and motivate executives to maximize long-term shareholder returns. To achieve our objectives, we have adopted and maintained sound compensation governance practices and a strong pay for performance philosophy pursuant to which the greatest portion of an executive’s total direct compensation is variable and therefore linked to performance on both a short-term and long-term basis. For these reasons, and as described more fully in our Compensation Discussion and Analysis on page 24, the Company is seeking shareholder approval of the compensation of our named executive officers as set forth in this Proxy Statement.

Vote Recommendations and Requirements

A quorum is required to transact business at the Annual Meeting. The presence of the holders of Common Stock, in person or by proxy, representing a majority of the voting power of the Company’s outstanding shares constitutes a quorum for the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present for quorum purposes.

The following table summarizes the voting information for the three proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS	RATIFICATION OF AUDITORS	SAY ON PAY OF AUDITORS
<p><u>Vote Required:</u></p> <p>Plurality* with Director Resignation Policy</p> <p>The Board recommends</p>	<p><u>Vote Required:</u></p> <p>Majority of Votes Cast**</p> <p>Broker discretionary voting allowed</p>	<p><u>Vote Required:</u></p> <p>Majority of Votes Cast**</p> <p>The Board recommends that Shareholders vote <u>FOR</u></p>

that Shareholders **The Board** **this Proposal**
vote FOR each **recommends**
Nominee **that**
 Shareholders
 vote FOR
 this Proposal

Plurality means that the nominees who receive the most votes cast “FOR” their election are elected as directors. Votes * withheld and broker non-votes will not affect the election of directors. The terms of the Company’s Director Resignation Policy are discussed below. Broker discretionary voting is not allowed.

Majority of Votes Cast means that the number of votes cast “FOR” the proposal exceed the number of votes cast ** “AGAINST” the proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered to be votes cast and therefore will not affect the voting results with respect to Proposals 2 and 3. Broker discretionary voting is allowed with respect to Proposal 2, but not with respect to Proposals 1 and 3.

If your shares are held by a broker and you have not instructed the broker how to vote, your shares will not be voted with respect to Proposals 1 and 3, but your broker does have the discretion to vote your shares on the ratification of auditors.

The Company does not intend to present any business at the Annual Meeting other than the items described in the Proxy Statement and has no information that others will do so. The proxies appointed by our Board of Directors (and named on your Proxy Card) will vote all shares as the Board recommends above, unless you instruct otherwise when you vote. If a matter not described in this Proxy Statement is properly presented at the Annual Meeting, the named proxies will have the discretion to vote your shares in their judgment.

Director Resignation Policy

In 2016, the Board of Directors adopted a director resignation policy whereby any director in an uncontested election who receives more votes “withheld” from his or her election than votes “for” his or her election will promptly tender his or her resignation to the Board. Following receipt of the tendered resignation and within 60 days of certification of the shareholder vote, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (“NCGC”) will consider and recommend to the Board whether to accept or reject the resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The Board will then, within 90 days of certification of the shareholder vote, make a determination taking into consideration the recommendation of the NCGC, the vote results, shareholder input and other relevant factors.

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Election of Directors Proposal 1

The Company's By-Laws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of between three and thirteen Directors who shall be elected annually by the shareholders. The Board has fixed the number of Directors at ten as of the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Director Qualifications and Experience

The NCGC works with the Board annually to determine the appropriate characteristics, skills and experience for the Board and its individual members to properly oversee the interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The NCGC recommends candidates for Board membership using the selection criteria outlined in the Corporate Governance Guidelines and other factors it deems necessary to fulfill its objectives. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of their individual qualifications and experience and in the context of the Board as a whole. The NCGC considers diversity when creating the pool of candidates from which it selects potential director nominees. Such diversity includes not only gender, race and ethnicity, but also diversity of experience, professional background, industry exposure and other areas. The objective is to assemble a diverse Board that can best perpetuate the success of the business and represent shareholder interests through the exercise of sound judgment. Below is a list of some of the qualifications and experience sought by the NCGC in recommending candidates for nomination to the Board:

- Ability to make independent analytical inquiries
- Marketing, finance, operations, manufacturing or other relevant public company experience
- Gender, race and ethnicity
- Financial literacy
- Professional background
- Corporate governance experience
- Experience as a current or former public company officer
- Experience in the Company's industry
- Public company board service
- Academic expertise in areas of the Company's operations
- Education

In determining whether to recommend a current Director for re-election, the NCGC will also consider:

- Past attendance at meetings
- Service on other boards
- Participation in and contributions to Board activities

Each Director nominee possesses the appropriate qualifications and experience for membership on the Board of Directors. As a result, the Board is comprised of individuals with strong and unique backgrounds, giving the Board competence and experience in a wide variety of areas to serve the interests of the Company and its shareholders.

Director Nominees

The following nominees are proposed by the Board to stand for election at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and to serve as Directors until the 2020 Annual Meeting and until their successors have been elected and qualified. All of the nominees are current Directors and were elected by the Company's shareholders, except for Ms. Bonnie Lind who was appointed to the Board in January, 2019. Ms. Lind was recommended to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee by a third party search firm and is standing for election by the Company's shareholders for the first time at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Richard J. Swift, whose term expires at the 2019 Annual Meeting, has not been renominated by the NCGC to stand for election at the 2019 Annual Meeting because he has reached the mandatory retirement age under our Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Board of Directors will not nominate another individual for election at the 2019 Annual Meeting in place of Mr. Swift. The Board intends to not fill such vacancy and to reduce the size of the Board back to nine directors after the 2019 Annual Meeting. In the event that any of the nominees for Director should become unavailable, it is intended that the shares represented by the proxies will be voted for any substitutes nominated by the Board of Directors, unless the number of Directors constituting the full Board is reduced. The following biographies provide information on the principal occupation of each of the Director nominees.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE **FOR** ALL OF THE NOMINEES.

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CARLOS M. CARDOSO

Age 61

Director since: 2013

INDEPENDENT

AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Directorships: Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., since 2007; Garrett Motion Inc., since 2018; (Kennametal Inc., 2008 - 2014)

Mr. Cardoso has served as Principal of CMPC Advisors LLC since January 2015. Previously, he served as Chairman of Kennametal, Inc. (publicly traded manufacturer of metalworking tools and wear-resistant products) from January 2008 until December 2014 and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Kennametal from January 2006 until December 2014. Mr. Cardoso joined Kennametal in 2003 and served as Vice President, Metalworking Solutions and Services Group and then as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer before he became President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Cardoso was appointed Chairman of the Board of Garrett Motion, Inc. in July 2018.

Committees: Audit and Compensation

Skills and Qualifications:

Mr. Cardoso brings to the Board CEO, COO, manufacturing, international business and public company board experience, including:

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Significant manufacturing and operations experience having served as President of the Pump Division of Flowserve Corporation, a manufacturer/provider of flow management products and services; Vice President and General Manager, Engine Systems and Accessories, for Honeywell International, Inc., a technology and manufacturing company; and Vice President Manufacturing Operations for Colt's Manufacturing Company, LLC, a maker of firearms.

Membership on the board of Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., a diversified global provider of hand and power tools and accessories.

Chairman of the Board of Garrett Motion, Inc., a public company and a provider of transportation systems.

ANTHONY J. GUZZI

Age 55

Director since: 2006

INDEPENDENT

LEAD DIRECTOR

Directorship: EMCOR Group, Inc., since 2009

Mr. Guzzi has served as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of EMCOR Group, Inc. (a publicly traded mechanical, electrical construction and facilities services company) since June 2018. Previously, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of EMCOR from January 2011 to June 2018 and President and Chief Operating Officer from 2004 to 2010. He also served as President, North American Distribution and Aftermarket of Carrier Corporation (HVAC and refrigeration systems), a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation from 2001 to 2004 and President, Commercial Systems and Services in 2001.

Committees: Executive, Finance and Nominating and Corporate Governance

Skills and Qualifications:

Mr. Guzzi brings to the Board CEO, COO, manufacturing, strategic development, operations, consulting and public company board experience, including:

• Serving as Chairman, President and CEO and a Director of EMCOR Group, Inc., a corporation specializing in electrical and mechanical construction and facilities services.

• Extensive experience in manufacturing and distribution having served as President, North American Distribution and Aftermarket and President, Commercial Systems and Services of Carrier Corporation, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation.

• Past experience as an engagement manager with McKinsey & Company, a prominent management consulting firm.

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NEAL J. KEATING

Age 63

Director since: 2010

INDEPENDENT

Directorship: Kaman Corporation, since 2007

Mr. Keating has served as the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Kaman Corporation (a publicly traded aerospace and industrial distribution company), since 2008. Prior to that, he held the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of Kaman from 2007 to 2008. From 2004 to 2007, he held the position of Chief Operating Officer of Hughes Supply (a wholesale distributor acquired by Home Depot).

Committees: Nominating and Corporate Governance (Chair), Compensation and Executive

Skills and Qualifications:

Mr. Keating brings to the Board an extensive history of senior executive leadership and board experience and a strong background in international operations, distribution, and mergers and acquisitions, including:

- Serving as Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Kaman Corporation, a public manufacturing corporation that serves the aerospace and industrial distribution industries.

- Past experience as COO of Hughes Supply and Executive Vice President and COO of Rockwell Collins, Commercial Systems.

- Former Managing Director and CEO of GKN Aerospace and Director of GKN plc, an international aerospace, automotive and land systems business.

- Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI).

Membership on the board of governors of the Aerospace Industry Association (AIA).
BONNIE C. LIND

Age 60

Director since: 2019

INDEPENDENT

AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Prior Directorships: Federal Signal, 2014-2018; Empire District Electric Company, 2009 - 2017

Ms. Lind has served as Senior Vice President, CFO and Treasurer of Neenah, Inc. (a publicly traded technical specialties and fine paper company), since June 2004. Prior to that, Ms. Lind held a variety of increasingly senior financial and operations positions with Kimberly-Clark Corporation from 1982 until 2004.

Committees: Audit and Finance

Skills and Qualifications:

Ms. Lind brings to the Board CFO, Treasurer, financing, manufacturing, mergers and acquisitions, and public company board experience, including:

- Serving as Senior Vice President, CFO and Treasurer of Neenah, Inc., a global manufacturer of technical specialties products, fine paper and packaging.
- Past experience as Assistant Treasurer of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, a manufacturer of personal care, consumer tissue and health care products.
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Formerly served on the Board of Directors of Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), a utility generating, transmitting and distributing power to southwestern Missouri and adjacent areas. Ms. Lind was a member of Empire’s Audit Committee and Chairman of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee until the company was acquired in January 2017.

Served on the Board of Directors of Federal Signal Corporation (“Fed Signal”), an international designer and manufacturer of products and solutions that serves municipal, governmental, industrial and commercial customers, from 2014-2018. Ms. Lind had previously served on the Nominating and Governance Committee and Audit Committee of Fed Signal.

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JOHN F. MALLOY

Age 64

Director since: 2011

INDEPENDENT

AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Directorship: Victaulic Company, since 2006

Mr. Malloy has served as the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Victaulic Company (a privately held mechanical pipe joining systems company) since 2006. Prior to that, he held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer from 2004 to 2006 at Victaulic and also President and Chief Operating Officer from 2002 to 2004.

Committees: Finance (Chair), Audit and Executive

Skills and Qualifications:

Mr. Malloy brings to the Board many years of senior management, operations, economic and strategic planning experience having served as the CEO and COO of a global manufacturing and distribution company, including:

• Thirteen years of executive management experience at a leading worldwide manufacturing company.

• Over fifteen years of experience in various senior level strategic planning positions at United Technologies Corporation.

• Membership on the Board of Trustees of the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI).

• Holds a Ph.D. in economics and has taught courses in Economics at Hamilton College.

JUDITH F. MARKS

Age 55

Director since: 2016

INDEPENDENT

AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Ms. Marks has served as President of Otis Elevator Company (a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation and a manufacturer and service provider of elevators, escalators and moving walkways) since October 2017. Prior to that, she held the positions of CEO of Siemens USA from January 2017 to October 2017, Executive Vice President, Global Solutions at Dresser-Rand from 2015-2016, President and CEO of Siemens Government Technologies, Inc. from 2011-2015 and Vice President, Strategy and Business Development at Lockheed Martin Corporation from 2009-2011.

Committees: Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance

Skills and Qualifications:

Ms. Marks brings to the Board strong multi-disciplinary experience in the areas of corporate strategy, operations, business development and leadership for emerging geographies, including:

• Serving as President of Otis Elevator Company, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation and a manufacturer and service provider of elevators, escalators and moving walkways.

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Served as President and CEO of Siemens Government Technologies, Inc., a subsidiary of Siemens AG and leading integrator of innovative products, technologies and services for the government.

Led all strategy, planning, customer relations and new business capture across Lockheed Martin Corporation's \$14 billion electronic systems business.

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DAVID G. NORD

Age 61

Director since: 2013

NOT INDEPENDENT

Directorship: Ryder Systems, Inc., since 2018

Mr. Nord has served as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since May 2014 and President and Chief Executive Officer since January 2013. Previously, he served as the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer from June 2012 to January 2013 and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from September 2005 to June 2012.

Committee: Executive (Chair)

Skills and Qualifications:

Mr. Nord brings to the Board extensive financial, operational and strategic planning experience and a strong background in the manufacturing industry having served as a senior executive at two global manufacturing companies, including:

- Served as the Company's Senior Vice President and CFO for 7 years and as COO prior to his appointment to CEO in 2013.

- Ten years in various senior leadership positions at United Technologies Corporation including Vice President-Finance and CFO of Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation, one of its principal subsidiaries.

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Held roles of increasing responsibility at The Pittston Company, a publicly held multinational corporation and Deloitte & Touche.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI) and Member and Immediate-Past Chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Electrical Manufacturing Association (NEMA).

JOHN G. RUSSELL

Age 61

Director since: 2011

INDEPENDENT

Directorships: CMS Energy Corporation and Consumers Energy Company, since 2010

Mr. Russell has served as the Chairman of the Boards of CMS Energy Corporation (“CMS”) and Consumers Energy Company (“Consumers”) since May 2016. Previously he served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of CMS and Consumers (a publicly traded electric and natural gas utility) from 2010-2016. He also held the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of Consumers from 2004 to 2010.

Committees: Compensation, Finance, and Nominating and Corporate Governance

Skills and Qualifications:

Mr. Russell brings to the Board many years of experience as a public company executive officer and Director in the utility industry and possesses a strong background in operations, regulated utilities and governance, including:

- Serving as Chairman of the boards of CMS and Consumers and as Director for over fifteen years in the aggregate.
- Serving as the President and CEO of CMS and Consumers and previously as COO.

Over thirty years of both hands-on and leadership experience in the utility industry, an industry that represents a significant part of the Company's overall business.

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STEVEN R. SHAWLEY

Age 66

Director since: 2014

INDEPENDENT

AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Prior Directorship: GrafTech International (2010 - 2014)

Mr. Shawley served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ingersoll-Rand Company (a publicly traded manufacturer of climate solutions and industrial and security technologies) from 2008 to 2013. Previously, he held the position of Senior Vice President and President of Ingersoll-Rand's Climate Control Technologies business from 2005 to 2008.

Committees: Audit (Chair), Executive, and Finance

Skills and Qualifications:

Mr. Shawley brings to the Board extensive leadership experience as a public company executive officer and Director and a strong background in finance, accounting and audit, including:

• Over fourteen years of experience as a public company officer, including serving as the Senior Vice President and CFO of Ingersoll-Rand and President of one of its major business sectors.

• Holding multiple financial roles of increasing responsibility over the course of 30+ years including audit, accounting, financial planning and as the controller of Westinghouse Electric Corporation's largest manufacturing division and

CFO of its Thermo King subsidiary.

Served on the board of a public company and as Chair of its Audit Committee.

During the five years ended December 31, 2018, Mr. Keating, Mr. Malloy and Mr. Shawley have held the principal occupation listed in their biography above or been retired for that period of time. The employment history of each of the other Director nominees during such time period is reflected in their biographies above.

Vote Requirement

Directors are elected by plurality vote. Votes withheld and broker non-votes will not affect the election of Directors. Pursuant to the terms of our Director Resignation Policy, any director in an uncontested election who receives more votes “withheld” from his or her election than votes “for” his or her election must promptly tender his or her resignation to the Board. See page 7 for additional details on this Policy.

[Back to Contents](#)**Compensation of Directors**

The NCGC annually reviews all forms of independent Director compensation in relation to other U.S. companies of comparable size and the Company's competitors, and recommends changes to the Board, when appropriate. The NCGC is supported in this review by Exequity LLP ("Exequity"), an independent outside compensation consultant engaged by the NCGC, which provides compensation consultation and competitive benchmarking.

As a result, the Director compensation program reflects a mainstream approach to the structure of the compensation components and the method of delivery. In 2018, following the annual review, the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the NCGC, determined to: (i) increase the value of the annual board retainer, commencing in January 2019, from \$75,000 to \$85,000 and (ii) increase the value of the annual restricted stock grant to be made at each annual meeting, commencing with the 2019 annual meeting, from \$120,000 to \$130,000 to better align our total director compensation with the practices of the Peer Group against which we benchmark compensation.

The following table describes the components of independent Director compensation as of January 1, 2019:

Compensation Component

Annual Board Retainer	\$85,000
Lead Director Retainer	\$25,000
Committee Chair Retainer	\$20,000 – Audit \$15,000 – Compensation \$13,000 – Finance \$13,000 – NCGC
Committee Member Retainer	\$10,000 – Audit \$7,000 – Compensation \$5,000 – Finance \$5,000 – NCGC
Board / Committee Meeting Fees	None
Annual Restricted Share Grant (upon election at Annual Meeting)	\$130,000 in value of Company Common Stock that vests on the date of the next Annual Meeting if the Director is still serving (or earlier, upon death or a change in control)
Stock Ownership Guidelines	Within five years of joining the Board, ownership in Common Stock or deferred stock units valued at 5 times the average annual retainer paid to the Director in the past 5 years
Discretionary Fee ⁽¹⁾	Upon NCGC recommendation and consent of the Chairman of the Board, fees commensurate with any activities performed outside the scope of normal Board and Committee service, at the Company's request

(1) Activities may include customer visits, conference attendance or training meetings.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The Company maintains a Deferred Compensation Plan for non-management Directors (“Deferred Plan for Directors”) which enables Directors, at their election, to defer all or a portion of their annual Board and Committee retainers into:

- A Stock Unit account in which each stock unit consists of one share of the Company’s Common Stock. Dividend equivalents are paid on the stock units contained in the Director’s account and converted into additional stock units.

Upon distribution, all stock units are payable in shares of Common Stock.

- A cash account which is credited with interest at the prime rate in effect at the Company’s principal commercial bank on the date immediately following each regularly scheduled quarterly Board meeting.

The Deferred Plan for Directors also enables such Directors, at their election, to defer all or a portion of their annual restricted share grant into:

- A Restricted Stock Unit account providing for the credit of one restricted stock unit for each share of restricted stock deferred. Restricted stock units are subject to the same vesting terms described in the table above and are payable in the form of one share of Common Stock for each restricted stock unit. Dividend equivalents are paid on the restricted stock units contained in the account and converted into additional restricted stock units.

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Generally, all distributions under the Deferred Plan for Directors are paid only after termination of service, and may be paid in a lump sum or in annual installments, at the Director's election. However, in the event of a change of control, all amounts credited to a Director's account are paid in a lump sum, with amounts credited as stock units immediately converted into a right to receive cash.

Director Compensation Table for Fiscal Year 2018

The following table shows the compensation paid by the Company to non-management Directors for service on the Company's Board of Directors during fiscal year 2018. Mr. Nord receives no compensation beyond that described in the Executive Compensation section on page 42 for his service as Director.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash⁽¹⁾	Stock Awards⁽²⁾	All Other Compensation⁽³⁾	Total
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Carlos M. Cardoso	92,000	119,907	20,000	231,907
Anthony J. Guzzi	108,338	119,907	5,000	233,245
Neal J. Keating	95,000	119,907	—	214,907
Bonnie C. Lind ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—
John F. Malloy	98,000	119,907	—	217,907
Judith F. Marks	90,000	119,907	—	209,907
John G. Russell	92,000	119,907	20,000	231,907
Steven R. Shawley	100,000	119,907	—	219,907
Richard J. Swift	95,000	119,907	5,000	219,907

(1) Includes the following amounts deferred and held under the Company's Deferred Plan for Directors: Mr. Guzzi - \$108,338, Mr. Keating - \$47,500, and Mr. Shawley - \$100,000.

Amounts shown represent the grant date fair value of 1,172 shares of restricted stock granted to each Director at the Company's May 1, 2018, Annual Meeting of Shareholders as computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. These shares will vest as of the date of the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders if the Director is still serving (2) at that time (or earlier, upon death or a change in control). Mr. Cardoso, Mr. Guzzi, Mr. Keating, Ms. Marks and Mr. Shawley each elected to defer their entire 2018 annual restricted stock grant pursuant to the terms of the Deferred Plan for Directors as discussed on page 14. See the table below for the aggregate number of stock awards held by each Director as of December 31, 2018.

Includes a Company matching contribution to an eligible institution under The Harvey Hubbell Foundation (3) Matching Gifts Program in the following amounts: Mr. Cardoso - \$20,000, Mr. Guzzi - \$5,000, Mr. Russell - \$20,000 and Mr. Swift - \$5,000.

(4) Ms. Lind was appointed to the Board January 1, 2019, and therefore did not receive any compensation in 2018.

As of December 31, 2018, the following table shows the balance in each non-management Directors' (i) stock unit account (each stock unit represents the right to receive one share of Common Stock) and (ii) restricted stock unit account (each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of Common Stock) under the Deferred Plan for Directors. See the "Deferred Compensation Plan" section on page 14 for additional information:

Name	Aggregate No. of Stock Units Held at Year End (#)	Aggregate No. of Restricted Stock Units Held at Year End (#)
Carlos M. Cardoso	2,099	6,966
Anthony J. Guzzi	25,163	8,589
Neal J. Keating	5,190	8,589
Bonnie C. Lind	—	—
John F. Malloy	1,581	1,623
Judith F. Marks	—	3,527
John G. Russell	5,579	6,284
Steven R. Shawley	4,785	5,675
Richard J. Swift	18,010	—

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Corporate Governance

The Board of Directors has adopted the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines (the "Guidelines") to assist the Board in the exercise of its responsibilities and to best serve the interests of the Company and its shareholders. The Guidelines reflect the Board's commitment to good governance through the establishment of policies and procedures in areas it believes are critical to the enhancement of shareholder value. The guidelines are reviewed annually and updated periodically to reflect best practices in corporate governance and applicable laws. It is the Board's intention that these Guidelines serve as a framework within which the Board can discharge its duties and foster the effective governance of the Company. The Board of Directors met 9 times in 2018.

GOVERNANCE SNAPSHOT

Shareholders have identical **economic and voting rights** - each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote.

An **independent Lead Director** counterbalances a unified Chairman/ CEO and fosters effective collaboration and communication among independent directors.

Directors are **elected annually** by shareholders to serve a one-year term.

Directors are subject to our Stock Ownership and Retention Policy and are **required to own Company stock** equal in value to five times their annual retainer no later than the fifth (5th) anniversary of the date on which such Director receives his or her first annual restricted share grant. Until a director meets his or her ownership minimum, the Director must retain all Company shares he or she directly or indirectly obtains. All directors are in compliance with this policy.

All Directors attended our 2018 Annual Shareholder meeting and all Board meetings. Eight Directors attended 100% of the committee meetings on which they are a member.

Our Board and management **annually certify** compliance with our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

No Director serves on more than five **outside Boards** or more than two outside Audit Committees.

Corporate funds or resources are not used for direct contributions to political candidates or campaigns.

Independent Board members meet regularly in **Executive Session**, without management present.

Our **Director resignation policy** requires any director who fails to receive a majority of the votes cast to promptly tender his or her resignation.

Our Board consists of a **majority of independent Directors** and our Audit, Compensation, and NCGC Board committees are 100% independent.

To maintain a diverse Board, Director nominees are evaluated on their background and experience and also **gender, race and ethnicity**.

Director **compensation is reviewed annually** with advice from our outside compensation consultant and benchmarked for competitiveness.

The Board and each committee annually conduct a **performance evaluation**.

There are **no related party transactions** with our Directors, officers and significant shareholders.

50% of our Board has a **tenure of six years or less**; 30% have been on the Board for nine years or less; and 20% of our Board has served for more than ten years.

The Board is committed to sustainability and reviews the Company's performance on corporate social responsibility matters.

Director Independence

The Guidelines indicate that the Board shall be comprised of a majority of independent Directors. In evaluating the independence of Directors, each year the NCGC reviews all relationships between Directors (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company or any of its subsidiaries) and the Company and its subsidiaries in accordance with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) and the SEC and considers whether any relationship is material. The NCGC also reviews responses to annual questionnaires completed by each of the Directors, a report of transactions with Director-affiliated entities, Code of Conduct compliance certifications, case submissions filed with the Company’s confidential communication resource, and Company donations to charitable organizations with which a Director may be affiliated (noting that The Harvey Hubbell Foundation’s various matching gift programs are available to all Directors, officers and employees and match eligible gifts made to qualifying charitable organizations and educational institutions up to \$25,000 in the aggregate in a calendar year).

The NCGC considered the nature and dollar amounts of the transactions below and determined that none were required to be disclosed or otherwise impaired the applicable Director’s independence as all of these ordinary course transactions were significantly below the NYSE bright-line independence threshold of the greater of \$1 million, or 2% of the other company’s consolidated gross revenues (“sales”) and were immaterial to all companies involved. As a result of this review, the Board has determined that each of the current Directors is independent other than Mr. Nord. In evaluating and determining the independence of the Directors, the NCGC considered that in the ordinary course of business, transactions may occur between the Company and its subsidiaries and entities with which some of the Directors are or have been affiliated. For example:

Mr. Cardoso is the Chairman of Garrett Motion, Inc., a former executive officer of Kennametal, Inc. and as a Director of Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., with which the Company engages in ordinary course business transactions. In 2018, the Company purchased tools and component parts from Kennametal, and tools and maintenance supplies from Stanley Black & Decker which purchases constituted less than 0.5% of each of Kennametal’s and Stanley Black & Decker’s sales during 2018. The Company had no purchases from Garrett Motion, Inc during 2018.

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Mr. Guzzi serves as a Director and executive officer of EMCOR Group, Inc., with which the Company engages in ordinary course business transactions. In 2018, the Company sold cable glands and enclosure products to EMCOR Group. These transactions constituted less than 0.5% of EMCOR's sales during 2018.

Mr. Keating serves as a Director and executive officer of Kaman Corporation, with which the Company engages in ordinary course business transactions. In 2018, the Company sold ethernet and business access equipment to Kaman Corporation and purchased certain component parts from Kaman. These transactions constituted less than 0.5% of Kaman's sales during 2018.

Ms. Lind serves as an executive officer of Neenah, Inc. with which the Company has historically, though not in 2018, engaged in ordinary course business transactions. In 2018, the Company did not sell any products to Neenah.

Mr. Malloy serves as a Director and executive officer of Victaulic Company, with which the Company engages in ordinary course business transactions. In 2018, the Company sold motor control products to Victaulic which transactions constituted less than 0.5% of Victaulic's sales during 2018.

Ms. Marks serves as an executive officer of Otis Elevator Company and previously served as an executive officer of Siemens Corporation. The Company engages in ordinary course business transactions with both Otis Elevator Company and Siemens Corporation. In 2018, the Company sold lighting, connectors and compression products to Siemens Corporation and had no material transactions with Otis Elevator Company. These transactions constituted less than 0.5% of each of Siemens Corporation's and Otis Elevator Company's respective sales during 2018.

Mr. Russell serves as a Director of CMS Energy and Consumers Energy, with which the Company engages in ordinary course business transactions. In 2017, the Company sold power transmission and distribution products, and communications equipment to CMS Energy and Consumers Energy. These transactions constituted less than 0.5% of each of CMS Energy's and Consumers Energy's respective sales during 2018.

Mr. Shawley is a former executive officer of Ingersoll-Rand Company with which the Company engages in ordinary course business transactions. During 2018, the Company sold motor controls to Ingersoll-Rand Company and purchased tools and maintenance related items from Ingersoll-Rand. These transactions constituted less than 0.5% of Ingersoll-Rand's sales during 2018.

Mr. Swift serves as a Director of Ingersoll-Rand Company, Kaman Corporation, CVS Caremark and Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. ("PSEG") with which the Company engages in ordinary course business transactions. During 2018, the Company sold motor controls to Ingersoll-Rand Company, ethernet and business access equipment to Kaman Corporation, and electrical enclosures to PSEG. In addition, during 2018 the Company purchased tools and

maintenance related items from Ingersoll-Rand, tools and component parts from Kaman, prescription management services from CVS Caremark and utility power service products from PSEG. These transactions constituted less than 0.5% of each of Ingersoll-Rand's, Kaman's, CVS Caremark's, and PSEG's respective sales during 2018.

Director Nomination Process

In searching for qualified Director candidates for election to the Board and to fill vacancies on the Board, the Board may solicit current Directors or members of executive management for the names of potentially qualified candidates, consult with outside advisors, retain a Director search firm or consider nominees suggested by shareholders. All nominees for election of Director in 2019 are current Directors of the Company. The Company engaged JWC Consulting to assist in the search for a new director candidate in 2018. JWC Consulting identified and evaluated potential candidates for the new directorship position and made recommendations to the Board regarding such candidates.

All Director candidates, including any Director candidates recommended by shareholders, are reviewed and evaluated by the NCGC in relation to the specific qualifications and experience sought by the Board for membership (as discussed in the "Election of Directors" section on page 8), and the Board's needs at that time. A candidate whose qualifications and experience align with this criteria is then interviewed by members of the NCGC, other Board members and executive management to further assess the candidate's qualifications and experience and determine if the candidate is an appropriate fit. Candidates may be asked to submit additional information to support their potential nomination and references may be requested. If the Board approves of the NCGC recommendation, the candidate is then nominated for election by the Company's shareholders or appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy, as applicable.

Any shareholder who intends to recommend a candidate to the NCGC for consideration as a Director nominee should deliver written notice, which must include the same information requested by Article I, Section 11(A) (2) of our By-Laws, to the Secretary of the Company with the following information about the candidate:

- Biographical data (business experience, board service, academic credentials)
- Transactions between the shareholder and the candidate, and the Company or its management
- Relationships or arrangements between the shareholder and the candidate
- Any other transactions or relationships which the Board of Directors should be aware in order to evaluate the candidate's independence
- Details of any litigation involving the shareholder and candidate adverse to the Company or associated with an entity engaged in such litigation
- Whether the candidate or any company at which the candidate is a current or former officer or director is, or has been, the subject of any SEC, criminal or other proceedings or investigations related to fraud, accounting or financial

misconduct, or any other material civil proceedings or investigations

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Written consent confirming the candidate's (i) consent to be nominated and named in the Company's Proxy Statement and, if elected, to serve as a Director of the Company and (ii) agreement to be interviewed by the NCGC and to submit additional information if requested

Any such notice should be delivered to the Company sufficiently in advance of the Company's annual meeting to permit the NCGC to complete its review in a timely fashion.

Board Leadership Structure

The Company's By-Laws require the Board to choose the Chairman of the Board from among the Directors and provide the Board with the ability to appoint the CEO of the Company as the Chairman of the Board. This approach gives the Board the necessary flexibility to determine whether these positions should be held by the same person or by separate persons based on the leadership needs of the Company at any particular time. The Board believes that there is no single, generally accepted approach to providing board leadership, and that each of the possible leadership structures for a board must be considered in the context of the individuals involved and the specific circumstances facing a company at any given time. Accordingly, the optimal board leadership structure for a particular company may vary as circumstances change.

Mr. Nord has served as Chairman, President and CEO of the Company since May 2014. The Board has determined that combining the roles of CEO and Chairman is best for the Company and its shareholders at this time because it promotes unified leadership by Mr. Nord and allows for a single, clear focus for management to execute the Company's strategy and business plans.

Lead Director

The Board has established the position of an independent Lead Director to serve a three-year term commencing immediately following the Company's Annual Meeting. The Board believes that a three-year term is appropriate for the Lead Director as it affords greater continuity and allows the Lead Director to gain a better understanding of Board and management dynamics and build relationships with the other Directors. The Lead Director is responsible for:

• Board Leadership	Providing leadership to the Board in situations where the Chairman's role may be perceived to be in conflict
• Executive Sessions	Coordinating the agenda and chairing executive sessions of the non-management directors regularly throughout the year
• Liaison	Regularly meeting with the Chairman and facilitating communications between the Chairman, management and the independent Directors
• Spokesperson	Upon request, acting as the spokesperson for the Board in interactions with third parties

Succession Working with the NCGC and the Chairman to review and maintain the Company's succession plans

Currently, Mr. Guzzi is the Lead Director and is expected to hold this position until the 2019 Annual Meeting. Following the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Board shall, upon recommendation from the NCGC, appoint a director for the next three year Lead Director term. The Board believes that its present leadership structure and composition provides for independent and effective oversight of the Company's business and affairs as further demonstrated by the fact that its members are current or former CEOs, CFOs or COOs of major companies in similar industries, its Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees are comprised entirely of Directors who meet the independence requirements of the NYSE, and Mr. Nord is the only Director who is a member of executive management. Given the strong leadership of Mr. Nord as Chairman, President and CEO, the counterbalancing role of the Lead Director and a Board comprised of effective and independent Directors, the Board believes that its current leadership structure is appropriate at this time.

Board Oversight of Risk

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Company's risk management practices and committees of the Board assist it in fulfilling this responsibility.

The Audit Committee routinely discusses with management the Company's policies and processes with respect to risk assessment, the Company's major financial risk exposures, and the actions management has taken to limit, monitor or control such exposures. Annually, the Board reviews with management the implementation and results of the Company's enterprise risk management program which identifies and quantifies a broad spectrum of enterprise-wide risks in various categories, such as strategic, operational, compliance, financial, information technology and related action plans.

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The Board's other committees - Compensation, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Finance - oversee risks associated with their respective areas of responsibility as set forth in their charters. For example, the Finance Committee considers risks associated with the Company's capital structure or acquisition strategy and the Compensation Committee considers risks associated with its compensation plans and policies. The committees provide detailed reports to the full Board of Directors on risks and other matters that may have been considered and evaluated during its meetings.

Members of senior management assist the Board and its committees with their risk oversight responsibilities through routine discussions of risks involved in their specific areas of responsibility. For example, our principal business leaders will report to the Board at regular intervals during the year on the Company's strategic planning activities and risks relevant to execution of the strategy. In addition, from time to time, independent consultants with specific areas of expertise are engaged to discuss topics that the Board and management have determined may present a material risk to the Company's operations, plans or reputation.

In 2018, as part of its risk management activities, the Company reviewed with the Compensation Committee its compensation policies and practices applicable to all employees that could affect the Company's assessment of risk and risk management and determined that such compensation policies and practices do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Board does not believe that its role in the oversight of the Company's risks affects the Board's leadership structure.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

The Company requires its Directors and officers to act in accordance with the highest standards of ethical conduct and has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code of Conduct") that supports the Company's commitment to the people we serve, the communities we work in, the Company and each other. Underlying this commitment is a strong set of core values - integrity, discipline, collaboration and excellence - that guide our actions and decisions. Our Code of Conduct covers many areas of professional conduct ranging from conflicts of interest, ethical business conduct, employment practices, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, protection of Company assets and confidential information and reporting obligations. Each year, to strengthen the Company's commitment to ethical conduct, we provide training on various aspects of the Code of Conduct and require all employees to certify compliance with the Code of Conduct policy. The Code of Conduct can be viewed on the Company's website at www.hubbell.com.

Communications with Directors

Shareholders and interested parties may communicate with the full Board, the Lead Director, the non-management Directors as a group, or with individual Directors by using either of the following methods:

By Writing: Board of Directors
Hubbell Incorporated
40 Waterview Drive
Shelton, Connecticut 06484
c/o General Counsel

By Email: Secretary@hubbell.com

Communications will be forwarded to the specific Director(s) requested by the interested party. General communications will be distributed to the full Board or to a specific member of the Board depending on the material outlined in the communication. Certain items unrelated to the duties and responsibilities of the Board will not be forwarded including job inquiries and resumes, business opportunities, junk or mass mailings, spam, or any hostile, improper, threatening or illegal communication.

Board Committees

The Board of Directors has established the following standing Committees to assist it in fulfilling its responsibilities: Audit, Compensation, Executive, Finance and Nominating and Corporate Governance. The principal responsibilities of each of these Committees are described generally below and in detail in their respective Committee Charters which are available on the Company's website at www.hubbell.com, or in the case of the Executive Committee Charter, in Article III, Section 1, of the Company's By-Laws. The Board has determined that each member of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees is independent for purposes of the NYSE listing standards and SEC regulations.

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Audit Committee

7 meetings in 2018

Members:

Key Oversight Responsibilities

- Oversees the Company’s accounting and financial reporting and disclosure processes

Steven R. Shawley (Chair) • Appoints the independent auditors and evaluates their independence and performance annually

Carlos M. Cardoso

- Reviews the audit plans and results of the independent auditors

Bonnie C. Lind*

John F. Malloy • Approves all audit and non-audit fees for services performed by the independent auditors

Judith F. Marks

- Reviews and discusses with management and the independent auditors matters relating to the quality and integrity of the Company’s financial statements, the adequacy of its internal controls processes and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements

*Ms. Lind became a member of the Audit Committee when she was appointed to the Board on January 1, 2019.

The Board of Directors has determined that all members of the Audit Committee are financially literate and meet the NYSE standard of having accounting or related financial management expertise. Each member of the Audit committee is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by the SEC.

Compensation Committee

5 meetings in 2018

Members:

Key Oversight Responsibilities

- Determines and oversees the Company’s execution of its compensation philosophy

Richard J. Swift (Chair)* • Approves all compensation of the CEO and other members of senior management

Carlos M. Cardoso

Neal J. Keating

John G. Russell

- Oversees the development and administration of the Company’s compensation and benefit plans

Mr. Swift will not be standing for re-election at the 2019 Annual Meeting because he has reached the mandatory *retirement age under our Guidelines. The committee composition, including the election of a new Chair of the Compensation Committee, will be determined by the Board of Directors following the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Executive Committee

Did not meet in 2018

Members:

Key Oversight Responsibilities

David G. Nord (Chair) The Executive Committee may meet during intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors and may exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Company, except certain powers set forth in the By-Laws of the Company.

* Mr. Swift will not be standing for re-election at the 2019 Annual Meeting because he has reached the mandatory retirement age under our Guidelines.

Finance Committee *5 meetings in 2018*

Members: **Key Oversight Responsibilities**

John F. Malloy (Chair)
 Anthony J. Guzzi
 Bonnie C. Lind*
 John G. Russell
 Steven R. Shawley

- Oversees the Company’s financial and fiscal affairs and reviews proposals regarding long-term and short-term financing, material acquisitions, dividend policies, stock repurchase programs and changes in the Company’s capital structure

- Reviews the Company’s major capital expenditure plans and monitors the Company’s insurance programs

- Reviews the administration and management of the Company’s pension plans and investment portfolios

* Ms. Lind became a member of the Finance Committee when she was appointed to the Board on January 1, 2019.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee *4 meetings in 2018*

Members: **Key Oversight Responsibilities**

- Develops the Company’s corporate governance guidelines and monitors adherence to its principles

Neal J. Keating (Chair)
 Anthony J. Guzzi
 Judith F. Marks
 John G. Russell
 Richard J. Swift*

- Approves related person transactions
- Evaluates director independence and compensation
- Identifies qualified individuals to become Board members, recommends nominees for election or appointment to the Board and oversees the Board’s and management’s performance evaluation and succession planning process

* Mr. Swift will not be standing for re-election at the 2019 Annual Meeting because he has reached the mandatory retirement age under our Guidelines.

See the “Director Independence” and “Director Nomination Process” sections on pages 16 and 17 for more information on the actions taken by the Committee in these areas.

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Attendance

During 2018, no Directors attended fewer than 94% of the aggregate of the total number of meeting of the Board of Directors and the total number of meetings of the Committees of which such Director served as a member, other than Ms. Lind who was appointed to the Board effective January 1, 2019. Board members are expected to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. At the 2018 Annual Meeting, all Directors then in office were in attendance.

Additional Resources

The Corporate Governance Guidelines and the following additional materials relating to corporate governance are published on our website at www.hubbell.com.

- Board of Directors - Current Members and Experience
- Code of Conduct
- Amended and Restated By-Laws
- Compensation Recovery Policy
- Board Committees - Members and Charters
- Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation
- Stock Ownership and Retention Policy
- Contacting our Board of Directors

Voting Rights and Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The Company has a single class of Common Stock and each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote. On March 8, 2019, the Company had outstanding 54,505,290 shares of Common Stock. The following table sets forth as of March 8, 2019 the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Company's Common Stock:

Title of Class	Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Common Stock		5,717,421	(1) 10.5%

BlackRock, Inc. 55 East 52 nd Street New York, New York 10055 The Vanguard Group Common Stock 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355	5,525,633	(2) 10.1%
American Century Investment Management, Inc. Common Stock 4500 Main Street, 9 th Floor Kansas City, Missouri 64111 Capital World Investors Common Stock 333 South Hope Street Los Angeles, California 90071	4,561,528	(3) 8.4%
	3,430,000	(4) 6.3%

The Company received a copy of Schedule 13G, as amended as filed with the SEC on March 8, 2019 by BlackRock, Inc. (“BlackRock”) reporting ownership of these shares as of February 28, 2019. According to the Schedule 13G, BlackRock has sole voting power as to 5,440,832 of these shares, and sole dispositive power with respect to all 5,717,421 shares. The shares were acquired by the following subsidiaries of BlackRock: BlackRock Life Limited, BlackRock Advisors, LLC, BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V., BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, (1) National Association, BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited, BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd., BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG, BlackRock Investment Management, LLC, BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited, BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited, BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited, BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited, BlackRock Fund Advisors, BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A., BlackRock Fund Managers Ltd.

The Company received a copy of Schedule 13G, as amended, as filed with the SEC on January 10, 2019, by The Vanguard Group (“Vanguard”) reporting ownership of these shares as of December 31, 2018. According to the Schedule 13G, Vanguard has sole voting power as to 28,992 of these shares, sole dispositive power as to 5,494,703 (2) of these shares, shared voting power as to 7,435 of these shares, and shared dispositive power as to 30,930 of these shares. Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company and Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd., wholly-owned subsidiaries of Vanguard, serve as investment managers of certain collective trust accounts and non-U.S. investment offerings, and may be deemed to beneficially own 23,495 and 12,932 of such shares, respectively.

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(3) The Company received a copy of Schedule 13G, as amended, as jointly filed with the SEC on February 11, 2019, by American Century Companies, Inc. (“ACC”), American Century Investment Management, Inc. (“American Century”), a wholly owned subsidiary of ACC, American Century, Capital Portfolios, Inc. (“ACCP”), and Stowers Institute for Medical Research (“Stowers”), reporting ownership of these shares as of December 31, 2018. According to the Schedule 13G, ACC beneficially owned 4,561,528 shares with sole voting power over 4,404,967 shares and sole dispositive power over all such shares; American Century beneficially owned 4,561,528 shares with sole voting power as to 4,404,967 of these shares, and sole dispositive power with respect to all 4,561,528 shares; ACCP beneficially owned 3,222,020 shares with sole voting and sole dispositive power as to all such shares; and Stowers beneficially owned 4,561,528 shares with sole voting power over 4,404,967 shares and sole dispositive power over all such shares.

(4) The Company received a copy of Schedule 13G, as amended, as filed with the SEC on February 14, 2019 by Capital World Investors (“Capital World”) reporting ownership of these shares as of December 31, 2018. According to the Schedule 13G, Capital World, a division of Capital Research and Management Company (“CRMC”), is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 3,430,000 shares as a result of CRMC acting as investment advisors to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Capital World has sole voting and dispositive power for all such shares.

Stock Ownership

Hubbell has long encouraged stock ownership by its Directors, officers and employees to align their interests with the long-term interests of our stockholders. The Board and executive officers are subject to a stock ownership commitment, which requires these individuals to maintain a minimum ownership level of Hubbell stock. The Stock Ownership and Retention Policy section on page 38 further describes stock ownership requirements and the stock ownership and retention policy can be viewed on the Company’s website at www.hubbell.com.

The following table sets forth as of March 8, 2019 information regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company’s Common Stock by each Director, the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) and the three other most highly paid executive officers of the Company (collectively, the “named executive officers” or “NEOs”), and by all Directors and executive officers of the Company as a group.

In addition to the shares of Common Stock reflected in the Total Beneficial Ownership column below, our Directors hold stock units and restricted stock units, as applicable, under the Deferred Plan for Directors. These deferred stock units are reflected in footnotes (2) and (3) in the table below and in the Director Compensation section on page 14. To our knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons listed in the table have sole investment and voting power with respect to all Company securities owned by them.

Name and Title of Class	Common Stock	Shares Obtainable Upon Exercise of Options/SARs ⁽¹⁾	Total Beneficial Ownership	Aggregate		Total Ownership
				No. of Stock Units	No. of Restricted Stock Units	

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					Held⁽²⁾	Held⁽³⁾	
Carlos M. Cardoso	1,000	—	1,000		2,099	6,966	10,065
Anthony J. Guzzi	6,480	—	6,480		25,416	8,589	40,485
Neal J. Keating	7,571	—	7,571		5,301	8,589	21,461
Bonnie C. Lind	600	—	600		—	—	600
John F. Malloy	13,020	—	13,020	(4)	1,581	1,623	16,224
Judith F. Marks	1,000	—	1,000		—	3,527	4,527
John G. Russell	3,332	—	3,332	(4)	5,579	6,284	15,195
Steven R. Shawley	1,000	—	1,000		5,017	5,675	11,692
Richard J. Swift	5,313	—	5,313	(4)	18,010	—	23,323
David G. Nord	128,436	377,295	505,731	(5)	—	—	505,731
W. R. Sperry	43,934	79,066	123,000	(5)	—	—	123,000
G. W. Bakker	15,565	55,947	71,512	(5)	—	—	71,512
A. Hsieh	15,457	71,161	86,618	(5)	—	—	86,618
R. R. Ruland	13,000	45,611	58,611	(5)	—	—	58,611

All Directors and executive officers as a group (19 persons)

Common Stock	430,293	767,920	1,198,213	(5)(6)	—	—	1,198,213
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*Less than 1%.

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- Represents shares of Common Stock obtainable upon the exercise of stock appreciation rights under the Company's
- (1) Second Amended and Restated 2005 Incentive Award Plan. See the section "Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End" on page 46.
 - (2) Represents stock units (each stock unit consisting of one share of Common Stock) held under the Company's Deferred Plan for Directors, as of March 8, 2019. See the section "Deferred Compensation Plan" on page 14.
 - (3) Represents vested and unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs") (each RSU consisting of the right to receive one share of Common Stock) held under the Company's Deferred Plan for Directors, as of March 8, 2019. See the section "Deferred Compensation Plan" on page 14.
 - (4) Includes 1,172 shares of Common Stock granted as restricted stock under the Company's Second Amended and Restated 2005 Incentive Award Plan, on May 1, 2018 which vest on the date of the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders if the Director is still serving (or earlier, upon death or a change in control).
Includes the following shares of Common Stock granted as restricted stock under the Second Amended and Restated 2005 Incentive Award Plan which vest on the following terms, as applicable: (i) three equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date; or (ii) at the end of a three year performance period subject to achievement of certain performance goals. Mr. Nord - 28,727, Mr. Sperry - 7,861, Mr. Ruland - 4,767, Mr. Hsieh - 5,023 and Mr. Bakker - 5,560; and all executive officers as a group - 70,922 shares. See the section "Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End" on page 46.
 - (6) Includes 125,162 shares of Common Stock held by The Harvey Hubbell Foundation of which one corporate officer and three senior employees of the Company are co-trustees and have shared voting and investment power.

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Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Executive Summary

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis (“CD&A”) section of the Proxy Statement describes the material elements of the 2018 compensation program for the following named executive officers:

- Mr. David G. Nord, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. William R. Sperry, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Gerben W. Bakker, Group President, Power Systems
- Mr. An-Ping Hsieh⁽¹⁾, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
- Mr. Rodd R. Ruland, Group President, Construction and Energy

Our Business

Hubbell is primarily engaged in the design, manufacture and sale of quality electrical and electronic products for a broad range of non-residential and residential construction, industrial and utility applications. Our reporting segments consist of the Electrical segment and the Power segment which represent approximately 59% and 41%, respectively, of our total revenue for 2018. For more information about our business, please see our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the SEC on February 15, 2019.

Our Business Highlights

Hubbell’s long-term strategy is to serve its customers with reliable and innovative electrical and related infrastructure solutions with desired brands, high-quality service, and delivered through a competitive cost structure; to complement organic revenue growth with acquisitions that enhance its product offerings; and to allocate capital effectively to create shareholder value. In 2018, we completed the largest acquisition in Hubbell’s history — Aclara Technologies, LLC, a world-class supplier of smart infrastructure solutions to water, gas and electric utilities globally. Our focus on creating long-term value for our stockholders drove solid results in 2018:

Year Ended December 31,	2016	2017	2018
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Net Sales (\$Millions)	\$3,505.2	\$3,668.8	\$4,481.7		
Adjusted Operating Income ⁽¹⁾ (\$Millions)	\$489.8	\$525.5	\$607.2		
Adjusted Operating Income (% of Net Sales) ⁽¹⁾	14.0	% 14.3	% 13.5	%	
Adjusted Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	\$5.24	\$5.64	\$7.29		
Free Cash Flow ⁽²⁾ (% of Net Income Attributable to Hubbell)	117	% 123	% 117	%	

Adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margin, adjusted diluted earnings per share and free cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation to the comparable GAAP financial measures can be found in (1) Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, filed with the SEC on February 15, 2019.

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure that we believe provides useful information regarding the Company's (2) ability to generate cash without reliance on external financing. In addition, management uses free cash flow to evaluate the resources available for investments in the business, strategic acquisitions and further strengthening the balance sheet.

Net Sales

Net sales for the year ended 2018 were \$4.5 billion, an increase of 22 percent over the comparable period of 2017 due to the contribution of net sales from acquisitions, higher organic volume and favorable price realization. Acquisitions added 18% percentage points to net sales, primarily from the acquisition of Aclara, while organic volume, including favorable price realization contributed 4% percentage points. The effect of foreign exchange was flat compared to the prior year.

(1) Mr. Hsieh is retiring from the Company effective March 31, 2019.

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Operating Income

Operating income increased seven percent in 2018 to \$556.9 million driven primarily by the operating results of the Aclara business, net of acquisition-related and transaction costs. The increase in operating income from higher volumes and productivity gains in excess of cost inflation was largely offset by rising material costs and the impact of Tariffs, which together, outpaced favorable price realization.

Operating margin decreased by 170 basis points to 12.4% due to higher Aclara acquisition-related and transaction costs in 2018 as well as the operating results of the Aclara business, which carries a relatively lower gross margin as compared to the legacy Hubbell results. The decrease in operating margin also reflects the impact of higher materials costs and tariffs noted above, which together were only partially offset by the benefit from higher net sales volume, positive price realization and productivity gains in excess of cost inflation.

Excluding Aclara Acquisition-related and transaction costs, adjusted operating income increased 15.5% in 2018 to \$607.2 million and adjusted operating margin declined by 80 basis points to 13.5% in 2018.⁽¹⁾

Earnings Per Diluted Share

Earnings per diluted share were \$6.54 for 2018 and \$4.39 for 2017. Adjusted earnings per diluted share for the full year 2018 were up 29% to \$7.29, compared to \$5.64 in the same period of 2017.⁽¹⁾

Free Cash Flow as a % of Net Income

Net cash provided from operating activities was \$517 million for the full year 2018 compared to \$379 million reported in 2017. Free cash flow (defined as cash flow from operating activities less capital expenditures) was \$421 million for the full year 2018 compared to \$299 million reported in 2017.⁽¹⁾

In addition to the performance achievements noted above, during 2018 the Company also:

Repurchased

Increased the

Invested

<p>\$40M</p> <p>of shares through the Company's</p> <p>stock repurchase program</p>	<p>quarterly dividend</p> <p>to \$0.84 per share;</p> <p>representing the 11th</p> <p>consecutive year of increase</p>	<p>\$1.1B</p> <p>on the acquisition of Aclara,</p> <p>a leading global provider of</p> <p>smart infrastructure solutions</p>
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We believe that our collective focus on furthering the vision of One Hubbell - serving our customers, operating with discipline, growing the enterprise and developing our people - provides the means for the Company to continue to grow profits and deliver attractive returns to our shareholders.

Adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margin, adjusted earnings per diluted share and free cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation to the comparable GAAP financial measures can be found in (1) Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, filed with the SEC on February 15, 2019.

Our Compensation Practices and Decisions

Our compensation decisions for 2018 were directly influenced by the operating results for the year described above and reflect the strong relationship between pay and performance. We use the following objectives to guide our decisions:

<p>Attract, retain and motivate</p> <p>high-quality executive talent</p> <p>essential to our immediate and long-term success</p>	<p>Align the interests of executives with our shareholders with a compensation structure that reflects strong pay for performance orientation</p>	<p>Deliver compensation to our executives that is competitive and fair as compared to relevant external benchmarks</p>
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Aligning Pay and Performance

A significant portion of the compensation opportunity for each named executive officer is variable and “at-risk” in that it is subject to the achievement of performance goals. The Compensation Committee annually engages with our compensation consultant to analyze the alignment between pay and performance for the named executive officers. This analysis is used to inform future compensation design and decisions. The following graph is a result of that analysis as it applies to the CEO over a three-year period, consistent with the Compensation Committee’s long-term focus on compensation and performance.

In particular, the graph illustrates the relationship between:

Our CEO’s realized compensation (base salary earned, actual annual bonus and cash incentives earned, value of Restricted Stock “RS” and performance shares that vest during the period, the value of stock appreciation rights exercised during the period, changes in pension value, and all other compensation); and
Hubbell Incorporated’s performance as measured by Total Shareholder Return (TSR) over a three-year (2015 – 2017) period (the most recent period for which financial and compensation data was available at the time of the analysis)

The graph below identifies for Hubbell and for companies within our 2018 Peer Group (as described on page 30) the relationship between CEO pay rank and relative return to shareholders. Data points that are within the shaded area designate strong pay-for-performance relationships because the compensation realization percentile is directly aligned with the performance measure, in this case, TSR. Data points below the shaded area indicate pay lower than expected given the organization’s performance, and data points above the shaded area suggest the opposite. We believe that realized compensation is a useful measure of pay for performance because it reflects actual compensation earned. Accordingly, realized compensation demonstrates how the performance metrics built into the short- and long- term award programs are tied to the actual amount of compensation realized and the Company’s performance.

The three-year compensation realized by Hubbell’s CEO is well within the range that characterizes an ideal pay for performance alignment as compared to our peer group. Total compensation realized by Hubbell’s CEO ranked at the 56th percentile and TSR ranked at the 51st percentile demonstrating an ideal pay for performance relationship.

[Back to Contents](#)**Our Elements of Compensation**

Our compensation objectives and business strategy drive how our Compensation Committee designs the elements of our compensation program, as outlined in the following table.

	Description	Link to Strategy and Performance
Base Salary (Cash)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed annual cash for performing day-to-day job responsibility Reviewed annually for potential adjustment based on factors such as market competitiveness, individual performance and scope of responsibility. Variable performance-based award opportunity, determined annually 	A competitive cash compensation that attracts high caliber executives to lead our businesses.
Short-Term Incentive (Cash)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on achievements with respect to the Company's financial goals and individual performance against the Company's strategic objectives. <p>Performance Shares:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable award of Hubbell shares whose ultimate payout is based on Hubbell's performance over a three year period. 	Designed to motivate our executives to attain high levels of performance against our business financial and strategic objectives.
Long-Term Incentive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance metrics for performance periods beginning in 2018 are Hubbell's sales growth, operating profit margin, and working capital. All performance results can be either enhanced or lessened by the company's TSR. <p>Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award that provides value based on the appreciation in value between the stock price on the date of grant and the date of exercise. <p>Restricted Shares:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represents a grant of Hubbell Shares that vest after a three year period. <p>Defined Benefit (DB) and Defined Contributions (DC) Retirement Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans designed to support executives in retirement. 	Aligns executives interests with achieving the most critical long-term financial goals for the organization, including ensuring a link to shareholder return.
Retirement⁽¹⁾		Provides market competitive benefit to attract and retain key talent and to aid executives in financially preparing for retirement.

- Hubbell’s DB plans are fully closed and frozen as described below.

- All NEOs participate in Hubbell’s DC plan, a qualified SafeHarbor 401(k) plan under which the Company makes both automatic, non-discretionary, and matching contributions.

DB and DC Restoration Plans:

- These plans provide retirement benefits relating to compensation in excess of tax code limitations under the same plan designs as the underlying DB and DC plans.

- DB Restoration plan frozen as described below.

Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (EDCP):

- Offers additional tax-deferred savings to NEOs.

- Able to defer up to 100% of annual short-term incentive award and 50% of salary.

In 2016, the Compensation Committee approved a “soft freeze” of the DB Plan and DB Restoration Plan. Service credit under these plans was frozen as of February 28, 2017, but compensation credit will continue to accrue through December 31, 2020, at which time all accruals under both plans will cease. The Executive Plan was also frozen effective December 31, 2016.

Below are highlights of our compensation practices and decisions which exemplify our commitment to sound compensation governance and shareholders’ interests.

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Compensation Governance Snapshot

WHAT WE DO

Align CEO and NEO Pay with Shareholder Interests

Designate 70% of NEO total compensation and 70% of their long-term incentive award opportunity as performance-based, linked to the critical business metrics of Operating Margin, Sales Growth, and Working Capital. All business metrics also consider our Total Shareholder Return (“TSR”) performance.

Ensure the long-term orientation of our performance awards by aligning vesting and performance periods at 3 years

Limits on Executive Compensation

Cap our short-term and long-term incentive awards payouts and eliminate payouts entirely for performance below a minimum threshold level

Risk Mitigation

We annually assess our compensation programs and policies to ensure that the features of our program do not encourage excessively risky business decisions

Robust Stock Ownership

We require senior executives, including our NEOs, to acquire and maintain ownership in Company stock equal to 3, 4 and 5 times their base salary for the duration of their employment

Strong Governance Practices:

- We maintain a Compensation Recovery Policy to recover performance-based compensation from our senior executives, including the NEOs, under certain prescribed acts of misconduct
- We require a double-trigger (change in control plus termination of employment) to trigger cash severance payments under our Change in Control Severance Agreements
- On a change in control, unvested equity awards do not automatically accelerate unless an acquiring company refuses to assume them or the Compensation Committee exercises its discretion to vest such awards

WHAT WE DON'T DO

No Above-Median Targeting of Executive Compensation

We target the total direct compensation and each compensation element of our executive officers at the median of our Peer Group (as defined on page 30)

No Hedging or Pledging

We prohibit our executives, including our NEOs, from hedging or engaging in derivatives trading with respect to company stock.

No Repricing or Cash Buyouts

We prohibit the repricing or buyout of options and SARs without shareholder approval

No Tax Gross Ups

We do not provide tax “gross ups” for severance, perquisites or any other benefits provided to our executives, including the NEOs

No Excessive Supplemental Retirement Plans

We have frozen our supplemental executive retirement plan and only provide new benefits under qualified and non-qualified retirement plans that are made available generally to employees

Our Shareholders' Feedback

Say on Pay / Say When on Pay

As described in this CD&A, we believe that our executive compensation program is designed both appropriately and effectively to achieve its overall objectives. At the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, over 97% of the votes cast on our annual say on pay proposal were voted in favor of the Company's executive compensation program. We believe these strong results indicate that our shareholders are generally supportive of our compensation approach. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee has chosen largely to maintain the structure and components of the executive compensation program, with some updates, while continually evaluating its effectiveness in meeting the Company's compensation objectives. Although the annual say on pay vote is non-binding, the Compensation Committee values the opinions of shareholders and will continue to consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions. The next vote on determining the frequency of the now annual say on pay vote will occur at the 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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Compensation Program

Overview

The Company's pay for performance compensation philosophy is intended to reward our executives for their contributions toward achievement of the Company's business strategy and goals. To achieve our compensation objectives, the Company provides its executives with a total direct compensation package consisting of fixed and variable compensation elements that provide executives with income that is reflective of competitive benchmarks and enhances the Company's ability to attract and retain high quality management talent.

The Role of the Compensation Committee and Compensation Consultant

The Compensation Committee determines the Company's compensation philosophy and approves each element of executive compensation. The Compensation Committee may delegate any of its responsibilities to one or more subcommittees as it deems appropriate and in its sole discretion and to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Compensation Committee relies on advice and data provided by Exequity LLP, an independent outside compensation consultant engaged by the Compensation Committee to assist in its determination of the appropriate amount of total direct compensation for the NEOs. Exequity does not advise the management of the Company and receives no compensation from the Company for services other than as directed by the Compensation Committee and the NCGC for which it provides guidance on independent Director compensation. See the "Compensation of Directors" section on page 14.

The Compensation Committee discusses its compensation philosophy with Exequity, but otherwise does not impose any specific limitations or constraints on or direct the manner in which Exequity performs its advisory services. As advisor to the Compensation Committee, Exequity reviews the total compensation strategy and pay levels for the Company's NEOs, examines all aspects of the Company's executive compensation programs to ensure their ongoing support of the Company's business strategy and objectives, informs the Compensation Committee of developing legal and regulatory considerations affecting executive compensation and benefit programs and provides general advice to the Compensation Committee with respect to all compensation decisions pertaining to the CEO and to all senior executive compensation recommendations submitted by management.

Although the Compensation Committee considers recommendations made by the CEO with respect to executive compensation, the Compensation Committee is solely responsible for determining all executive compensation decisions.

The Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of Exequity and concluded that no conflict of interest currently exists or existed in 2018 that would prevent Exequity from providing independent advice to the Compensation Committee regarding executive compensation matters. In making this determination, the Compensation Committee considered, among other things, the following factors: (1) Exequity did not provide any non-compensation-related services (and did not receive any fees for any non-compensation-related services); (2) Exequity's conflict of interest policies; (3) there are no other business or personal relationships between Company management or members of the Compensation Committee and any representatives of Exequity who provide services to the Company; and (4) neither Exequity nor any representatives of Exequity who provide services to the Company own any Common Stock or other securities of the Company.

Benchmarking

The Compensation Committee assesses each element of executive total compensation against the median compensation levels paid to executives in comparable positions in similar industries. The Compensation Committee reviewed benchmark data from two sources - the Peer Group and the general industry as described below. For cash compensation for 2018, set prior to the start of 2018, the Compensation Committee reviewed 2017 benchmarking data. For setting long-term incentive pay, determined in December of 2018, the Compensation Committee referenced 2018 benchmarking data.

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Peer Group Data

The Compensation Committee assesses Hubbell’s executive pay practices against a group of organizations (the “Peer Group”) that are similar to the Company in size, industry affiliation and performance compatibility, and that are representative of the types of companies with which Hubbell competes for executive talent. When setting 2018 pay for Hubbell’s executives, the Compensation Committee considered the remuneration practices within the community of 25 Peer Group companies listed below.

Acuity Brands, Inc.	EnerSys Inc.	Parker-Hannifin Corporation	Snap-on Incorporated
AMETEK, Inc.	Fastenal Company	Pentair Ltd.	Valmont Industries, Inc.
Carlisle Companies Incorporated	Flowserve Corporation	Regal-Beloit Corp.	W.W. Grainger, Inc.
Crane Co.	IDEX Corporation	Rockwell Automation, Inc.	Woodward, Inc.
Curtiss-Wright Corporation	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	Rockwell Collins, Inc.	Xylem, Inc.
Donaldson Company, Inc.	MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.	Roper Technologies, Inc.	
Dover Corporation		Sensata Technologies Holding NV	

Peer Group data is sourced from a mix of proxy statements, Form S-4 filings and the Aon Hewitt 2017 / 2018 Total Compensation Database™.

General Industry Data

The Compensation Committee also benchmarked pay for Hubbell executives to general industry practices as a secondary reference for most positions and a primary benchmark for those jobs with an insufficient number of matches in the Peer Group. The general industry data reflects the norms among all the companies that participate in Aon Hewitt’s 2017 and 2018 Total Compensation Database, excluding companies that operate within the financial services, retail, utility, hospital and hospitality sectors.

Peer Group and general industry data are size-adjusted to reflect pay practices at companies of Hubbell’s size. In its review of the benchmark communities, the Compensation Committee focused on 50th percentile practices. The Compensation Committee reviews a number of factors when establishing 2018 target total compensation for executives including, but not limited to, market data, tenure in position, experience, performance and internal pay equity. In addition to reviewing the compensation levels of the benchmark groups, the Compensation Committee also reviews tally sheets totaling 2018 compensation for each of the NEOs. These tally sheets identify and value each

element of the NEO's compensation, including base salary, short-term and long-term incentive awards, pension benefits, deferred compensation, perquisites, potential change in control and severance benefits and provide an aggregate sum for each executive. This analysis aids the Compensation Committee's assessment and administration of the Company's compensation program.

Compensation Mix

Consistent with our philosophy of linking pay to performance, a material portion of the total compensation paid to the NEOs is performance-based. As shown in the charts below, the large majority of earnings opportunity is entirely contingent on performance. In this regard, the Company's 2018 target compensation mix is consistent with our Peer Group's practices:

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Base Salary

Base salary is the principal fixed component of total direct compensation paid to the NEOs. Salaries are determined by reference to prevailing market pay rates, scope of job responsibility and incumbent performance considerations. The Company intends its base salary expenditures to be consistent with those incurred by similarly positioned companies elsewhere, so the Compensation Committee expects base salaries to approximate the 50th percentile of the benchmark community practices. In December 2017, the Compensation Committee approved increases for the NEOs that ensured their base salaries remain close to market-representative pay levels effective in 2018.

Short-Term Incentive Compensation

Annual short-term incentive awards are also targeted at the 50th percentile of the benchmark community practices. Short-term incentive awards are paid pursuant to the Company's Incentive Compensation Plan ("Incentive Plan") and Senior Executive Incentive Compensation Plan ("Senior Plan") (collectively, "STI Plans"). Short-term incentive award target levels ("STI Targets") for the NEOs reflect consideration of market data while short-term incentive awards actually paid for the year reflect achievement of financial and strategic plan goals approved by the Compensation Committee, including factors like free and operating cash flow, earnings per diluted share ("EPS") and operating profit performance. STI Targets are based on a percentage of 2018 base salaries and payable from the compensation plans noted in the table and discussed below:

Name	STI Target Percentage	Base Salary	STI Target	Compensation Plan
D. G. Nord	125	% \$ 1,050,500	\$ 1,313,125	Senior Plan
W. R. Sperry	85	% \$570,000	\$484,500	Senior Plan
G. W. Bakker	75	% \$500,000	\$375,000	Senior Plan
A. Hsieh	70	% \$480,000	\$336,000	Senior Plan
R. R. Ruland	75	% \$480,000	\$360,000	Senior Plan

Incentive Compensation Plan

The Incentive Plan is similar to the design of executive short-term incentive award plans that are common at other companies in the general manufacturing environment. Maintaining a short-term incentive award plan that typifies those used elsewhere enhances the appeal of the Company's compensation program generally and strengthens the Company's ability to attract and retain high quality executive talent.

The Incentive Plan authorizes the creation of an incentive compensation pool each year equal to 15% of the excess of the Company's consolidated earnings over 10% of the invested capital and long-term debt as of the beginning of the year. Actual short-term incentive awards are paid from the authorized pool based on the extent to which the Company achieves certain performance goals established by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of each year. Depending on performance in relation to the goals, earned awards can range in size from 0% to 200% of the NEO's STI Target. However, if performance falls below a minimally acceptable threshold, as described below, then no short-term incentive award is payable at all. The 2018 performance goals and thresholds are described below under section entitled "2018 Performance Measures".

Senior Plan

Prior to the enactment of TCJA, Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposed a \$1 million limit on the amount a public company could deduct for compensation paid to certain executive officers in excess of \$1 million per officer in any year. However, the limitation did not apply to compensation that constituted "qualifying performance-based" compensation under Code Section 162(m). Short-term incentive awards paid under the Company's Senior Plan (a sub plan of the Incentive Plan) through 2017 were generally intended to qualify as performance-based compensation and therefore exempt from the limitation imposed by Code Section 162(m). Like many other public companies that utilize similar plans, currently both the Senior Plan and the Incentive Plan continue to be used and are intended to provide the Company with the ability to pay performance-based compensation, with the Senior Plan applying specifically to our named executive officers, regardless of whether the compensation is deductible for federal income tax purposes as a result of the amendments TCJA made to Section 162(m) of the Code.

The maximum amounts that may be paid to participants pursuant to the Senior Plan continue to be determined by reference to the incentive compensation fund established under the Company's Incentive Plan described in the prior section above.

Under the Senior Plan, the maximum amounts that may be earned are as follows:

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Mr. Nord was eligible to earn a maximum amount for 2018 equal to the lesser of:

• 15% of the amount of the incentive compensation fund established under the Incentive Plan, or \$5,000,000.

Mr. Sperry, Mr. Bakker, Mr. Hsieh and Mr. Ruland were each eligible to earn a maximum amount for 2018 equal to the lesser of:

• 10% of the amount of the incentive compensation fund established under the Incentive Plan, or \$5,000,000.

After the maximum possible payout under the Senior Plan is determined, the Compensation Committee may use its discretion to decrease (but not increase) the actual amount of the short-term incentive award paid under the Senior Plan. In exercising this discretion, the Compensation Committee generally applies the same methodology used in determining payments under the Incentive Plan described in the prior section above to the participants in the Senior Plan.

The amounts awarded to the NEOs are displayed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 42 based upon the performance results shown in the tables on pages 33 and 34.

2018 Performance Measures

This section reflects the applicable short-term incentive award measures, weighting and thresholds applied to participants in the Incentive Plan and the Senior Plan:

Enterprise Level Measures

For 2018, the Compensation Committee identified EPS and free cash flow (defined as cash flow from operations less capital expenditures) at the Company level as the two primary performance measures it would use to determine short-term incentive award eligibility for Mr. Nord, Mr. Sperry and Mr. Hsieh. EPS was selected because it was deemed by the Compensation Committee to affect shareholder value most directly and to be an important variable in determining share price. Free cash flow was selected because it is an important determinant in Company performance. The 2018 short-term incentive award for Mr. Nord was based solely on these two measures while the award measures for Mr. Sperry and Mr. Hsieh also included a strategic objective component as discussed below.

ENTERPRISE LEVEL MEASURES

Measures	Threshold	Mr. Sperry and Mr. Hsieh Mr. Nord	
		Weighting	Weighting
EPS (65% weight)	Minimum \$5.67 = 50%		
	Target \$6.30 = 100%		
	Maximum \$6.93 = 200%		
Free Cash Flow (35% weight)	Minimum 278 = 50%	80%	100%
	Target 348 = 100%		
	Maximum 417 = 200%		
Strategic Objectives	As described below	20%	0%

Business Level Measures

Hubbell's businesses are divided among two operating segments: the Electrical segment (which is comprised of the Commercial & Industrial, Construction & Energy and Lighting business groups) and the Power segment (which is comprised of our Power Systems business group). The Compensation Committee selected operating profit and operating cash flow as the two primary performance measures it would use to determine short-term incentive award eligibility for Mr. Bakker and Mr. Ruland to promote decision making that would best increase the value of the businesses over which they have direct oversight and control. In addition to these measures, a portion of Mr. Bakker's and Mr. Ruland's award also included a strategic objective component as discussed below.

BUSINESS LEVEL MEASURES

Measures	Threshold	Mr. Bakker and Mr. Ruland Weighting	
Business Level Operating Profit (65% weight)	Minimum < 80% = 0%		
Group Business Level Operating Cash Flow (35% weight)	Target 100% = 100%	40%	
	Maximum ≥ 120% = 200%		
EPS and Free Cash Flow (Enterprise level)	See table above	40%	
Strategic Objectives	As described below	20%	

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Strategic Objective Measures

The EPS, free cash flow and operating profit targets were the only targets material to the consideration of the NEO's annual short-term incentive awards. The Compensation Committee, upon consultation with management, also identified certain objectives central to the Company's strategy upon which it based a component of Mr. Sperry's, Mr. Hsieh's, Mr. Bakker's and Mr. Ruland's short-term incentive award. No single strategic objective was a material consideration in the Compensation Committee's determination of an annual short-term incentive award. Specific targets within each strategic objective are set each year. At the end of the annual performance period, the Compensation Committee evaluates each NEO based on their contributions to the specific targets, as well as the strategic objectives as a whole. The specific targets for 2018 are outlined in the table below.

Strategic Objectives	Description
Serving Our Customers	Use all means to drive positive customer experience and sales growth
Operating with Discipline	Commitment to Drive Simplicity and Speed
Growing the Enterprise	Make growth happen - regardless of market conditions
Developing Our People	Accelerate performance culture across enterprise

For Mr. Nord, the Compensation Committee continued to base his short-term incentive award eligibility entirely on EPS and free cash flow performance measures at the Company level as the Compensation Committee considered such measures to best reflect his responsibility to the Company as a whole. Further, the Compensation Committee recognized that achievement of the strategic objectives by the other NEOs would directly and indirectly impact the Company-wide performance measures used to determine Mr. Nord's short-term incentive award. Mr. Sperry's, Mr. Bakker's, Mr. Hsieh's and Mr. Ruland's individual performance with respect to these strategic objectives is set forth in the Short-Term Incentive Payout table on page 34.

Performance Results and Payout

Enterprise Level Measures

For 2018, actual EPS was \$6.54 and free cash flow was \$421 million which the Compensation Committee then adjusted for predetermined discrete items not considered in determining the threshold including foreign currency translation, acquisition related costs and impacts of the Public Law 115-97, commonly referred to as the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA"), resulting in EPS and free cash flow performance of 115% and 170%, respectively.

	EPS	Free Cash Flow	
Enterprise	65% weight	35% weight	Composite Payout

Actual Performance	115%	170%	
			135%
Weighted Performance	75%	60%	

Business Level Measures

Construction and Energy

Mr. Ruland leads the Construction and Energy (“C & E”) business group and therefore is measured on the performance of this business group. This business group had an operating profit performance target of 12% greater than the prior year and an operating cash flow target equivalent to 119% of operating profit. The C & E business group achieved operating profit performance that was 3% below target which translated to a performance result of 93% on the operating profit measure. The C & E business group also achieved operating cash flow performance of 98% of target. This performance translated to a performance result of 95% on the operating cash flow measure. When blended together, the composite measure resulted in a payout of 94% as shown below.

	Operating Profit	Operating Cash Flow	
Construction and Energy	65% weight	35% weight	Composite Payout
Actual Performance	93%	95%	
			94%
Weighted Performance	60%	33%	

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Power Systems

Mr. Bakker leads the Power Systems business group and therefore is measured on the performance of this business group. The core business group had an operating profit performance target of 9% above the prior year and an operating cash flow target equivalent to 110% of operating profit. The business achieved operating profit performance that was 8% below target which translated to a performance result of 81% on the operating profit measure. The Power systems business group achieved operating cash flow performance of 98% of target. This performance translated to a performance result of 95% on the operating cash flow measure. When blended together, the composite measure resulted in a payout of 86% as shown below.

	Operating Profit	Operating Cash Flow	
Power Systems	65% weight	35% weight	Composite Payout
Actual Performance	81%	95%	86%
Weighted Performance	53%	33%	

Short-Term Incentive Payout

The following table shows the short-term incentive award earned by each of the NEOs applying the composite payout percentages achieved on their individual performance measures to each of their STI Targets. Their 2018 STI Award is reflected below and in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 42. Additionally, the Compensation Committee agreed with Mr. Nord's recommendation to reduce his 2018 short-term incentive award payout percentage to the level of the payout of the other corporate NEOs. The resulting payout for Mr. Nord is 128%. This decision highlights the importance of the achievement of the 2018 strategic objectives by the other NEOs on Mr. Nord's 2018 short-term incentive award.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / RESULTS

	EPS and Free Cash Flow (Enterprise Level)	Operating Profit and Operating Cash Flow (Business Level)	Strategic Objectives (Individual)	Total Composite Payout	STI Target x(\$)	STI Award =(\$)
Mr. Nord	135%	—	—	128%	1,313,125	1,680,800
Mr. Sperry	135%	—	100%	128%	484,500	620,200
Mr. Bakker	135%	86%	100%	108%	375,000	405,000
Mr. Hsieh	135%	—	100%	128%	336,000	430,100
Mr. Ruland	135%	94%	100%	112%	360,000	403,200

Long-Term Incentive Compensation

The Company matches long-term incentive compensation practices in the general manufacturing sector by extending to its executives the opportunity to earn rewards in the form of Common Stock pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Incentive Award Plan (as amended and in effect, the "Equity Plan"). The objectives of the long-term incentive compensation program are to:

- Generate growth in the Company's share price by rewarding activity that enhances enterprise value
- Ensure long-term rewards are commensurate with performance
- Facilitate the accumulation of shares by executives, thereby enhancing ownership levels and promoting value-added decision making
- Ensure greater alignment with shareholders

The value of long-term incentive awards granted to executives each year is based on several factors, including external practices, the Company's financial performance in the short-term and long-term, the value of awards granted in prior years, succession considerations, and individual performance. The design of the long-term incentive award program reflects a strong performance-based orientation as demonstrated by the fact that 70% of the overall long-term incentive opportunity is contingent on performance and goal achievement.

In 2018, we re-designed the long-term incentive program to achieve the following objectives:

- Drive focus on the Company's critical performance metrics: sales growth, operating profit margin, and trade working capital, while retaining a TSR modifier
- Ensure retention of executives in a highly competitive labor market
- Align our program with prevailing market practice

As a result of this decision, the mix of long-term incentive awards the NEOs are eligible to earn is 40% performance shares, 30% restricted stock and 30% SARs. The performance period of our performance shares and restricted stock is three years, further encouraging attention to long-term Company performance, while strengthening the retention value of the program. The Compensation Committee deems this blend of awards to:

- Ensure the performance characteristics of the award program
- Optimize the program's ability to motivate, retain and reward the NEOs in light of recent acquisitions and industry outlook.

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- Build equity ownership and thereby align the interests of our executives with those of shareholders.
- Efficiently deliver value to executives
- Represent the prevailing mix of long-term equity awards in the general manufacturing sector
- Reward performance that executives can directly influence

Long-term incentive grants are usually made once a year after the Compensation Committee has assessed the Company’s performance for such year. Historically, such grants have been made at the Compensation Committee’s regularly scheduled meeting held in early December, with limited exceptions related to newly appointed or promoted executives.

Performance Share Awards

2018 Grant

The Performance Share Program was re-designed beginning with the 2018 award. In this program, a target number of performance shares were granted to each NEO for the performance period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. The actual number of performance shares earned by each NEO will be determined at the end of the three-year period based on Company performance as measured by the following performance metrics, and as modified by TSR performance, as described below:

<p>Relative Sales Growth (34% weight)</p>	<p>• Compares Hubbell’s Compounded Annual Growth Rate to that of the companies that comprise the S&P Capital Goods 900 index.</p> <p>• Measures Hubbell’s growth initiatives, including organic growth, including new product development, and acquisition performance.</p>
<p>Operating Profit Margin (33% weight)</p>	<p>• Focuses NEOs on improving pricing, productivity, and cost while executing operational objectives including footprint optimization and SKU rationalization.</p> <p>• Performance targets were developed from a 2018 baseline of 12.4%, and informed by historical trends and peer median performance.</p>
<p>Trade Working Capital (“TWC”) as a % of Sales (33% weight)</p>	<p>• Provides focuses on activities that increase Hubbell’s operational effectiveness, cash generation, specifically inventory management and accounts payable / receivables.</p> <p>• Performance targets were developed from a 2018 baseline of 21.9%, and informed by historical trends and peer median performance.</p>
<p>Relative TSR (Modifies each performance metric)</p>	<p>• Measures Hubbell’s three-year TSR relative to the companies that constitute the S&P Capital Goods 900 index.</p> <p>• The beginning point for TSR determination (all companies) will be based on 20 trading days from the beginning of the measurement period. The ending point will be based on 20 days leading up to the end of the measurement period. Dividends will be reinvested as shares (for all companies).</p> <p>• TSR modifier may increase or reduce the award by 20%, as described below.</p>

In December of 2018, the Compensation Committee established the actual performance goals for the 2019-2021 performance period. The table below sets out each metric at the Total Company level, the respective goals for the three-year period, and the number of performance shares that would be earned at each specified level of performance. No performance shares will be earned for a metric if performance falls below the noted threshold. If the Company's performance for any of the performance metrics falls between the percentages listed on the table, the percentage of performance shares earned shall be determined by linear interpolation.

	Relative Sales Growth		Operating Profit Margin		TWC as a % of Sales		Total
	Performance Range	% of Payout	Performance Measures	% of Payout	Performance Measures	% of Payout	Payout
Maximum	>80 th percentile of index	68%	15.5%	66%	19%	66%	200%
Target	At 50 th percentile of index	34%	14.0%	33%	19.5%	33%	100%
Threshold	At 35 th percentile of index	17%	12.5%	16.5%	20.5%	16.5%	50%
No Payout	<35 th percentile of index	0%	<12.5%	0%	>20.5%	0%	0%

Each performance metric is further modified by the relative TSR performance of Hubbell as shown in the table below:

Hubbell Relative TSR Percentile	Award Multiplier
>80 th	X 1.2
<20 th	X .8

[Back to Contents](#)**2016 and 2017 Grants**

Previously, performance share awards were granted to the NEOs in 2016 and 2017, providing the ability to earn shares of the Company's Common Stock upon satisfaction of pre-established performance measures within a stated period of time. The table below summarizes the key terms of these performance share awards:

Performance Measures	Weight	Index	Performance Range	Payout
Total Shareholder Return (TSR)	50%	S&P Capital Goods 900	> 80 th percentile of Index	200%
			At 50 th percentile of Index	100%
Relative Sales Growth ⁽¹⁾	50%		At 35 th percentile of Index	50%
			< 35 th percentile of Index	0%

Relative Sales Growth is measured using the Company's sales growth, which is then modified by the Company's (1) cumulative net income margin performance over the three year performance period, as compared to the net income target set by the Company at the beginning of the period, utilizing the following schedule:

	Margin Target	Payout
Net Income Margin Modifier	10.0%	125%
	9.0%	100%
	8.0%	75%
	<8.0%	0%

The number of performance shares eligible to be earned under this grant is based equally on the Company's relative TSR and Sales Growth performance compared to other companies in the Standard & Poor's Capital Goods 900 Index ("S&P 900 Index") measured over a three year period. After a detailed review, the Company determined that the S&P 900 Index provides a higher level of comparability to Hubbell than any other index. Specifically, the S&P 900 Index performs most similarly to Hubbell in terms of stock price movement and volatility thereby dampening the effect of macroeconomic factors that play a lesser role in determining relative performance.

The level of TSR and Sales Growth performance within the ranges set forth above corresponds with the payout percentages noted and are rounded to the nearest percentage. The final award earned reflects a percentage of the target award granted. Each performance measure is subject to a minimum vesting threshold such that no shares will be paid on a given measure if the Company's TSR and/or Sales Growth over the three-year performance period falls below the 35th percentile of the applicable index. The performance shares therefore provide pay only in the event of performance thereby linking the NEO's incentives to shareholder interests and returns.

2015 Grant

TSR

No shares of common stock were provided to the executive officers under this grant, reflecting the pay for performance nature of our compensation program. At the end of the performance period, the Committee determined that the Company did not achieve TSR performance at or above the threshold requirement. The right to receive these performance shares were originally granted on December 8, 2015 for the performance period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

Sales Growth / Net Income Modifier

Additional performance shares awards were granted on December 8, 2015 for the performance period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, for which the performance measure is Relative Sales Growth. The calculation of this measure is dependent upon public availability of financial results from our peer companies. Due to the timing of the availability of this information, the Compensation Committee cannot determine the level of achievement of the performance criteria until a sufficient number of S&P 900 Index companies report their earnings for the year ended December 31, 2018. As a result, the actual payout results for the 2015-2018 performance share award grants based on Relative Sales Growth will not be determined until March 2019 and such payouts will not be approved by the Compensation Committee until April 2019 after the filing of this Proxy Statement.

The following table describes the results available as of March 15, 2019, including consensus estimates for sales growth for the peer group. Shareholders are cautioned, however, that the information that follows is preliminary in nature, is subject to change based on the actual reported results of the S&P 900 Index companies and has not been approved by the Compensation Committee.

Performance Measures	Projected Performance	Projected Payout
Relative Sales Growth	86 th Percentile	200%
Net Income Margin Modifier	8.2%	80%
ESTIMATED PAYOUT		160%

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Based on this estimate, the NEOs will receive the following shares of Common Stock: Mr. Nord - 15,619, Mr. Sperry - 3,904, Mr. Bakker - 2,537, Mr. Hsieh - 2,811 and Mr. Ruland - 2,342. The actual payout of the performance share awards based on Relative Sales Growth granted in 2015 will be approved by the Compensation Committee subsequent to the date of this Proxy Statement.

Performance-Based Restricted Stock Awards

PBRS provides executives with the opportunity to earn shares of the Company's Common Stock upon satisfaction of certain pre-established performance measures. No PBRS awards were granted to the NEOs in 2018. After a review of the marketplace that showed the lack of prevalence of this type of award, the Compensation Committee determined in 2018 to revert to grants of restricted stock with a 3 year vesting schedule, as described below, similar to Hubbell's peer group.

2015, 2016 and 2017 Grants

PBRS awards were granted to the NEOs in 2015, 2016 and 2017 and will be earned if the Company's relative TSR performance over a three-year period ending December 31, 2018, December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020, respectively, is equal to or exceeds the 20th percentile as compared to the TSR of other companies in the S&P 900 Index. In the event the Company fails to meet the performance threshold the executive will forfeit the entire PBRS award. See the section entitled "Equity Award Plan Vesting Provisions" on page 48 for further information on the terms of these awards. At the end of the performance period of December 31, 2018, the Company achieved the performance criteria, thereby earning the NEOs the following shares of Common Stock representing their 2015 PBRS grant: Mr. Nord - 8,720, Mr. Sperry - 2,180, Mr. Bakker - 1,417, Mr. Hsieh - 1,570, and Mr. Ruland - 1,308.

SARs

A SAR gives the holder the right to receive, once vested, the value in shares of the Company's Common Stock equal to the positive difference between the base price and the market value of a share of Common Stock upon exercise. Generally, SARs vest in three equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date. The base price pursuant to which the value of the SARs granted in 2018 is measured is the mean between the high and low trading prices of Common Stock as reported on the NYSE on the trading day immediately preceding the date of grant (i.e. December 13, 2018 - \$105.49). For future grants, the base price will equal the mean between the high and low trading prices of our Common Stock as reported on the NYSE on the trading day immediately preceding the date of grant. The Company uses the mean between the high and low trading prices on the date immediately before the date of grant and not the closing price of its stock on the date of grant for two reasons: First, using the trading prices from the day before the grant enables the Compensation Committee to know the exact grant price and therefore the exact value of each grant before it is made. Second, because of the relatively low volume at which the Company's stock trades, it

suggests that the mean represents a more accurate picture of the fair market value of the stock than does the closing price. For purposes of determining individual award levels, the number of shares subject to each SAR is formulated on the basis of a modified Black-Scholes calculation. See the section entitled “Equity Award Plan Vesting Provisions” on page 48 for additional information on the terms of this award.

Restricted Stock

Time based restricted stock provides incentives for executives to remain employed by the Company and to create and maintain value for shareholders since the value of a restricted share depends on the executive’s continued employment and the value of the Company’s stock on the vesting date. Restricted share awards are granted in shares of the Company’s Common Stock and generally vest on the third year anniversary of the grant date.

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Compensation Policies

Stock Ownership and Retention Policy

The Company has a Stock Ownership and Retention Policy which is applicable to the NEOs as well as certain other officers and designated employees and the directors. Regarding employees, the policy requires covered employees, consistent with their responsibilities to the shareholders of the Company, to hold a significant equity interest in the Company. The terms and conditions of the policy are routinely examined to ensure consistency with current market practices and external benchmarks and alignment between the interests of the employees covered by the policy and the interests of the Company's shareholders. The policy provides:

- Until a covered employee meets his or her ownership minimum, a covered employee must retain 100% of the net shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of a SAR and all other shares directly or indirectly acquired by such covered employee.

- Once the minimum share ownership level is satisfied, the covered employee is expected to continue to satisfy such requirement for so long as he or she is subject to the policy.

- Shares that count toward the minimum share ownership requirement include shares held directly and indirectly by the covered employee, including restricted stock granted under the Equity Plan, and in the money vested (but unexercised) SARs. Shares underlying unearned performance shares are not counted.

- Covered employees have approximately five years from the earliest date such employee is granted an option to acquire Company securities (in such applicable position) to achieve their minimum ownership requirement.

Accordingly, the policy expects employees to attain a minimum share ownership level equal to their base salary times a certain multiplier, as indicated in the below table. All NEOs are in compliance with the Stock Ownership and Retention Policy.

Executive Level	Multiple of Base Salary
Chief Executive Officer	5x
Chief Operating Officer	4x
Chief Financial Officer, Group Presidents, Senior Vice Presidents, General Counsel	3x
Other Corporate Officers	2x

Compensation Recovery Policy

The Company has a Compensation Recovery Policy which provides that an executive, including a NEO, who is determined to have engaged in fraud or other gross misconduct which contributed in whole or in part to a restatement of the Company's financial results, may be subject to any one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

- Termination of employment

- Recovery of all or any portion of any performance-based cash or equity paid or vested during the previous three years that would otherwise not have been paid or vested based on the restated financial results

- Cancellation or forfeiture of any performance-based cash or equity awards not yet paid or vested or offset against future awards

All actions taken under this policy will be determined by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion upon consultation with the Audit Committee and the NCGC.

Employee Benefits

NEOs also receive employee benefits that are generally available to all employees, as well as certain retirement benefits, perquisites, severance and change in control protections. These additional benefits are similar to the types and amounts available to other senior executives of manufacturing companies as demonstrated in the benchmark data. After considering the declining prevalence of traditional pension plans in the marketplace and the importance of offering consistent, sustainable retirement benefits to all employees, in 2016 the Compensation Committee determined to freeze the Company's tax-qualified defined benefit plan ("DB Plan") and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans and add a safe harbor non-elective contribution to its tax-qualified defined contribution plan ("DC Plan"), in each case applicable to non-collectively bargained employees. The impact of these decisions is discussed below.

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Retirement Plans and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans

Qualified Pension Plans

In addition to the retirement plans which are made generally available to employees of the Company, which include a DB Plan and a DC Plan, the NEOs and certain other selected executive officers participate in various supplemental retirement plans and deferred compensation plans, which allow them to earn additional retirement benefits. The DB Plan and DC Plan provide employees, including NEOs, with retirement income. The Company contributes to the DB Plan whereas both the Company and the employee contribute to the DC Plan.

Employees hired after December 31, 2003 are not eligible to participate in the DB Plan, but may participate in the DC Plan. The Company closed the DB Plan to new employees after 2003 following its determination that it was no longer necessary in order to attract talent in the marketplace. Instead, the Company emphasized participation in the DC Plan with matching contributions and a discretionary profit sharing contribution which are more in line with current competitive retirement compensation practices.

Service credit under the DB Plan ceased effective February 28, 2017 and a subsequent freeze on eligible compensation will be effective December 31, 2020. At that time, all benefit accruals under the DB Plan will cease. The staged freezing of the DB Plan, a “soft freeze”, was designed to afford all DB Plan participants the opportunity to make any necessary adjustments to their retirement planning and afford immediate participation in the safe harbor DC Plan (discussed below) as a means of transition relief.

A safe harbor non-elective contribution was added to the DC Plan, effective January 1, 2017, to ensure that the DC Plan will pass its annual discrimination testing and to enhance the DC Plan benefits in connection with the DB Plan soft freeze. With the safe harbor contribution, the DC Plan provides that the Company will make a fully vested annual non-elective Company contribution of 4% of eligible earnings on behalf of all eligible participants, including the NEOs. Additionally, the Company will continue to make a matching contribution equal to 50% of the first 6% of a participant’s eligible earnings that he or she contributes to the DC Plan, subject to Code limitations. The matching contribution will be subject to a vesting schedule.

Mr. Bakker was the only NEO who participated in the DB Plan. In 2017, all of the NEOs were participants in the DC Plan on the same terms as other employees in the Company.

Non-Qualified Supplemental Retirement Plans

In 2018, the NEOs also participated in supplemental retirement plans including the Top Hat Restoration Plan (“DB Restoration Plan”) and the Defined Contribution Restoration Plan (“DC Restoration Plan”) which are available to DB Plan and DC Plan participants, respectively, with compensation in excess of Code limitations applicable to qualified plans, as well as the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (“Executive Plan”) which was previously available to select senior executives of the Company, if eligible, and is now frozen to future accruals.

The DB Restoration Plan is an “excess benefit plan” under which participants in the DB Plan receive additional retirement benefits, calculated in the same manner as benefits are calculated under the DB Plan, but without regard to the applicable limits on compensation or benefit accruals required by the tax-qualified plan rules. The DC Restoration Plan, also an “excess benefit plan,” enables participants in the DC Plan to receive Company contributions equal to the additional contributions such employee would have received under the DC Plan, but for the compensation limits imposed by the tax-qualified plan rules.

The DB Restoration Plan, DC Restoration Plan and Executive Plan are intended to promote the retention of our eligible senior management employees by providing them with the opportunity to earn pension and retirement benefits which supplement the benefits available under the Company’s tax-qualified retirement plans.

Non-Qualified Plan Changes

Because the DB Restoration Plan provides for accruals in tandem with those under the DB Plan and the DB Plan was the subject of a soft freeze, the Compensation Committee approved an amendment of the DB Restoration Plan to provide that benefits under the DB Restoration Plan would cease accruing on the same schedule as the DB Plan, with a freeze on credited service, effective February 28, 2017, and a subsequent freeze on eligible compensation, effective December 31, 2020.

To reflect the changes to the DC Plan, the Compensation Committee approved an amendment to the DC Restoration Plan, effective January 1, 2017, to provide each participant with (i) an annual non-elective contribution equal to the excess of 4% of eligible earnings over the amount credited as a safe harbor non-elective contribution to the DC Plan for that year and (ii) an annual matching contribution equal to 50% of the first 6% of a participant’s eligible earnings that he or she voluntarily contributes to the DC Plan and/ or defers to the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (“EDCP”) reduced by the maximum amount of matching contributions that could have been credited under the DC Plan if he had contributed the maximum amount permitted under the DC Plan for that year.

As noted above, the Executive Plan was frozen effective December 31, 2016 (including the accrual of both service and compensation credit). The Executive Plan had been closed to new participants since 2007.

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Executive Deferred Compensation Plan

The Company also has a non-qualified EDCP, which permits selected individuals, including our NEOs, to defer the receipt of up to 50% of their base salary and 100% of their short-term incentive award. The EDCP also provides for discretionary contributions by the Company. Amounts deferred under the EDCP are credited with earnings on the basis of individual investment directions made by each participant. The purpose of the EDCP is to provide a tax and retirement planning tool to selected individuals and thus assist the Company in attracting and retaining senior management. See also the “Retirement Plans” section on page 50 and the “Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation” section on page 52.

Perquisites

The Compensation Committee determined, effective March 1, 2019, that the use of a Company-provided leased vehicle or an annual vehicle allowance will no longer be available given the relative decline of this benefit in the peer group and general marketplace. In 2018, the Company provided the following limited perquisites to its NEOs: use of a Company-provided leased vehicle or an annual vehicle allowance, financial planning and tax preparation services, limited personal travel on the Company aircraft and executive physicals. These perquisites provide flexibility to the executives and increase travel efficiencies, thereby allowing more productive use of the executives’ time and protect the executives’ personal and financial health and thus the Company’s investment in their development. The Company routinely examines the competitiveness of the perquisites offered in light of the evolving competitive landscape and determines whether any modifications are appropriate. Footnote 5 to the “Summary Compensation Table” on page 42 outlines the benefits received by each NEO in 2018.

Severance and Change in Control Benefits

The Company has entered into Change in Control Severance Agreements with its NEOs which provide certain severance benefits in the event the NEOs’ employment is involuntarily or constructively terminated in connection with a change in control. Such severance benefits are designed to alleviate the financial impact of termination of employment through base salary and health benefit continuation and outplacement services, with the intent of providing for a stable work environment. In addition to general severance, the Company provides enhanced benefits to its senior executives in the event of a change in control as a means of reinforcing and encouraging their continued attention and dedication to their duties of employment without the personal distraction or conflict of interest that could arise from the occurrence of a change in control.

The Company extends severance and change in control benefits because they are essential to help the Company fulfill its objectives of attracting and retaining key managerial talent. The decision to offer these benefits does not influence the Compensation Committee’s determinations concerning other direct compensation or benefit levels. In making the decision to extend the benefits, the Compensation Committee relied on Exequity to ensure that such severance and

change in control benefits align with the policy statements put forth by governance rating agencies and market practices in the area of severance and change in control compensation.

Accordingly, the Company's Change in Control Severance Agreements contain the following provisions and reflect the types and amounts of compensation benefits payable to senior executives upon a change in control:

- Double trigger (change in control plus termination of employment) required to obtain cash severance benefit
- Lump sum cash payments not to exceed 2.75 times base salary plus short-term incentive award
- “Responsive Trigger” (LTI awards do not automatically become vested and payable upon a change in control, as described below.
- Elimination of gross ups to cover excise taxes

The treatment of LTI awards under a change in control is as follows. Upon a change in control, all awards (other than any portion subject to performance-based vesting) will continue in effect or be assumed or substituted by an acquiring company, unless the Compensation Committee elects to terminate the award or cause it to fully vest. The portion of an award that is subject to performance-based vesting will be subject to the terms of the award agreement or the Compensation Committee's discretion, as applicable.

If an award continues in effect or is assumed or substituted and a grantee's employment is terminated without cause or within twelve months following a change in control, then the award will fully vest. Similarly, if the acquiring company refuses to assume or substitute an award, the Compensation Committee may exercise its discretion to terminate the award in exchange for cash, rights or property, or cause the awards to become fully exercisable prior to the change in control.

For additional information relating to the Company's change in control and severance benefits, see the “Potential Post-Employment Compensation Arrangements” on page 53.

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Tax Deductibility of Compensation

Prior to the enactment of the TCJA on December 22, 2017, Section 162(m) of the Code generally disallowed a tax deduction to publicly held companies for compensation paid to certain executive officers in excess of \$1 million per officer in any year that did not qualify as performance-based compensation. The TCJA repealed the performance-based exception under 162(m) of the Code. As a result, subject to certain exceptions, compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to anyone serving as the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer at any time during the taxable year and the top three other highest compensated executive officers serving at fiscal year end, in addition to certain other former senior officers, is no generally longer deductible for income tax purposes. The new rules generally apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, but do not apply to remuneration provided pursuant to a written binding contract in effect on November 2, 2017, that is not modified in any material respect after that date. Payments under the Senior Plan, SARs granted under the Company's Equity Plan with an exercise price of at least fair market value, and PBRS and performance shares granted under the Equity Plan were intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code prior to its amendment.

The Compensation Committee believes that it is in the Company's best interests to maintain flexibility in the administration of the compensation program. In order to retain the flexibility to compensate the Company's management in the manner best promoting the Compensation Committee's policy objectives, the Compensation Committee does not require that all compensation be deductible. Accordingly, certain payments, including payments under the Incentive Plan, and other bonus payments and grants under the Equity Plan, such as certain pre-2018 awards, grants of restricted stock and new awards, may continue in effect even if they are subject to the \$1 million deductibility limitation of Section 162(m) of the Code.

The Compensation Committee continually evaluates the impact of the law changes and the Company's policy objectives to ensure that the Company's compensation program is administered in a manner that serves the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

Compensation Committee Report

The Committee has reviewed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and discussed its contents with members of the Company's management and the independent compensation consultants. Based on this review and discussion, the Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and in this Proxy Statement.

Compensation Committee

Richard J. Swift, Chair
Carlos M. Cardoso
Neal J. Keating
John G. Russell

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The following table sets forth the total compensation of the Company's NEOs for the years ended December 31, 2018, December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2016.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Stock Awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Option Awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan Earnings ⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	All Other Compensation ⁽⁵⁾ (\$)	Total (\$)
D. G. Nord Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	2018	1,050,500	3,275,446	1,456,492	1,680,800	—	157,425	7,620,663
	2017	1,030,000	2,752,368	1,840,819	1,220,000	1,454,235	233,749	8,531,171
	2016	1,000,000	2,809,259	1,765,939	1,380,000	2,598,258	159,153	9,712,609
W. R. Sperry Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2018	570,000	877,061	389,994	620,200	—	102,771	2,560,026
	2017	550,000	768,359	513,825	453,200	—	100,751	2,386,135
	2016	525,000	784,000	492,916	487,200	—	80,251	2,369,367
G. W. Bakker Group President, Power Systems	2018	500,000	674,648	299,997	405,000	—	87,441	1,967,086
	2017	470,000	501,054	335,092	381,600	567,886	87,086	2,342,718
	2016	450,000	511,324	321,463	330,800	588,207	22,757	2,224,551
A. Hsieh Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary	2018	480,000	559,973	248,997	430,100	—	107,045	1,826,115
	2017	465,000	491,139	328,397	338,500	—	97,255	1,720,291
	2016	440,000	501,190	315,049	357,300	—	73,433	1,686,972
R. R. Ruland Group President,	2018	480,000	529,676	235,509	403,200	—	91,163	1,739,548
	2017	460,000	467,498	312,752	322,000	—	91,720	1,653,970

Construction and Energy	2016	430,000	477,318	300,038	463,500	—	48,808	1,719,664
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(1) The amounts reported in the **Salary** column reflect salaries paid in the years indicated.

The amounts reported in the **Stock Awards** and **Option Awards** columns reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of performance-based restricted stock, performance shares and SARs granted in 2018 as calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. For a discussion of the assumptions made in the valuation, see Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for 2018 in the Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 15, 2019. The actual value that an executive may realize from an award is contingent upon the satisfaction of the vesting conditions of the award. For SARs, the actual value of the award is based upon the positive difference between the

(2) base price and the market value of a share of Common Stock on the date of exercise. Thus, there is no assurance that the value, if any, eventually realized by the executive will correspond to the amount shown. For performance shares with a total shareholder return metric, fair value is based upon the assumptions disclosed in Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Company's 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K. For performance shares with a Net Sales Growth performance metric, fair value is based upon the average between the high and low trading prices of the Company's Common Stock on the date preceding the grant date and assumes that the award will vest at target.

(3) The amounts reported in the **Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation** column reflect short-term incentive awards earned under the Company's Incentive Plan and Senior Plan.

The amounts reported in the **Change in Pension Value** column reflect the aggregate change in the actuarial present value of each NEO's accumulated benefit under the retirement plans in which he participates. See the "Employee Benefits" section on page 38 and "Retirement Plans" section on page 50. The present value of accrued benefits at December 31, 2016 is based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality tables (gender distinct) with generational projections using Scale BB-2D and a discount rate of 4.30%. The present value of accrued benefits at

(4) December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018 is based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables (gender distinct) with generational projections from 2006 using Scale MP-2017 (for 2017) and Scale MP-2018 (for 2018) and a discount rate of 3.80% and 4.40%, respectively. Participants are assumed to retire at age 62 or current age, if later. Based on these assumptions, the actuarial value of Mr. Nord's pension decreased by \$635,390 from 2017 to 2018, and Mr. Bakker's pension had a net decrease of \$43,570 from 2017 to 2018, and therefore both are reported in the table above as \$0.

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(5) The amounts reported in the **All Other Compensation** column for 2018 are detailed in the table below:

Name	Retirement Plan		Total
	Perquisites ^(a)	Contributions ^(b)	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
D. G. Nord	54,355	103,070	157,425
W. R. Sperry	31,147	71,624	102,771
G. W. Bakker	27,427	60,014	87,441
A. Hsieh	50,516	56,529	107,045
R. R. Ruland	35,023	56,140	91,163

The amounts in the **Perquisites** column reflect the incremental cost to the Company for providing the use of an automobile to Mr. Bakker and Mr. Hsieh which includes lease payments, fuel, taxes, maintenance, insurance and registration less monthly payments made by the NEO multiplied by the percentage attributable to personal use; a 12-month automobile allowance for Mr. Nord, Mr. Sperry and Mr. Ruland to be applied toward automobile related expenses; the actual cost of financial planning or tax preparation services up to a maximum of \$10,000 for Mr. Nord, Mr. Sperry, Mr. Bakker, Mr. Hsieh, and Mr. Ruland; a patent award to Mr. Ruland; the matching gifts made by The Harvey Hubbell Foundation; and personal use of the Company aircraft for Mr. Nord (\$9,355), which includes fuel costs, crew expenses, and landing, hangar, airplane parking, ramp, and maintenance fees.

The amounts in the **Retirement Plan Contributions** column reflect Company 401(k) matching contributions of \$8,250 and an automatic company retirement contribution of \$11,000 for each NEO under the DC Plan. This column also includes the following Company Retirement contribution earned under the DC Restoration Plan in 2018 to be contributed in 2019: Mr. Nord - \$79,820, Mr. Sperry - \$29,928, Mr. Bakker - \$24,264, Mr. Hsieh - \$21,740, and Mr. Ruland - \$21,080. This column also includes the following restoration match contributions under the DC Restoration Plan earned in 2018 to be made in 2019: Mr. Nord - \$4,000, Mr. Sperry - \$22,446, Mr. Bakker - \$16,500, Mr. Hsieh - \$15,539, and Mr. Ruland - \$15,810.

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The following table presents information concerning plan-based awards granted in 2018 to the NEOs under the Company's Incentive Plan, Senior Plan and Equity Plan. All stock awards are payable in shares of the Company's Common Stock.

Name	Type of Award	Grant Date	Est. Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards ⁽¹⁾			Est. Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards ⁽²⁾			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units ⁽³⁾	All Other Option Awards: Number of Shares of Underlying Options ⁽³⁾	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards ⁽⁴⁾
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Max (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Max (#)	(#)	(#)	(\$/Sh)
D. G. Nord	STI	02/08/18	656,563	1,313,125	2,626,250	—	—	—	—	—	—
	RS	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,808	—	—
	SAR	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80,336	105.49
	PS/RSG	12/14/18	—	—	—	2,455	6,137	14,729	—	—	—
	PS/OPM	12/14/18	—	—	—	2,455	6,137	14,729	—	—	—
	PS/TWC	12/14/18	—	—	—	2,454	6,136	14,726	—	—	—
W. R. Sperry	STI	02/08/18	242,250	484,500	969,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
	RS	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,697	—	—
	SAR	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,511	105.49
	PS/RSG	12/14/18	—	—	—	658	1,644	3,946	—	—	—
	PS/OPM	12/14/18	—	—	—	657	1,643	3,943	—	—	—
	PS/TWC	12/14/18	—	—	—	657	1,643	3,943	—	—	—
G. W. Bakker	STI	02/08/18	187,500	375,000	750,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
	RS	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,844	—	—
	SAR	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,547	105.49
	PS/RSG	12/14/18	—	—	—	506	1,264	3,034	—	—	—
	PS/OPM	12/14/18	—	—	—	506	1,264	3,034	—	—	—
	PS/TWC	12/14/18	—	—	—	506	1,264	3,034	—	—	—
A. Hsieh	STI	02/08/18	168,000	336,000	672,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
	RS	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,361	—	—
	SAR	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,734	105.49
	PS/RSG	12/14/18	—	—	—	420	1,049	2,518	—	—	—
	PS/OPM	12/14/18	—	—	—	420	1,049	2,518	—	—	—
	PS/TWC	12/14/18	—	—	—	420	1,049	2,518	—	—	—
R. R. Ruland	STI	02/08/18	180,000	360,000	720,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
	RS	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,233	—	—
	SAR	12/14/18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,990	105.49
	PS/RSG	12/14/18	—	—	—	397	993	2,383	—	—	—
	PS/OPM	12/14/18	—	—	—	397	992	2,381	—	—	—
	PS/TWC	12/14/18	—	—	—	397	992	2,381	—	—	—

(1) The amounts reported in the **Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards** columns reflect the target, threshold and maximum short-term incentive award opportunity for each of the NEOs under the

Company's Incentive Plan and Senior Plan. The NEOs are eligible for a payout within the threshold and maximum range depending upon several performance factors such as earnings per share, free and operating cash flow, operating profit improvement and strategic objectives. See the "Short-Term Incentive Compensation" section on page 31.

The amounts reported in the **Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards** columns reflect the target number of performance shares awarded to the NEOs under the Equity Plan on December 14, 2018, and the threshold and maximum number of performance shares that may be earned. Performance shares are earned based on three measures: (i) Relative Sales Growth (RSG), (ii) Operating Profit Margin (OPM), and (iii) Trade Working Capital. The actual number of performance shares earned will be determined at the end of a three-year period

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(3) The amounts reported in the **All Other Stock Awards and All Other Option Awards** columns reflect the number of shares of Restricted Stock (RS) and SARs awarded to each of the NEOs under the Equity Plan on December 14, 2018. SARs are subject to vesting in three equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. Upon “Retirement”, as defined on page 50, RS will vest in full. SARs and RS become fully vested upon death or disability.

(4) The amount reported in the **Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards** column reflects the mean between the high and low trading prices of the Company’s Common Stock on the trading day immediately preceding the date of grant which was the fair market value of the Company’s Common Stock as defined under the Equity Plan.

(5) The amounts reported in the **Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards** column reflect the aggregate fair value of the RS, SARs and performance share awards granted to each NEO on December 14, 2018, based upon the probable outcome of performance conditions, as applicable, as determined under FASB ASC Topic 718 and disclosed in Note 17 within the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company’s 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 15, 2019. For performance shares with a total shareholder return metric, fair value is based upon the assumptions disclosed in Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Company’s 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K. For performance shares with a Net Sales Growth performance metric, fair value is based upon the average between the high and low trading prices of the Company’s Common Stock on the date preceding the grant date and assumes that the award will vest at target.

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The following table provides information on all restricted stock, PBRs, SARs and performance share awards held by the NEOs of the Company and the value of such holdings measured as of December 31, 2018. All outstanding equity awards are in shares of the Company's Common Stock.

Name	Grant Date	Option Awards ⁽¹⁾				Stock Awards ⁽²⁾		Equity Incentive Plan Awards: No. of Unearned Shares, Units, or other Rights that have not Vested ⁽⁴⁾	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares Units or other Rights that have not Vested ⁽⁵⁾
		(#)	(#)	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	No. of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested ⁽²⁾	Market Value of Shares or Units that have not Vested ⁽³⁾		
D. G. Nord	6/6/2012	27,910	—	76.02	6/6/2022				
	12/4/2012	47,569	—	83.73	12/4/2022				
	12/10/2013	60,837	—	107.87	12/10/2023				
	12/2/2014	58,287	—	106.44	12/2/2024				
	12/8/2015	85,001	—	97.48	12/8/2025	8,720	866,245	19,524	1,939,514
	12/6/2016	62,588	31,295	113.69	12/6/2026	7,701	765,017	17,242	1,712,820
	12/5/2017	35,103	70,207	127.51	12/5/2027	7,218	717,036	14,436	1,434,072
	12/14/2018	—	80,336	105.49	12/14/2028	13,808	1,371,687	18,410	1,828,849
W. R. Sperry	12/10/2013	15,209	—	107.87	12/10/2023				
	12/02/2014	15,339	—	106.44	12/02/2024				
	12/08/2015	21,250	—	97.48	12/08/2025	2,180	216,561	4,880	484,779
	12/06/2016	17,470	8,735	113.69	12/06/2026	2,149	213,482	4,812	478,024
	12/05/2017	9,798	19,597	127.51	12/05/2027	2,015	200,170	4,030	400,340
	12/14/2018	—	21,511	105.49	12/14/2028	3,697	367,260	4,930	489,746
G. W. Bakker	12/5/2011	3,146	—	64.48	12/5/2021				
	12/4/2012	2,596	—	83.73	12/4/2022				
	12/10/2013	3,971	—	107.87	12/10/2023				
	2/1/2014	4,668	—	117.16	2/1/2024				
	12/2/2014	9,970	—	106.44	12/2/2024				
	12/8/2015	13,813	—	97.48	12/8/2025	1,417	140,765	3,172	315,106
	12/6/2016	11,393	5,697	113.69	12/6/2026	1,402	139,275	3,138	311,729
	12/5/2017	6,390	12,780	127.51	12/5/2027	1,314	130,533	2,628	261,066
	12/14/2018	—	16,547	105.49	12/14/2028	2,844	282,523	3,792	376,697
A. Hsieh	12/04/2012	8,919	—	83.73	12/04/2022				

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	12/10/2013	11,829	—	107.87	12/10/2023				
	12/2/2014	11,044	—	106.44	12/2/2024				
	12/8/2015	21,941	—	97.48	12/8/2025	1,570	155,964	3,514	349,081
	12/06/2016	11,166	5,583	113.69	12/06/2026	1,374	136,493	3,076	305,570
	12/5/2017	6,262	12,525	127.51	12/5/2027	1,288	127,950	2,576	255,900
	12/14/2018	—	13,734	105.49	12/14/2028	2,361	234,542	3,147	312,623
R. R. Ruland	12/5/2011	1,266	—	64.48	12/5/2021				
	12/4/2012	4,162	—	83.73	12/4/2022				
	12/10/2013	3,971	—	107.87	12/10/2023				
	12/2/2014	3,835	—	106.44	12/2/2024				
	7/1/2015	3,029	—	109.07	7/1/2025				
	12/8/2015	12,750	—	97.48	12/8/2025	1,308	129,937	2,928	290,868
	12/6/2016	10,634	5,317	113.69	12/6/2026	1,308	129,937	2,930	291,066
	12/5/2017	5,964	11,928	127.51	12/5/2027	1,226	121,791	2,452	243,582
	12/14/2018	—	12,990	105.49	12/14/2028	2,233	221,826	2,977	295,735

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The **Option Awards** column reflects SARs that were granted to each NEO on the dates shown. SARs entitle the recipient to receive the value in shares of the Company's Common Stock equal to the positive difference between (1) the base price and the fair market value of a share of Common Stock upon exercise. Generally, SARs vest and become exercisable in three equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date. See the "Equity Award Plan Vesting Provisions" section on page 48.

The **No. of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested** column reflects restricted stock granted on the following dates and terms: (i) 12/05/17, 12/06/16, and 12/08/15 PBRs grants - Vest at the end of a three year (2) period provided that the Company's TSR performance is greater than the 20th percentile of the Standard & Poor's 900 Index; and (ii) 12/08/15, 12/06/16, 12/05/17 and 12/14/18 RS grants - Vest in three equal installments on the anniversary of the grant date. See the "Equity Award Plan Vesting Provisions" section on page 48.

The **Market Value of Shares or Units that have not Vested** is based upon the closing market price of the (3) Company's Common Stock on December 31, 2018 of \$99.34.

The **Equity Incentive Plan Awards** column reflects performance shares granted on the following dates and terms for the performance periods noted: 12/14/18 - Vest based on achievement of each of three measures as described in the "Performance Share Awards" section on page 35 at the end of a three-year performance period (1/1/19 - (4) 12/31/21), as adjusted based on TSR performance. 12/05/17, 12/06/16, and 12/08/15 - Vest based on two equally weighted measures as described in the "Performance Share Awards" section on page 35 at the end of a three-year performance period (1/1/18 - 12/31/20, 1/1/17 - 12/31/19, and 1/1/16 - 12/31/18, respectively).

The **Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares that have not Vested** column is based upon the closing (5) market price of the Company's Common Stock on December 31, 2018 of \$99.34.

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The following table describes the terms of each of the equity incentive awards granted to the NEOs in December 2018.

	Restricted Stock	Performance Shares			Stock Appreciation Rights
Weighting	30%	40%			30%
Description	A promise to receive a number of shares on the third year anniversary of the grant date.	A promise to receive a number of shares, the ultimate payout of which can vary based upon achievements relative to the performance metrics and ranges described below.			Right to receive, in stock, the appreciation in value between the stock price on the date of grant and date of exercise.
Abbreviation	RS	PS/RSG	PS/OPM	PS/TWC	SARs
Metric	–	Relative Sales Growth	Operating Profit Margin	Trade Working Capital as a % of Sales	–
Comparator	–	Performance goals established for each metric or the S&P Capital Goods 900			–
Vesting Period	December 14, 2021	January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021			1/3 on the anniversary of the grant date
Range/Payout	100% of shares will vest on the 3rd anniversary of the grant date.	Initial Payout can range from 0 to 200% of the original grant amount. See the “Performance Share Awards” section on page 35.			–
		Modifier			
		Each performance metric is further modified by the relative TSR performance of Hubbell as shown in the table below:			
		Hubbell Relative TSR Percentile	Award Multiplier		
		>80 th	X 1.2		
		<20 th	X .8		

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In compliance with Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Act and Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K, the SEC requires annual disclosure of the ratio of the CEO's annual total compensation to the annual total compensation of the median employee. Mr. Nord had a 2018 annual total compensation of \$7,620,663 as reflected in the above Summary Compensation Table. Hubbell's median employee's annual total compensation for 2018, as described more fully below, was estimated as \$45,168. As a result, we estimate that Mr. Nord's annual compensation was approximately 169 times that of Hubbell's median employee.

We identified the median of the annual total compensation of all our employees by examining the 2018 annual salary for all employees, excluding the CEO, who were employed by us on October 23, 2018, as reflected in our payroll records as reported to the Internal Revenue Service on Form W-2 for 2018, as well as our payroll records for all non-U.S. entities. Included in our calculations this year were the employees acquired as part of the Company's acquisition of both: (i) Meramec Instrument Transformer Company in November, 2017 (156 employees) and (ii) Aclara Meters in February, 2018 (1,791 employees). Such inclusions caused the identification of a new median employee in 2018. We did not make any assumptions, adjustments, or estimates with respect to this compensation measure and we did not annualize the compensation for any full-time employees (including the employees of Aclara Meters) that were not employed by us for all of 2018. After identifying the median employee, we calculated annual total compensation for such employee in accordance with the requirements of Item 402(c)(2)(x) of Regulation S-K. With respect to the annual total compensation of our CEO, we used the amount reported in the "Total" column reported in the above Summary Compensation Table.

Due to the use by other companies of estimates, assumptions, adjustments, and statistical sampling permitted by Item 402(u), pay ratio disclosures generally may involve a degree of imprecision. Accordingly, our pay ratio is merely a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(u) and may not be comparable to the pay ratio disclosures of other companies.

Post-Termination Vesting Terms for Equity Plan Grants

The following table shows the vesting provisions of equity awards post-termination under the scenarios shown. For each of these award types, "Retirement" shall mean that the NEO has terminated employment with the Company, is of a minimum of age 55 and the executive's age plus years of service with the Company equals or exceeds 70.

Award Type	Involuntary Termination (without cause) and Voluntary Termination	Retirement	Death/Disability
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Restricted Stock

<p>PBRS (performance-based)</p>	<p>Unvested PBRS forfeited</p>	<p>Unvested PBRS remain eligible to vest provided that the performance conditions are met during the performance period</p>	<p>Unvested PBRS fully vest</p>
<p>RS (time-based)</p>	<p>Unvested shares forfeited</p>	<p>Unvested shares fully vest</p>	<p>Unvested shares fully vest</p>
<p>Performance Shares</p>	<p>Unvested shares forfeited</p>	<p>Eligible for payment of a pro-rata portion of shares based on the number of months the executive served during the performance period</p>	<p>Target number of shares fully vest</p>
<p>SARs</p>	<p>Unvested SARs forfeited. Vested SARs are exercisable for the earlier of 90 days after the termination date or the 10th anniversary of the grant date.</p>	<p>Unvested SARs continue to vest in the normal course. Vested SARs are exercisable until the 10th anniversary of the grant date.</p>	<p>Unvested SARs fully vest. Following disability termination, vested SARs are exercisable for the earlier of 90 days after the termination date or the 10th anniversary of the grant date. Upon death (or if the NEO dies within 90 days of termination of service due to disability) SARs are exercisable for the earlier of 1 year after death or the 10th anniversary of the grant date.</p>

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The following table provides information on the number of shares acquired and the value realized by the NEOs during fiscal year 2018 on the exercise of SARs and on the vesting of restricted stock.

Name	Option Awards ⁽¹⁾		Stock Awards	
	No. of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized Upon Exercise (\$)	No. of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized Upon Vesting (\$)
D. G. Nord	42,178	3,010,481	7,588	983,784 ⁽²⁾
	—	—	16,571	1,919,750 ⁽³⁾
W. R. Sperry	—	—	1,997	258,911 ⁽²⁾
	—	—	4,360	505,106 ⁽³⁾
G. W. Bakker	—	—	1,298	168,286 ⁽²⁾
	—	—	2,833	328,203 ⁽³⁾
A. Hsieh	—	—	1,866	230,957 ⁽²⁾
	—	—	3,138	363,537 ⁽³⁾
R. R. Ruland	—	—	722	88,275 ⁽²⁾
	—	—	1,088	126,045 ⁽³⁾

The amounts reported in the **Option Awards - Value Realized Upon Exercise** column reflect the number of (1) shares acquired upon exercise multiplied by the difference between the base price of the SAR and the market price of the Company's Common Stock on the date of exercise.

The amounts reported in the **Stock Awards - Value Realized Upon Vesting** column reflect the number of shares (2) of PBRS and time-based restricted stock, as applicable, acquired upon vesting multiplied by the closing market price of the Company's Common Stock on the following vesting dates: February 8, 2018 - \$129.65, June 29, 2018 - \$105.74 and December 7, 2018 - \$104.02.

The amounts reported in the **Stock Awards - Value Realized Upon Vesting** column reflect the number of (3) performance shares earned multiplied by the closing market price of the Company's Common Stock on February 14, 2019, \$115.85, the date the delivery of the performance shares was approved for the performance period ending December 31, 2018.

Retirement Plans**Pension Benefits in Fiscal Year 2018**

The following table provides information on the retirement benefits for the NEOs under the Company's DB Plan, DB Restoration Plan, and Executive Plan (non-qualified plans, collectively, "Supplemental Plans") in which they participate.

See the “Employee Benefits” section on page 38.

Name	Plan Name	No. of Years Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Payments During the Last Fiscal Year (\$)
D. G. Nord	Executive Plan	10.00	16,301,702	—
G. W. Bakker	DB Plan	25.92	669,455	—
	DB Restoration Plan	25.92	1,631,625	—

For the DB Plan and Supplemental Plans, the present value of accrued benefits at December 31, 2018 are determined based on the RP-2014 Healthy Mortality tables (gender distinct) with generational projections using Scale MP-2018 and using a discount rate of 4.40%. Participants are assumed to retire at age 62 or current age, if later.

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Pension Benefit Calculations

The following paragraphs describe the manner in which benefits are calculated under each of the Company's retirement plans:

DB Plan and DB Restoration Plan

The DB Plan provides for participation by all regular full-time salaried employees (other than employees who are subject to a collective-bargaining agreement) who were employed by covered Company businesses on December 31, 2003. The annual benefits under the DB Plan upon normal retirement (age 65) are calculated under the following two formulas in which Final Average Pay refers to the average of the executive's highest three consecutive earnings (base salary and short-term incentives) in the last ten years:

For participants age 50 with 10 years of service at January 1, 2004 ("Grandfathered Participants"):

For all other participants hired before January 1, 2004, the formula is as follows:

Grandfathered Participants will have benefits earned after 2003 calculated under whichever of the above two formulas produces a higher benefit. Early retirement (age 55 and at least 10 years of service) benefits are calculated under the same formula as normal retirement benefits, but reduced by 0.6% (0.3% for Grandfathered Participants) for each month by which the executive's early retirement is after age 60, but before age 65, and 0.3% (0.5% for Grandfathered Participants) for each month by which the executive's early retirement precedes age 60. Lump sum payments can be elected under the DB plan within one year from separation of employment.

Benefits under the DB Restoration Plan are calculated in the same manner as benefits under the DB Plan, but without regard to any limits on compensation or benefit accruals that may apply under the DB Plan as required by the tax-qualified plan rules. DB Restoration benefits are payable based on a life annuity distribution (although 50% of the benefits are payable to the participant's surviving spouse in the event of his or her death after commencing benefits), except that benefits are paid out as a lump sum if a participant as of the date of a change in control experiences a termination of employment within 2 years following the change in control.

As described in the “Employee Benefits” section on page 38, Years of Service will be frozen under the DB Plan and the DB Restoration Plan effective February 28, 2017 and Final Average Pay, Social Security Covered Compensation, and Social Security Benefit will be frozen under the DB Plan and the DB Restoration Plan effective December 31, 2020.

Executive Plan

The Executive Plan provides designated executives the opportunity to earn pension benefits supplementing those earned under the DB Plan. Executive Plan benefits upon normal retirement (age 65) are calculated using the following formula in which Final Total Compensation refers to the average of the executive’s highest three earnings (base salary and short-term incentive) over the ten years prior to December 31, 2016:

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Executive Plan benefits upon early retirement (on or after age 55) are calculated under the same formula as normal retirement benefits except that the early retirement benefit is reduced by 0.3% for each month by which the executive's early retirement precedes age 62, and by an additional 0.2% for each month by which the executive's early retirement precedes age 60. Executive Plan benefits are payable based on a life annuity distribution (although 50% of the benefits are payable to the participant's surviving spouse in the event of his or her death after commencing benefits), except that benefits are paid out as a lump sum if a participant as of the date of a change in control experiences a termination of employment within 2 years following the change in control. Participation in the Executive Plan is at the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee which closed the Plan to new participants in 2007. As described under the "Employee Benefits" section on page 38, all benefit accruals under the Executive Plan were frozen effective as of December 31, 2016.

DC Plan and DC Restoration Plan

Under the DC Plan as in effect through December 31, 2016, the Company provided a discretionary profit sharing contribution. Certain full-time salaried employees hired on or after January 1, 2004 were eligible to receive such discretionary contribution, which was made after year end at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The amount was determined by multiplying the sum of the employee's base salary and short-term incentive compensation by a certain percentage approved by the Board of Directors, which in recent years has been 4%. There was no guarantee; however, that percentage would continue in future years.

As described under the Employee Benefits section on page 38, effective January 1, 2017, the DC Plan provides eligible participants with a fixed non-elective contribution of 4% of eligible earnings and a matching contribution equal to 50% of the first 6% of a participant's eligible earnings that he or she voluntarily contributes to the DC Plan.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company adopted the DC Restoration Plan to allow for additional profit sharing and other contributions for those employees whose contributions are limited under the tax-qualified DC Plan due to compensation limits imposed by the IRS. Employees impacted by those limitations receive a contribution under the DC Restoration Plan equal to the same percentage used for the DC Plan multiplied by their eligible earnings in excess of the IRS limits.

As described above, effective January 1, 2017, the Company amended the DC Restoration Plan to provide each participant with (i) an annual non-elective contribution equal to the excess of 4% of eligible earnings over the amount credited as a safe harbor non-elective contribution to the DC Plan for that year and (ii) an annual matching contribution equal to 50% of the first 6% of a participant's eligible earnings that he or she voluntarily contributes to the DC Plan and/or defers to the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan less the maximum amount of matching contributions that could have been credited under the DC Plan if he had contributed the maximum amount permitted under the DC Plan for that year.

Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

Executive Deferred Compensation Plan

The EDCP enables certain designated executives to defer up to 50% of their annual base salary and up to 100% of their annual short-term incentive compensation. Amounts deferred into the EDCP are invested at the discretion of the participant in the same mutual funds available to all employees in the DC plan and all participants are immediately 100% vested in the amounts they elect to defer. The Company is permitted to make discretionary contributions to EDCP participants and to make contributions subject to vesting conditions or other restrictions. Since the EDCP's adoption in 2008, however, no discretionary Company contributions have been made.

Participants are generally required to make their deferral elections by December 31 of the year prior to the year in which the base pay is paid, and the short-term incentive award is earned. At that time, participants also elect the future date for distributions. Distributions can be made at any time while the participant remains an employee (but no sooner than two years after the year for which the deferral is made) or upon separation from service or a change in control. Distributions upon separation from service may be made in lump sum or installments over 5, 10 or 15 years. In service distributions and distributions upon a change in control are made in a lump sum. Participants may also access their accounts under the EDCP in the event of an unforeseen emergency.

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The following table provides information on the benefits payable to each NEO under the Company's EDCP and DC Restoration Plan:

Name	Executive Contributions in 2018⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Registrant Contributions in 2018⁽²⁾ (\$)	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY⁽³⁾ (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at 12/31/18⁽⁴⁾ (\$)
D. G. Nord	—	149,800	(213,472)	—	3,561,313
W. R. Sperry	39,900	53,704	(13,136)	—	283,392
G. W. Bakker	25,000	37,156	(21,377)	—	356,646
A. Hsieh	23,077	38,661	(6,110)	—	130,237
R. R. Ruland	257,600	45,745	(30,889)	—	639,952

The amounts reported in the **Executive Contributions in 2018** column reflect an elective contribution by Mr. Ruland of 80% of his short-term incentive awards into the EDCP, and elective contributions for base salary as follows: Mr. Sperry - 7%, Mr. Bakker - 5%, and Mr. Hsieh - 5%. The short-term incentive amounts were earned (1) and deferred for services in 2017, but contributed to the EDCP in April 2018, which is the time payments under the Senior Plan are generally made. The amounts in this column include amounts also included in the Summary Compensation Table for 2018 under the Salary column (for 2018) and the Non-Equity Incentive Compensation Plan column (for 2017).

The amount reported in the **Registrant Contributions in 2018** column reflects contributions for Mr. Nord, Mr. Sperry, Mr. Ruland and Mr. Hsieh under the DC Restoration Plan earned for services in 2017 and contributed in 2018. The amount does not include the following accrued restoration company retirement contribution and (2) restoration match contributions earned in 2018 to be contributed in 2019 which amounts are detailed in the footnote and included in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 42 for 2018: Mr. Nord - \$83,820, Mr. Sperry - \$52,374, Mr. Bakker - \$40,764, Mr. Hsieh - \$37,279, and Mr. Ruland - \$36,890.

The amounts reported in the **Aggregate Earnings in Last FY** column include aggregate notional earnings on the EDCP account balances and the DC Restoration Plan balances in 2018. Amounts deferred under the EDCP and the (3) DC Restoration Plan are credited with earnings on the basis of individual investment directions made by each participant.

The amounts reported in the **Aggregate Balance at 12/31/18** column reflect Mr. Nord's and Mr. Ruland's balance in (4) the EDCP and in the DC Restoration Plan and for Mr. Bakker, his balance in the EDCP. For Mr. Sperry and Mr. Hsieh, the amounts shown reflect their balances in the DC Restoration Plan.

The material terms of the non-qualified deferred compensation plans are further described under the "Pension Benefit Calculations" section on page 51 and the "Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation" section above.

Potential Post-Employment Compensation Arrangements

The Company offers post-employment compensation and benefits to the NEOs under its general Severance Policy (which is also available to senior level employees), Equity Plan, STI Plans, benefit plans and retirement plans, and pursuant to individual change in control severance agreements (“CIC Agreements”) that provide compensation and benefits only in the event of a change in control. The section below describes the types of compensation and benefits a NEO is eligible for under these plans, policies and agreements based on five termination scenarios (i) involuntary termination, (ii) death, (iii) disability, (iv) retirement and (v) change in control and involuntary termination. No incremental amounts are payable to the NEOs upon voluntary termination or termination for cause.

Severance Policy

The Company has a Severance Policy which offers severance benefits to the NEOs and other members of senior management in the event of involuntary termination or termination for reasons other than cause (the “Severance Policy”). The Severance Policy offers the following benefits:

- 4 weeks base salary continuation for each year of service with a minimum of 26 weeks and a maximum of 78 weeks
- Continued medical, dental and life insurance benefits for the salary continuation period
- Pro-rated portion of their target short-term incentive award earned through the date of termination
- Outplacement services for up to 12 months

In the event of termination of employment due to retirement, death, disability, or a change in control, there are no benefits payable under the general Severance Policy. However, in the event of a change in control, the NEOs would be eligible for severance benefits pursuant to the terms of their CIC Agreements as described on page 55.

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All of the NEOs received grants under the Equity Plan in 2018. The treatment of equity awards upon involuntary termination, retirement and death and disability is set forth in the table below.

Award Type	Involuntary Termination	Retirement⁽¹⁾	Death / Disability
PBRS	Unvested PBRS forfeited	Unvested PBRS are eligible to vest provided that the performance conditions are met	Unvested PBRS fully vest
Performance Shares	Unvested shares forfeited	Eligible for a pro-rata portion of shares based on the number of months the NEO served during the performance period	Target number of shares fully vest
RS (time-based)	Unvested shares forfeited	Unvested shares fully vest	Unvested shares fully vest
SARs	Unvested SARs forfeited. May exercise vested SARs for the earlier of 90 days after the termination date or the 10 th anniversary of the grant date	Unvested SARs continue to vest in the normal course. Vested SARs exercisable until the 10 th anniversary of the grant date	Unvested SARs fully vest. Following disability termination, vested SARs are exercisable for the earlier of 90 days after the termination date or the 10 th anniversary of the grant date. Upon death (or if the NEO dies within 90 days of termination due to disability) SARs are exercisable for the earlier of one year after death or the 10 th anniversary of the grant date

(1) Retirement means that the NEO has terminated employment with the Company, is minimum age 55 and the executive's age plus years of service with the Company equals or exceeds 70.

Awards granted on or after December 6, 2016 will no longer automatically become vested and payable upon a change in control, rather the awards may vest in the discretion of the Compensation Committee in the event they are not assumed by the acquiring company. The table below shows the treatment of equity awards upon a change in control:

Change in Control		Change in Control and Involuntary Termination	
Pre 12/06/16		Pre 12/06/16	
Equity Grants	12/06/16 Equity Grants	Equity Grants	12/06/16 Equity Grants
Unvested awards fully vest	Unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, unvested time-based RS and SARs will be assumed by the acquirer and continue to vest. Treatment of unvested PBRS and PS are subject to discretion of the	Unvested awards fully vest	Unvested awards fully vest only if the NEO is involuntarily terminated within 12 months following a change in control

Compensation Committee

Short-Term Incentive Award Plans

In 2018, the NEOs participated in the Senior Plan or the Incentive Plan, as applicable. In the event of involuntary termination, the NEOs would be entitled to receive a pro-rated portion of their target short-term incentive award earned through the date of termination pursuant to the Severance Policy (as discussed above). If a NEO's employment is terminated due to retirement, death or disability, generally the executive would also receive a pro-rated incentive award earned through the date of termination. In the event of a change in control, the NEOs would only be eligible to receive the short-term incentive award benefits prescribed under their CIC Agreements discussed below.

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Change in Control Service Agreements

The Company is a party to CIC Agreements with the NEOs which provide severance benefits in the event of a termination of employment by the executive for good reason or by the Company (other than for cause or due to the executive's death, disability or retirement) within two years after a change in control or, in certain circumstances, in anticipation of a change in control. A "change in control" is generally defined as a change in the majority of the Company's Board of Directors during any 12 month period, the acquisition by a party directly or indirectly of 30% or more of the voting power of the Company during any 12 month period, a sale of substantially all of the Company's assets and the acquisition by a party of more than 50% of either the voting power of the Company or the fair market value of the Company. CIC Agreements may only be granted with the approval of the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee.

In the event of a change in control, the benefits provided to the NEOs under their CIC Agreements are as follows:

- Lump sum payment of the NEO's base salary multiplied by 2.75 for Mr. Nord, and 2.5 for the other named executive officers.
- Continued medical, dental, vision and insurance benefits after termination for 2.75 years for Mr. Nord, and 2.5 years for the other NEOs.
- Lump sum payment of the average short-term incentive awards received by the NEO in the three years preceding the change in control multiplied by 2.75 for Mr. Nord and 2.5 for the other NEOs.
- A lump sum payment of the pro-rated portion of their annual short-term incentive award target for the year in which the termination occurs.
- The incremental value of additional age and service credit under all applicable Supplemental Plans (subject to the terms of each plan freeze) payable as a lump sum.
- Outplacement services up to 12 months following termination at a cost not to exceed 15% of the NEO's annual base salary.

The CIC Agreements contain a provision whereby the severance multiple is reduced in monthly increments over the two-year period following the NEO's 63rd birthday until it reaches one times the executive's base salary and average short-term incentive award. Payments under the CIC Agreements are offset by severance or similar payments and/or benefits received by the executive under any other Company plan or policy. The CIC Agreements also provide that if an executive would have otherwise incurred excise taxes under Section 4999 of the Code, such payments may be reduced to the "safe harbor amount" so that no excise taxes would be due, if such reduction would result in the executive being in a better net after tax position. The CIC Agreements do not provide for any tax gross up in the event the payments are not reduced and thus the executive would be required to pay any excise taxes under Section 4999 of the Code. No benefits are payable under the CIC Agreements if a NEO is terminated for "cause" or if the NEO terminates employment other than for "good reason" as defined in the CIC Agreements.

The Company has established a grantor trust to secure the benefits to be provided under the CIC Agreements, the Supplemental Plans and other plans maintained by the Company for the benefit of members of the Company's senior management.

Supplemental Plans

Under the terms of the Executive Plan and the DB Restoration Plan, upon a termination of employment due to disability, a participant is entitled to an unreduced immediate pension benefit based upon such participant's service projected to age 65 (subject to the terms of each plan freeze).

Certain provisions of the Executive Plan do not take effect until the occurrence of certain change in control events. Among other provisions, the Executive Plan provides for the (i) suspension, reduction or termination of benefits in cases of gross misconduct by a participant; (ii) forfeiture of benefits if a retired participant engages in certain competitive activities; (iii) reduction in benefits upon early retirement; and (iv) offset of amounts which a participant may then owe the Company against amounts then owing the participant under the Executive Plan are automatically deleted upon the occurrence of a change in control event. In addition, a participant's years of service with the Company (as calculated for the purpose of determining eligibility for Executive Plan and the DB Restoration Plan benefits) and benefits accrued prior to the change in control event, may not be reduced after the occurrence of a change in control. If a participant's employment is terminated within 2 years after a change in control, the participant will receive payment of Executive Plan and DB Restoration Plan benefits in one lump sum within 10 days after termination. In addition, all amounts under the DC Restoration Plan are paid in a lump sum within 60 days following a change in control.

As described above, the CIC Agreements also provide for additional incremental benefits under the Supplemental Plans upon qualifying terminations of employment in connection with a change in control.

The following table reflects the estimated incremental post-termination amounts that would have been payable to a NEO on December 31, 2018 in the event of death, disability, involuntary termination, retirement, or a change in control and involuntary termination. There is no incremental benefit to a NEO solely upon a change in control unless such officer experiences a qualifying termination following a change in control. The amounts in the table are calculated in accordance with the terms of the applicable plans, policies and agreements described in the preceding table and assume that the NEO has met the applicable eligibility requirements. The amounts in the table DO NOT include (i) any value that would be realized upon the exercise of vested SARs and (ii) the estimated value of vested and accrued pension benefits that would be received upon any termination of employment under the Company's retirement plans.

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Name	Severance⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Equity Awards with Accelerated Vesting⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ (\$)	Pension Benefits⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	Welfare Benefits⁽⁵⁾ (\$)	Total (\$)
D. G. Nord					
Death	—	10,635,241	—	—	10,635,241
Disability	—	10,635,241	—	—	10,635,241
Involuntary Termination	2,363,629	3,719,985	—	177,127	6,260,741
Retirement	—	3,719,985	—	—	3,719,985
Change in Control and Involuntary Termination ⁽⁶⁾	4,943,185	10,635,241	2,636,867	211,409	18,426,702
W. R. Sperry					
Death	—	2,850,363	—	—	2,850,363
Disability	—	2,850,363	—	—	2,850,363
Involuntary Termination	922,980	—	—	100,500	1,023,480
Change in Control and Involuntary Termination ⁽⁶⁾	1,943,688	2,850,363	—	134,245	4,928,296
G. W. Bakker					
Death	—	1,957,693	—	—	1,957,693
Disability	—	1,957,693	497,971	—	2,455,664
Involuntary Termination	1,124,970	—	—	100,740	1,225,710
Change in Control and Involuntary Termination ⁽⁶⁾	1,280,540	1,957,693	240,911	117,930	3,597,074
A. Hsieh					
Death	—	1,878,122	—	—	1,878,122
Disability	—	1,878,122	—	—	1,878,122
Involuntary Termination	576,006	—	—	79,202	655,208
Change in Control and Involuntary Termination ⁽⁶⁾	1,674,710	1,878,122	—	107,975	3,660,807
R. R. Ruland					
Death	—	1,724,742	—	—	1,724,742
Disability	—	1,724,742	—	—	1,724,742
Involuntary Termination	987,708	603,491	—	92,196	1,683,395
Retirement	—	603,491	—	—	603,491
Change in Control and Involuntary Termination ⁽⁶⁾	1,273,014	1,724,742	—	110,553	3,108,309

The amounts reported in the **Severance** column are equal to the product of (a) a multiple specified in each NEO's CIC Agreement and (b) the sum of (x) the NEO's base salary and (y) the average of the actual bonuses payable to (1) the executive over the most recent three years. The specified multiple may be reduced pursuant to the CIC Agreements, as discussed further in the "Change in Control Severance Agreements" section below. In addition, Severance includes a pro rata portion of the NEO's target bonus through the date of termination.

(2) The amounts reported in the **Equity Awards with Accelerated Vesting** column reflect the value realized by the NEO upon the exercise of all unvested SARs, the vesting of all unvested PBRS, time-based restricted stock and

performance shares upon death, disability, or a qualifying change in control. Upon a change in control, if the unvested time-based restricted stock and SARs are assumed by the acquirer and an NEO is terminated without cause within one year of such change in control, such awards will become fully vested prior to the date of termination. If the NEO is not terminated without cause within one year of the change in control, such equity awards will not accelerate. Treatment of unvested PBRS and PS upon a change in control shall be subject to the discretion of the Compensation Committee.

For Mr. Nord and Mr. Ruland, both of whom meet the definition of retirement, the amounts shown reflect the value realized upon the vesting of all unvested restricted shares upon retirement. The value realized is calculated using the closing market price of the Company's Common Stock on December 31, 2018, the last business day of 2018, of (3) \$99.34. The amounts shown do not include the value of (i) SARs that are unvested at retirement, but become exercisable post-retirement, or (ii) outstanding performance shares at retirement which may vest on a pro-rated basis at the end of the applicable performance period.

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The amounts reported in the **Disability** rows are calculated based on a 4.40% discount rate and using the disability mortality table published in Internal Revenue Ruling 96-7. This table assumes a different life expectancy than the (4) tables used to calculate the present value of accumulated benefits under the Company's retirement plans. In the event of disability, the incremental retirement plan benefit was calculated by comparing the disability benefit to the vested accrued benefit under the qualified and non-qualified plans as of December 31, 2018.

The amounts reported in the **Welfare** column include the payment of outplacement services for the NEOs for up to (5) twelve months and insurance benefit continuation calculated in accordance with the terms of the Severance Policy and CIC Agreements, as applicable.

No benefits shall become payable to the NEOs upon a change in control due to their unvested time-based restricted stock and SARs until and unless the NEO experiences a qualifying termination related to such change in control.

(6) Treatment of unvested PBRs and PS upon a change in control shall be subject to the discretion of the Compensation Committee.

Ratification of the Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Proposal 2

General

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention, evaluation and termination of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (independent auditor). The Audit Committee is also responsible for overseeing the negotiation of the audit fees associated with the retention of the independent auditor. The Audit Committee has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent auditor for 2019. In executing its responsibilities, the Audit Committee engages in an annual evaluation of the independent auditor's qualifications, performance and independence. The Audit Committee regularly meets with the lead audit partner without members of management present which provides the opportunity for continuous assessment of the independent auditor's effectiveness and independence and for consideration of rotating audit firms.

Although ratification of our selection of independent auditors is not required, we value the opinions of our shareholders and wish to submit the matter to a vote at the 2019 Annual Meeting as a matter of sound corporate governance.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has served as the Company's independent auditors since at least 1961. The Audit Committee periodically takes into consideration whether there should be a regular rotation of the independent auditor. Additionally, in accordance with SEC rules, the independent auditor's lead engagement partner rotates every five years. The Audit Committee is directly involved in the selection of the independent auditor's lead engagement partner.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors believes that the continued retention of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to serve as the Company's independent external audit firm for 2019 is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. We have been advised that a representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to respond to appropriate questions and will be afforded the opportunity to make a statement

if desired.

In the event the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not ratified by the shareholders, the Audit Committee would reconsider the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent auditor. Even if the selection of independent auditors is ratified, the Audit Committee still retains the discretion to select a different independent auditor at any time if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders.

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The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of our Common Stock is required to ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company. Abstentions will not affect the voting results. Brokers have the discretionary authority to vote on the ratification of auditors and therefore we do not expect any broker non-votes in connection with the ratification.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE **“FOR”** THE RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP.

Audit and Non-Audit Fees

The following table shows the aggregate fees for professional services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to the Company and its subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

	2018	2017
Audit Fees ⁽¹⁾	\$4,315,000	\$3,188,000
Audit-Related Fees ⁽²⁾	110,000	307,000
Tax Fees ⁽³⁾	33,000	25,000
All Other Fees ⁽⁴⁾	7,000	6,000
TOTAL FEES	\$4,465,000	\$3,526,000

The amount included under **Audit Fees** consists of fees for professional services rendered for the audits of the Company’s consolidated annual financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial (1) reporting. Audit Fees also include review of the interim consolidated financial statements included in quarterly reports and services that are normally provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

The amount included under **Audit-Related Fees** consists of fees for assurance and related services that are (2) reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company’s consolidated financial statements and are not reported under Audit Fees. This category includes fees principally related to ASC 842 and audits of employee benefit plans.

(3) The amount included under **Tax Fees** consists primarily of services associated with U.S. tax reform.

The amount included under **All Other Fees** consists of fees for products and services other than the services (4) reported above. These services related to subscription services purchased from the independent registered public accounting firm.

Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy

The Company's Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy (the "Services Policy") sets forth the policies and procedures by which the Audit Committee reviews and approves all services to be provided by the independent auditors prior to their engagement. The Services Policy underscores the need to ensure the independence of the independent auditor while recognizing that the independent auditor may possess the expertise on certain matters that best position it to provide the most effective and efficient services on certain matters unrelated to accounting and auditing.

The Audit Committee will only pre-approve the services that it believes enhance the Company's ability to manage or control risk. The Audit Committee is also mindful of the relationship between fees for audit and non-audit services in deciding whether to pre-approve any such services. The Services Policy provides the Audit Committee with a description of services that can be performed such as audit, audit-related, tax and other permissible non-audit services. The Audit Committee periodically monitors the services rendered and actual fees paid to the independent auditors. Any proposed services exceeding pre-approved amounts also requires pre-approval by the Audit Committee. In the interim periods during which the Audit Committee is not scheduled to meet, the Chairman of the Audit Committee can authorize spending which exceeds pre-approved levels. As part of the process, the Audit Committee shall consider whether such services are consistent with SEC rules and regulations on auditor independence.

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Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is comprised of independent Directors functioning in accordance with a written charter adopted and approved by the Board of Directors effective December 5, 2017, which Charter is reviewed annually by the Audit Committee. As provided in the Charter, the Audit Committee assists the Company's Directors in fulfilling their responsibilities relating to corporate accounting, the quality and integrity of the Company's financial reports, and the Company's reporting practices. The functions of the Audit Committee are further described in the "Corporate Governance" section on page 16.

In connection with the discharge of its responsibilities, the Audit Committee has taken a number of actions, including, but not limited to, the following:

- The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the Company's audited financial statements;

- The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; and

- The Audit Committee received from the independent registered public accounting firm the written disclosures and letter required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, discussed their independence with them and satisfied itself as to the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm.

Based on the foregoing reviews and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the Company's Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 for filing with the SEC.

Audit Committee

Steven R. Shawley, Chair
Carlos M. Cardoso
Bonnie C. Lind
John F. Malloy
Judith F. Marks

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Advisory Vote on the Compensation of Our Named Executive Officers Proposal 3

We have determined that our shareholders should vote on the compensation of our NEOs each year, consistent with the preference expressed by our shareholders at the 2017 Annual Meeting. In accordance with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, we are requesting shareholder approval, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, of the compensation of our NEOs as presented in this Proxy Statement in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 24 and the compensation tables and accompanying narrative disclosure in the Executive Compensation section beginning on page 42. It is expected that the next vote on the frequency of a vote on the compensation of our NEOs will occur at the 2023 Annual Meeting of shareholders.

Accordingly, we will present the following resolution for vote at the Annual Meeting:

“RESOLVED, that the shareholders of Hubbell Incorporated (the “Company”) approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and disclosed in the 2018 Summary Compensation Table and related compensation tables and narrative disclosure as set forth in this Proxy Statement.”

As described more fully in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, our executive compensation program has been designed to attract and retain highly talented executives, deliver compensation that is competitive and fair compared to relevant benchmarks, reward strong Company performance and motivate executives to maximize long-term shareholder returns. To achieve our objectives, we have adopted and maintain sound compensation governance practices and a strong pay for performance philosophy pursuant to which the greatest portion of an executive’s total direct compensation is variable and therefore linked to performance on both a short-term and long-term basis.

Highlights of our program include:

- Base salaries and annual short-term incentive awards targeted at the 50th percentile for similarly sized companies, with awards paid upon achievement of established targets
- A mixture of salary and incentive compensation that provides for an average of 70% of the NEOs’ compensation to be “at-risk” and dependent on individual and company performance
- Caps on incentive award payouts and the elimination of payouts for performance below a minimum threshold
- Performance goals designed to challenge executives to high levels of performance and offer incentive compensation only upon achievement of such goals

- Requirement for senior executives, including the NEOs, to own and retain Company stock equal to between 3, 4 and 5 times their base salary
- A Compensation Recovery Policy to recover performance-based compensation under certain prescribed acts of misconduct and/ or terminate the executive
- Limited perquisites and no tax gross ups of any kind
- Closed participation in all Company supplemental retirement plans in 2007 and froze the plans effective December 31, 2016
- Annual risk assessment to determine whether the Company's compensation policies encourage risk taking

As an advisory vote, the outcome of this proposal is not binding upon the Company. However, our Compensation Committee and our Board value the opinions of our shareholders and will consider the outcome of this vote when making future compensation decisions for our NEOs.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of the outstanding shares of Common Stock is required to approve, on an advisory, non-binding basis, the compensation of our named executive officers. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not affect the voting results.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE **“FOR”** THE APPROVAL BY NON-BINDING VOTE OF THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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General

Solicitation Expenses

The Company will pay the cost of soliciting proxies for the 2019 Annual Meeting. Original solicitation of proxies may be supplemented by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail or personal solicitation by the Company's Directors, officers or employees. No additional compensation will be paid to the Company's Directors, officers or employees for such services. The Company has retained Mackenzie Partners, Inc. to assist in the solicitation of proxies at an estimated cost of \$17,000, plus reasonable expenses.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Company's officers, Directors and persons owning more than ten percent of a registered class of the Company's equity securities to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of all equity and derivative securities of the Company with the SEC and the NYSE. SEC regulations also require that a copy of all Section 16(a) forms filed be furnished to the Company by its officers, Directors and greater than ten-percent shareholders.

Based solely on a review of the copies of such forms and related amendments received by the Company and, where applicable, written representations from the Company's officers and Directors that no Form 5s were required to be filed, the Company believes that during and with respect to fiscal year 2018 all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its officers, Directors and beneficial owners of more than ten percent of any class of its equity securities were met.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During our last completed fiscal year, no member of the Compensation Committee was an employee, officer or former officer of the Company. None of our executive officers served on the board or compensation committee of any entity in 2018 that had an executive officer serving as a member of our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

Review and Approval of Related Person Transactions

The Board of Directors has adopted a written related person transaction policy. The NCGC administers the policy, which applies to all transactions in which the Company is or will be a participant and the amount exceeds \$100,000 and in which any related person was or will be a participant or had, has or will be a participant or have a direct or indirect material interest. A related person includes any person who is or was since the beginning of the last fiscal year a Director, executive officer, nominee for Director or beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Company's Common Stock, or any of his or her immediate family members.

The NCGC will determine, based on the facts and circumstances it deems appropriate, whether such related person transaction should be approved. As required under SEC rules, transactions that are determined to be directly or indirectly material to the Company or a related person are disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement. For fiscal year 2018, the Company had no related person transactions that were required to be disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement. See the discussion under "Director Independence" above on page 16.

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Shareholder Proposals and Nominations for Director

Proposals Intended for Inclusion in the 2020 Proxy Materials

Shareholder proposals to be considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials related to the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, must be received by the Company no later than November 26, 2019.

Proposals Not Intended for Inclusion in the 2020 Proxy Materials

The Company's By-Laws set forth specific procedures and requirements in order to nominate a director or submit a proposal to be considered at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. These procedures require that any nominations or proposals must be received by the Company no earlier than February 7, 2020, and no later than February 27, 2020, in order to be considered.

If, however, the date of the 2020 Annual Meeting is more than 20 days before or more than 70 days after May 7, 2020, shareholders must submit such nominations or proposals not earlier than the 90th day prior to the meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 70th day prior to the meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the meeting is first made by us. In addition, with respect to nominations for Directors, if the number of Directors to be elected at the 2020 Annual Meeting is increased and there is no public announcement by us naming all of the nominees for Director or specifying the size of the increased Board at least 80 days prior to May 7, 2020, notice will also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it is delivered to the Secretary at our principal executive offices not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by us.

A shareholder's notice to nominate a director or bring any other business before the 2020 Annual Meeting must set forth certain information specified in our By-Laws. For additional information on the time limitations and requirements related to director nominations or other shareholder proposals, see the Company's By-Laws at www.hubbell.com in the Investors section.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Hubbell Incorporated

Shelton, Connecticut

March 25, 2019

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