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KEWAUNEE SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

2700 West Front Street

Statesville, North Carolina 28677-2927

William A. Shumaker

President and

Chief Executive Officer

July 24, 2009

TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Kewaunee Scientific Corporation (the Company), which will be held at The Conference Center at UBS Tower, One North Wacker Drive, 2nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois, on August 26, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. Central Daylight Time.

At the meeting, management will review with you the Company's past year's performance and the major developments which occurred during the year. There will be an opportunity for stockholders to ask questions about the Company and its operations. We hope you will be able to join us.

To assure that your shares are represented at the meeting, please vote, sign and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible. The proxy is revocable and will not affect your right to vote in person if you are able to attend the meeting.

The Company's 2009 Annual Report to Stockholders is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

KEWAUNEE SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

to be held on

August 26, 2009

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Kewaunee Scientific Corporation will be held at The Conference Center at UBS Tower, One North Wacker Drive, 2nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois, on August 26, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. Central Daylight Time, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following:

(1) To elect three Class II directors; and

(2) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on July 6, 2009 will be entitled to vote at the meeting. A list of stockholders will be available for examination by any stockholder for any purpose germane to the meeting, during normal business hours, at the offices of K&L/Gates LLP, 70 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, for a period of 10 days prior to the meeting.

It is important that your shares be represented at the meeting regardless of the size of your holdings. Whether or not you intend to be present at the meeting in person, we urge you to vote, date and sign the enclosed proxy and return it in the envelope provided for that purpose, which does not require postage if mailed in the United States.

D. MICHAEL PARKER

Secretary

July 24, 2009

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Please vote, date and sign the enclosed proxy and return it

promptly in the enclosed envelope.

KEWAUNEE SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

PROXY STATEMENT

The enclosed proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of Kewaunee Scientific Corporation (the Company) for use at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company to be held at The Conference Center at UBS Tower, One North Wacker Drive, Second Floor, Chicago, Illinois, on August 26, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. Central Daylight Time, and at any postponements or adjournments thereof. Proxies properly executed and returned in a timely manner will be voted at the meeting in accordance with the directions noted thereon. If no direction is indicated, proxies will be voted for the election of the nominees named herein as directors, and on other matters presented for a vote in accordance with the judgment of the persons acting under the proxies.

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 2700 West Front Street, Statesville, North Carolina 28677-2927 (telephone 704/873-7202).

The proxy, together with this Proxy Statement and the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, is being mailed to stockholders on, or about, July 24, 2009.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Three Class II directors are to be elected at the meeting. The Board of Directors, at its meeting on April 23, 2009, upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, selected John C. Campbell, Jr., James T. Rhind, and William A. Shumaker as nominees for re-election as directors at the annual meeting, to serve for three-year terms. All nominees are serving as directors as of the date of this Proxy Statement. The three nominees receiving the greatest number of votes at the annual meeting will be elected directors. Unless a stockholder indicates otherwise on the proxy, proxies will be voted for the election of the three nominees named below. If due to circumstances not now foreseen, any of the nominees becomes unavailable for election, the proxies will be voted for such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may select, or the Board will make an appropriate reduction in the number of directors to be elected.

Information on the three nominees for Class II directors and the current Class I and III directors is shown below.

Class II directors will serve until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2012. The following directors are currently serving as Class II directors and have been nominated for re-election:

JOHN C. CAMPBELL, JR., 66, was elected a director of the Company in 1973. Since May 1995, Mr. Campbell has been engaged in private consulting. From May 1992 to May 1995, he was Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President and a director of Grounds For Play, Inc. of Arlington, Texas, a manufacturer of specialty equipment for children's playgrounds.

JAMES T. RHIND, 87, was elected a director of the Company in 1966. He is a retired lawyer. Until March 2009 he was a partner or counsel with the law firm of Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP, Chicago, Illinois, for over fifty years.

WILLIAM A. SHUMAKER, 61, has served as President of the Company since August 1999 and Chief Executive Officer since September 2000. He was elected a director of the Company in February 2000. He served as the Company's Chief Operating Officer from August 1998, when he was also elected Executive Vice President, until September 2000. He served as General Manager of the Company's Laboratory Products Group from February 1998 until August 1998. He joined the Company in December 1993 as Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

Class I directors will serve until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2011. The following directors are currently serving as Class I directors:

WILEY N. CALDWELL, 82, was elected a director of the Company in 1988. From 1984 to 1992, when he retired, he was President of W.W. Grainger, Inc., a distributor of electrical and mechanical equipment.

SILAS KEEHN, 79, was elected a director of the Company in May 2001. From 1981 to 1994, when he retired, he was President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He is also a director of the National Futures Association.

DAVID S. RHIND, 46, was elected a director of the Company on April 17, 2008. Since July 2003, Mr. Rhind has served as General Counsel, North America, for Hudson Highland Group, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois, a leading provider of permanent recruitment, contract professionals, and talent management worldwide. From October 1995 to June 2003, he was Associate General Counsel at Technology Solutions Company of Chicago, a technology consulting and systems integration company.

Class III directors will serve until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2010. The following directors are currently serving as Class III directors:

ELI MANCHESTER, JR., 78, was elected a director of the Company in November 1990. He was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company in July 1990. In August 1999 he was elected Chairman of the Board, retaining the position of Chief Executive Officer. In September 2000, he relinquished the position of Chief Executive Officer, retaining the position of Chairman.

PATRICK L. McCRORY, 52, was elected a director of the Company on May 27, 2009. Mr. McCrory is a partner of McCrory & Company, a sales consulting company, and serves as Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, a position he has held since 1995. Mr. McCrory has had an extensive private sector career serving 29 years with Duke Energy Corporation of Charlotte, North Carolina in various management positions. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Tree.com, the parent of several brands and on-line businesses in the financial services and real estate industries.

MARGARET B. PYLE, 57, was elected a director of the Company in February 1995. Ms. Pyle has been engaged in the practice of law in Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin as a sole practitioner for more than five years and has been Trustee of the Allis-Chalmers Corporation Product Liability Trust since June 1996.

Except as otherwise indicated, each director and nominee has had the principal occupation mentioned above for more than five years. Mr. Campbell is the first cousin of Laura Campbell Rhind, wife of Mr. James T. Rhind. Mr. David S. Rhind is the son of Mr. James T. Rhind.

The Board of Directors, under the Company's bylaws, has set the size of the Board of Directors at nine members, divided into three classes. The Company's certificate of incorporation provides that the three classes shall be as nearly equal in number as possible.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of the three
foregoing nominees for director.**

Meetings and Committees of the Board

The business and affairs of the Company are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. Members of the Board keep informed of the Company's business and activities by reports and proposals sent to them periodically and in advance of each Board meeting and reports made to them during these meetings by the President and other Company officers. The Board is regularly advised of actions taken by the Executive Committee and other committees of the Board, as well as significant actions taken by management. Members of management are available at Board meetings and other times to answer questions and discuss issues. During the Company's fiscal year ended April 30, 2009, the Board of Directors held eleven meetings.

Currently, the standing committees of the Board of Directors of the Company are the Executive Committee, Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Financial/Planning Committee, and Nominating Committee. The functions and membership of the committees are described below.

The Executive Committee, consisting of Messrs. James Rhind (Chairman), Campbell, Manchester and Shumaker and Ms. Pyle, exercises the authority of the Board between meetings of the full Board, subject to the limitations of the Delaware General Corporation Law. The Executive Committee met one time during the Company's last fiscal year.

The Audit Committee consisted during fiscal year 2009 of Messrs. Keehn (Chairman), Campbell, David Rhind, and James Rhind. Mr. McCrory was appointed to the committee upon his election as a director on May 27, 2009, replacing Mr. James Rhind. The committee performs the responsibilities and duties described in the Company's Audit Committee Charter, and is responsible for annually appointing the independent auditor for the Company, approving services to be performed by the independent auditor, reviewing the independent auditor's reports, and reviewing the Company's quarterly and annual financial statements before release to the public. In accordance with Audit Committee Charter guidelines, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all related party transactions. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Keehn, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, is a financial expert within the meaning of the current rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the Company's Audit Committee Charter was included as Appendix A to the Company's Proxy Statement for its annual meeting of stockholders held on August 22, 2007. The Audit Committee met four times during the Company's last fiscal year.

The Compensation Committee, consisting during fiscal year 2009 of Messrs. Caldwell (Chairman), Keehn and James Rhind and Ms. Pyle, each an independent director, considers and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to the compensation (salaries and bonuses) of executive officers of the Company; short- and long-range compensation programs for officers and other key employees of the Company; benefit programs for all employees of the Company; and stock option grants to key employees. The Compensation Committee also acts as the Stock Option Committee, administering and interpreting the stock option plans for officers and other key employees. The Compensation Committee does not have a written charter. The Compensation Committee met two times during the Company's last fiscal year.

The Financial/Planning Committee consisted during fiscal year 2009 of Messrs. Manchester (Chairman), Caldwell, Keehn, David Rhind, and Shumaker and Ms. Pyle. Mr. McCrory was appointed to the committee upon his election as a director on May 27, 2009. The committee reviews and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to the annual budget for the Company, the Company's strategic plan and the annual budget for capital expenditures. The Financial/Planning Committee also reviews the investment results of the assets of the Company's retirement plans. The Financial/Planning Committee met four times during the Company's last fiscal year.

The Nominating Committee, consisting during fiscal year 2009 of Messrs. James Rhind (Chairman), Campbell, Keehn, and Ms. Pyle, each an independent director, makes recommendations to the full Board with respect to candidates for Board membership, officers of the Company, and Board committee membership. The Nominating Committee will consider as prospective Board nominees persons brought to its attention by officers, directors and stockholders. Proposals may be addressed to the Nominating Committee at the address shown on the cover of this Proxy Statement, attention of the Corporate Secretary. The Nominating Committee does not have a written charter. At a minimum, a candidate for the Board must have demonstrated significant accomplishment in his or her field, the capacity and experience to understand the broad business operations of the Company, and the vision to assist the Company in its development and expansion. The Nominating Committee is responsible for assessing the appropriate balance of criteria required of Board members. The Nominating Committee met one time during the Company's last fiscal year.

Executive sessions of independent directors are held in connection with each regularly scheduled Board of Directors and Audit Committee meeting and at other times as necessary. The Board of Directors' policy is to hold executive sessions without the presence of management, including the chief executive officer and other non-independent directors. The Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Caldwell, Campbell, Keehn, McCrory, David Rhind, and James Rhind and Ms. Pyle are independent within the meaning of the rules of the Nasdaq Global Market.

The Company does not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, although all directors are expected to attend. All members of the Board of Directors attended the Company's 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. In the Company's last fiscal year, no director attended less than 75% of the aggregate of all meetings of the Board and all meetings held by committees of the Board on which such director served.

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends that any communications from stockholders be in writing and addressed to the Board in care of the Corporate Secretary, 2700 West Front Street, Statesville, North Carolina 28677-2927. The name of any specific Board member to whom a communication is intended to be addressed should be noted in the communication. The Corporate Secretary will forward such correspondence only to the intended recipient if one is noted; however, the Corporate Secretary, prior to forwarding any correspondence, will review the correspondence, and in his discretion, will not forward certain items if they are deemed frivolous, of inconsequential commercial value or otherwise inappropriate for Board consideration.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

As noted above, the Compensation Committee consists of Messrs. Caldwell, Keehn and James Rhind and Ms. Pyle. No executive officer of the Company served as a member of the Compensation Committee or as a director of any other entity, one of whose executive officers serves on the Compensation Committee or is a director of the Company.

Director Compensation

In fiscal year 2009, each director who was not an employee of the Company received for his services as such an annual retainer of \$18,000 plus a fee of \$1,000 for each day of Board and/or committee meetings attended, a daily multiple-meeting fee of \$1,250 and a \$500 fee for telephone meetings. In addition, the Chairmen of the Executive and Compensation Committees received an annual fee of \$2,000 and the Chairman of the Audit Committee received an annual fee of \$3,000. Effective for fiscal year 2010, these fees increased to the following amounts: annual retainer \$20,000, each day of Board and/or Committee meetings attended \$1,500, daily multiple meeting fee \$2,000, telephone

meetings \$1,000, and annual fee paid to the Chairman of the Audit Committee \$5,000. Also, beginning June 1, 2009, the Chairman of the Board will receive an annual fee of \$10,000 and the Chairman of the Financial/Planning Committee will receive an annual fee of \$2,000. Mr. Manchester, who is no longer an employee of the Company, effective June 1, 2009, will receive prorated amounts of these annual fees for his service as Chairman of the Board and as Chairman of the Financial/Planning Committee. Payment of such fees may be deferred at the request of a director. All directors are reimbursed for their expenses for each Board and committee meeting.

Non-employee directors may elect to participate in the Company's health insurance program at no cost to them. During the last fiscal year, Ms. Pyle participated in this program.

Director Compensation Table

The following table provides compensation information for the one year period ended April 30, 2009 for each member of the Board of Directors who served as a director in the last fiscal year.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Non-Equity Stock Awards	Option Awards	Incentive Plan Compensation	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation	Total
Wiley N. Caldwell	\$ 33,250						\$ 33,250
John C. Campbell, Jr.	31,000						31,000
Silas Keehn	35,000						35,000
Margaret B. Pyle	32,250						32,250
David S. Rhind	30,750						30,750
James T. Rhind	34,250						34,250
Eli Manchester, Jr.							
William A. Shumaker							

Messrs. Manchester and Shumaker were employees of the Company and during the last fiscal year received no compensation for service as directors. Mr. Manchester received an annual salary of \$150,000 plus benefits earned under the Company's group benefit plans. Effective June 1, 2009, Mr. Manchester is no longer an employee of the Company and he will receive directors' and chairmanships' fees in accordance with the Company's directors' compensation policy discussed above in Directors' Compensation. See the Summary Compensation Table for disclosure related to the compensation received by Mr. Shumaker, who also is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee is composed solely of independent directors and is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process and other duties as described in the Audit Committee Charter. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Committee has reviewed and discussed the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2009 with management and the Company's registered independent public accounting firm. Management of the Company is responsible for these financial statements and the Company's financial reporting process, including the Company's system of internal controls. The independent auditors are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of these financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 relating to the conduct of the audit. The Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P. required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees, and has discussed with Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P. their independence. The Audit Committee also

considered whether the provision of non-audit services by Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P., if any, was compatible with maintaining its independence. Based on the Committee's review of the audited financial statements and the review and discussions described in this paragraph, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2009 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2009 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All members of the Committee meet the independence standards established by the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.

Audit Committee Members

Silas Keehn, Chairman

John C. Campbell, Jr.

David S. Rhind

James T. Rhind (member through May 27, 2009)

Patrick L. McCrory (member beginning May 27, 2009)

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P. has served as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company's annual financial statements and to review the financial statements to be included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. The decision to engage Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P. is approved annually by the Company's Audit Committee.

It is expected that a representative of Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P. will be present at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on August 26, 2009 to answer any appropriate questions and such representative will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires.

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

The Audit Committee's policy is to pre-approve all audit and non-audit services to be provided by the Company's independent auditors on a case-by-case basis. In making such determination, the Audit Committee considers whether the provision of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the auditor's independence. All of the audit and non-audit services provided by the Company's independent auditors on behalf of the Company in 2009 and 2008 were pre-approved in accordance with this policy.

Audit Fees and Non-Audit Fees

The following fees were paid or will be paid to the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for professional services rendered on behalf of the Company related to the past two fiscal years:

	2009	2008
Audit of Financial Statements	\$ 99,500	\$ 84,500
Audit-Related Services	22,500	19,000
All Other Fees		
Total	\$ 122,000	\$ 103,500

Audit services consisted of the audit of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and the review of the Company's quarterly financial statements. Audit-related services consisted of fees for audits of financial statements of employee benefit plans.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Executive compensation is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board, which is composed solely of independent directors.

The objective of the Company's executive compensation program is to attract, motivate, reward and retain management talent critical to the Company's achievement of its objectives. Salaries and other compensation for the Company's executive officers are based on each executive officer's responsibilities, level of experience, and performance over time, as well as on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer. In order to assure that salaries and compensation remain competitive, the Company subscribes to and consults various published surveys on executive compensation.

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, limits the deduction for federal income tax purposes of certain compensation paid by any publicly-held corporation to its chief executive officer and its four other most highly compensated executive officers to \$1 million per year for each such executive. Because the levels of compensation of executive officers traditionally have been well below the deduction limit, the Company has not adopted a formal policy with respect to Section 162(m).

Executive Officer Compensation

The four principal components of the Company's compensation program for executive officers are discussed below.

Base Salary

The Compensation Committee annually reviews the base salaries of executive officers. Prior to the meeting at which the annual review occurs, the Committee is provided (i) information furnished by the Company's human resources department on historical data about the base and total compensation for each executive, and marketplace compensation data, including both base and incentive compensation data, for comparable positions at other manufacturing and service companies with generally similar annual sales volume, and (ii) individual performance appraisals and recommended base salary adjustments from the Chief Executive Officer for each executive officer, except himself. The human resources department also provides a base salary range based on class for each executive officer, which shows a minimum, mid-point, and maximum salary, and the position of the executive officer's base salary in this range. The base salary range is established using marketplace comparison data and the individual responsibilities of the executive officer's position, and is updated each year for inflation. The Company typically targets base salaries at the mid-point of the Company's established range for a position. The Committee further considers, on a subjective basis, the executive officer's particular qualifications, level of experience, and sustained performance over time. These same factors are also considered in determining an adjustment to the salary of the Chief Executive Officer. Base salaries are traditionally adjusted as of July 1 of each year.

Annual Incentive Compensation

All of the Company's executive officers are eligible to participate in an annual incentive bonus plan, pursuant to which each executive officer is eligible to earn a cash bonus for each fiscal year of the Company, based primarily on the attainment of earnings goals established in the incentive bonus plan and, to a lesser extent, on the executive officer's achievement of established personal objectives to the degree determined by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Compensation Committee.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board of Directors approves earnings goals for the Company for such year and, upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee, establishes specified percentages of each executive officer's base salary that will be available for bonuses if the Company and/or its operating businesses achieves specified earnings goals and the executive officer achieves his or her personal goals. The Board of Directors generally attempts to establish annual earnings goals at target levels it believes are challenging, but achievable, with earnings above target levels considered to be relatively difficult to achieve. In determining the level of available bonuses for each executive officer, many of the same factors considered in determining an executive officer's base salary are also considered by the Committee and the Board of Directors.

For fiscal year 2009, the specified bonus percentages for executive officers other than the Chief Executive Officer ranged from 1.0% of an executive officer's base salary, if the Company achieved 80% of targeted earnings for the year, increasing to a maximum of 44% of an executive's base salary, as earnings reached 120% of targeted earnings. The corresponding specified percentages for the Chief Executive Officer were from 1.5% to a maximum of 54%.

Long-Term Incentive Plans

In fiscal years 2009 and 2008, the Company used stock options as its long-term incentive plan for executive officers. Stock option awards are normally made annually in August by the Board of

Directors, based on the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer, with respect to all stock options other than his own, and the Compensation Committee. The exercise price of the granted stock options is the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant. Individual awards are based on an individual's performance, his or her comparative base salary level and the number of stock option grants previously made to him or her. In August 2008 and 2007, the Company granted stock options on a total of 11,500 and 16,100 shares, respectively, of the Company's common stock to the Chief Executive Officer and named executive officers under the Company's stock option plans.

In fiscal years 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company used performance-based long-term incentive plans instead of stock options as its long-term incentive plan for its executive officers. Under these plans, performance stock appreciation rights (PSARs) were normally granted annually in May by the Board of Directors to participating employees. These plans provided executive officers an opportunity to receive awards in the form of cash payments at the end of a three-year performance period based upon the occurrence of both (i) the Company's attainment of specified annual financial goals established by the Board of Directors and (ii) an increase in the market price of the Company's stock from the beginning to the end of the three-year period. Based on the Company's financial performance in fiscal year 2008, one-third of the PSARs under the fiscal year 2006 long-term performance incentive plan were earned. No PSARs or stock options were granted in fiscal year 2007. There were no outstanding PSARs at April 30, 2008.

Other Compensation Plans

Executive officers of the Company who met eligibility requirements as of April 30, 2005, participate in the Company's Pension Plan. The Plan provides retirement benefits for participating employees. The annual benefit amount is calculated as 40% of the 10-year final average annual compensation (salary and bonus) minus 50% of the primary social security benefit, all multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of years of credited service up to 30 years, and the denominator of which is 30. Participants in the Plan may elect among several payment alternatives. As of April 30, 2005, the Company froze the benefits under the Plan. As a result, no further benefits will be earned under the Plan after that date and no additional participants will be added to the Plan. To the extent ERISA rules restricted the amount otherwise payable under the Plan, the benefit amount in excess of the restrictions will be paid by the Company under the provisions of the Company's non-qualified Pension Equalization Plan.

The Company has a 401(k) Incentive Savings Plan (the 401(k) Plan) which covers substantially all salaried and hourly employees, including all of the executive officers. The plan provides benefits to all employees who have attained age 21, completed three months of service, and who elect to participate. Under terms of the plan, the Company makes matching contributions equal to 100% of the employee's qualifying contribution up to 3% of the employee's compensation, and makes matching contributions equal to 50% of the employee's contributions between 3% and 5% of the employee's compensation, resulting in a maximum employer contribution equal to 4% of the employee's compensation. Additionally, the Company makes a non-matching contribution for participants employed by the Company on December 31 of each year equal to 1% of the participant's qualifying compensation for that calendar year.

The Company also has a non-qualified 401 Plus Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (the 401 Plus Plan), which supplements the 401(k) Plan. The 401 Plus Plan was adopted to provide highly compensated employees an alternative retirement plan because income tax laws restrict the amount of contributions executives may otherwise have contributed to the 401(k) Plan. The 401 Plus Plan operates similarly to the 401(k) Plan, in that the Company makes matching credits to the participant's account in an amount equal to 50% of the compensation deferred by the participant up to 3% of the participant's compensation. Amounts deferred under the plan will be distributed to the participant after

the participant's termination of employment with the Company in cash in a lump sum or installments at a time previously elected by the participant. All of the named executive officers participated in the 401(k) Plan and the 401 Plus Plan in fiscal year 2009.

Each of the Company's executive officers is entitled to receive additional compensation in the form of payments, allocations, or accruals under various other group compensation and benefit plans on the same basis as other employees. Benefits under these plans are not directly, or indirectly, tied to employee or Company performance.

Chief Executive Officer Compensation

The Compensation Committee considers the Chief Executive Officer's leadership an important factor in the future success of the Company. The compensation of the CEO has traditionally included base salary, annual incentive compensation, long-term incentive compensation, and benefits under various group plans. In establishing Mr. Shumaker's base salary for each fiscal year, the Compensation Committee considers operating results for the prior year and the outlook for the current year, continued development of the management team, operational improvements, compensation of chief executive officers of other companies with comparable sales, a review of his base salary in relation to the range for his position proposed by the human resources department, and the price of the Company's common stock. The CEO's annual incentive compensation and long-term incentive compensation are determined pursuant to the Company's incentive plans for executive officers. Mr. Shumaker earned a cash bonus in the amount of \$96,731, or 28% of his fiscal year 2009 base salary, under the annual incentive bonus plan for fiscal year 2009. The bonus amount was based on the level of earnings attained for the year and his achievement of established personal goals during the year. In August 2008, Mr. Shumaker was granted stock options on 7,500 shares of the Company's common stock with an exercise price at the fair market value of the common stock on that date.

COMPENSATION TABLES

Summary Compensation Table for Fiscal Year 2009

Name and Principal Position	Year	Base Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards	Option Awards (\$ (1))	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$ (2))	Change in Pension Value And Nonqualified Deferred	All Other Compensation (\$ (4))	Total (\$)
							Compensation Earnings (\$ (3))		
William A. Shumaker President and Chief Executive Officer	2009	348,958	96,731		38,700		1,576	35,655	521,620
	2008	330,000	115,500		41,612	38,155	(3,156)	38,692	560,803
D. Michael Parker Senior Vice President, Finance Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary	2009	213,604	48,760		20,640		4,365	20,989	308,358
	2008	204,967	45,093		24,720	19,078	(6,597)	21,531	308,792
Sudhir K. (Steve) Vadehra (5) Vice President, International Operations	2009	165,784	33,870				2,119	51,135	252,908
	2008	159,416	26,378				(221)	44,523	230,096

- (1) See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of the assumptions underlying the value of stock options.
- (2) The amount listed for each named executive officer consists of the value of PSARs earned under the Company's fiscal year 2006 Long-Term Performance Incentive Plan. See the Long-Term Incentive Plans section of this Proxy Statement for additional information.
- (3) The amount listed for each named executive officer consists of the current year change in the present value of benefits earned under the Pension Plan. Mr. Shumaker's amount also includes a reduction of \$6,125 during the year in the present value of his benefits earned under the Pension Equalization Plan. No benefits were earned under the Pension Plan or Pension Equalization Plan during the year. See the Pension Benefits section of this Proxy Statement for additional information regarding the Pension Plan and the Pension Equalization Plan.
- (4) The amount listed for Messrs. Shumaker and Parker consists of the matching contributions made or accrued by the Company on behalf of that executive officer to the Company's 401(k) Incentive Savings Plan and 401 Plus Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. Mr. Vadehra's amount includes \$28,199 and \$18,512 paid to Mr. Vadehra in fiscal years 2009 and 2008, respectively, to offset the devaluation of the United States dollar against the Singapore dollar from a predetermined base; \$18,228 and \$16,344, respectively, for matching contributions made or accrued by the Company on behalf of Mr. Vadehra to the Company's 401(k) Incentive Savings Plan and 401 Plus Executive Deferred Compensation Plan; and \$10,701 and \$9,667, respectively, for automobile allowance.
- (5) Mr. Vadehra's salary and benefits are paid by the Company and reimbursed by Kewaunee Labway Asia Pte. Ltd., a dealer for the Company's products in Singapore which is 51% owned by the Company.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth information with regard to stock options granted to each named executive during fiscal year 2009 under the Company's stock option plans. No other equity incentive plan awards or non-equity incentive plan awards were granted during the year.

Name	Grant Date	Option Awards: Number of Shares Underlying Options	Exercise Price of Option Awards (\$)	Grant Date Fair Value of Option Awards (1) (\$)
William A. Shumaker	August 27, 2008	7,500	14.69	38,700
D. Michael Parker	August 27, 2008	4,000	14.69	20,640
Sudhir K. (Steve) Vadehra				

(1) See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of the assumptions underlying the value of stock options.

Outstanding Equity Awards at April 30, 2009

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options- Exercisable (#)	Option Awards		
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options- Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
William A. Shumaker	5,000		10.375	8/25/09
	7,500		10.125	8/23/10
	10,000		9.550	8/22/11
	9,000		9.100	8/28/12
	2,525	7,575	14.900	8/28/17
D. Michael Parker		7,500	14.690	8/22/18
	4,000		10.375	8/25/09
	5,000		10.125	8/23/10
	6,000		9.550	8/22/11
	1,500	4,500	14.900	8/22/17
Sudhir K. (Steve) Vadehra		4,000	14.690	8/22/18

Equity Compensation Plans

The following table summarizes information about the Company's equity compensation plans as of April 30, 2009. All outstanding awards relate to the Company's common stock.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants, and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (1)
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	153,050	\$ 12.25	266,500
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders			
Total	153,050	\$ 12.25	266,500

(1) Represents shares available for future issuance under the Company's 2008 Key Employee Stock Option Plan. No options were available for grant under any of the other equity compensation plans of the Company.

Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

This following table includes information regarding the estimated amount of payments and other benefits each named executive officer would receive if his employment with the Company was terminated on April 30, 2009.

Name and Benefits	For Cause or Voluntary termination other than for Good Reason (\$)	Termination Without Cause and no Change in Control (\$)	Termination without Cause after Change in Control (\$)
William A. Shumaker			
Base salary		351,750	703,500
Annual bonus (1)	96,731	96,731	284,646
Pension Equalization Plan			34,700
401(k)/401 Plus Deferred Compensation Plans (2)			79,052
Life insurance benefit			46,613
Medical & disability insurance		7,475	14,951
Total	96,731	455,956	1,163,462
D. Michael Parker			
Base salary		215,065	430,130
Annual bonus (1)	48,760	48,760	136,737
Pension Equalization Plan			
401(k)/401 Plus Deferred Compensation Plans (2)			45,349
Life insurance benefit			36,113
Medical & disability insurance		7,113	14,226
Total	48,760	270,938	662,555
Sudhir K. (Steve) Vadehra			
Base salary		166,850	166,850
Annual bonus (1)	33,870	33,870	33,870
Medical & disability insurance		6,420	6,420

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Total	33,870	207,140	207,140
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- (1) The annual bonus amounts shown include the following bonus earned by the executive officer in fiscal year 2009, but not paid until after April 30, 2009: Shumaker \$96,731, Parker \$48,760, and Vadehra \$33,870.
- (2) Represents the additional Company matching contributions the executive officer would have earned under both the 401 Plus Deferred Compensation Plan and the 401(k) Incentive Savings Plan for the base salary and annual bonus amounts shown.

AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN EXECUTIVES

The Company entered into Change of Control Employment Agreements (the Agreements) with (i) Messrs. Shumaker; Parker; and Kurt P. Rindoks, Vice President of Engineering and Product Development, in fiscal year 2000, (ii) with Messrs. Keith D. Smith, Vice President of Manufacturing; Dana L. Dahlgren, Vice President of Sales and Marketing Laboratory Products Group; and David M. Rausch, Vice President, Construction Services, in fiscal year 2005, (iii) Mr. K. Bain Black, Vice President, General Manager Technical Furniture Group, in fiscal year 2008, and (iv) with Mrs. Elizabeth D. Phillips, Vice President of Human Resources, in fiscal year 2009. These agreements provide for the payment of compensation and benefits in the event of termination of their employment within three years following a Change of Control of the Company, as defined in the Agreements. Each executive officer whose employment is so terminated will receive compensation if the termination of his or her employment was by the Company or its successor without cause, or by the executive officer for good reason, as defined in the agreements. Upon such a termination of employment within one year following a Change of Control, the Company or its successor will be required to make, in addition to unpaid ordinary compensation and a lump-sum cash payment for certain benefits, a lump-sum cash payment equal to the executive officer's annual compensation with respect to Messrs. Black, Rindoks, Smith, Dahlgren, and Rausch and Mrs. Phillips, and two (2) times the executive officer's annual compensation with respect to Messrs. Shumaker and Parker. Upon a termination of employment occurring after the first anniversary, but within three years, of the date of the Change of Control, in addition to unpaid ordinary compensation and a lump-sum cash payment for certain benefits, Messrs. Black, Rindoks, Smith, Dahlgren, and Rausch and Mrs. Phillips will be entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to one-half (1/2) of their annual compensation and Messrs. Shumaker and Parker will be entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to their annual compensation. See Compensation Tables Payments upon Termination or Change in Control for other entitlements for the named executive officers under terms of the Agreements.

In August 2004, the Company entered into an employment letter agreement with Mr. Black, which provides that if he is terminated without cause, the Company will be obligated to pay him separation pay equal to his current base salary for nine (9) months, reduced by any income earned by him during the payment period.

Kewaunee Labway Asia Pte. Ltd., a dealer for the Company's products in Singapore, is a joint venture formed in June 1998 between the Company and an entity controlled by Mr. Vadehra. The Company owns 51% of Kewaunee Labway Asia and the entity controlled by Mr. Vadehra owns the remaining 49% interest. Mr. Vadehra was elected Vice President of International Operations of the Company in June 2004. He has also served as the Managing Director of Kewaunee Labway Asia since its formation in 1998.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table contains information with respect to the beneficial ownership (as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission) of shares of the Company's common stock, as of July 6, 2009, by (i) each director and director nominee, (ii) each of the named executive officers and (iii) all directors and executive officers as a group. Except as otherwise indicated by footnote, the shares shown are held directly with sole voting and investment power.

Name	Shares beneficially owned (1)	Percent of class
Margaret B. Pyle (2)	55,409	2.2%
Wiley N. Caldwell	5,500	*
John C. Campbell, Jr. (3)	41,667	1.6%
Silas Keehn	5,000	*
Eli Manchester, Jr.	118,742	4.6%
Patrick L. McCrory		
David S. Rhind	22,455	1.1%
James T. Rhind (4)	341,896	13.4%
William A. Shumaker (5)	64,763	2.5%
D. Michael Parker (6)	36,129	1.4%
Sudhir K. (Steve) Vadehra		
Directors and executive officers as a group (17 persons)	729,461	28.5%

* Percentage of class is less than 1%.

- (1) Includes shares which may be acquired within sixty (60) days from July 6, 2009 upon exercise of options by: Mr. Manchester 10,000; Mr. Shumaker 38,425; Mr. Parker 19,000; and all officers and directors as a group 95,525.
- (2) Includes 9,275 shares held by Ms. Pyle as custodian for the benefit of her three adult children and 3,000 shares held by her spouse, as to all of which shares she disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (3) Includes 21,083 shares held by Mr. Campbell's wife, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (4) Includes 228,079 shares held by Mr. James Rhind's wife, Laura Campbell Rhind, 44,080 shares held by Mrs. Rhind as trustee and beneficiary of a trust under the will of Ruth Haney Campbell, as to which shares Mrs. Rhind shares voting and investment power, and 22,455 shares held by a trust of which Mr. James Rhind is sole trustee. Mr. Rhind disclaims beneficial ownership of all of such shares.
- (5) Includes 25,001 shares in which Mr. Shumaker shares voting and investment power.
- (6) Includes 17,129 shares in which Mr. Parker shares voting and investment power.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table contains information with respect to the beneficial ownership (as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission) of shares of the Company's common stock, as of July 6, 2009, by each person who is known by management of the Company to have been the beneficial owner of more than five percent of such stock as of such date. Except as otherwise indicated by footnote, the shares shown are held with sole voting and investment power.

Name	Shares beneficially owned	Percent of class
Donald Gardner, as executor of the estate of Elizabeth B. Gardner	211,069(1)	8.3%
Laura Campbell Rhind	341,896(2)	13.4%
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP	165,993(3)	6.5%

- (1) Includes 64,093 shares held as trustee of certain irrevocable trusts for the benefit of the Gardners' children, as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed, and 11,925 shares held by Mr. Gardner directly. Mr. Gardner's address is 42 Logan Terrace, Golf, Illinois 60029.
- (2) Includes 44,080 shares held as trustee and beneficiary of a trust under the will of Ruth Haney Campbell, as to which shares Mrs. Rhind shares voting and investment power, and 69,737 shares held by Mr. James Rhind personally or as trustee. Mrs. Rhind's address is 830 Normandy Lane, Glenview, Illinois 60025.
- (3) The shares owned by Dimensional Fund Advisors listed in the table are shown as being owned as of December 31, 2008 according to a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in February 2009. Dimensional Fund Advisors' address is Palisades West, Building One, 6300 Bee Cave Road, Austin, TX 78746.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's executive officers, directors and 10% stockholders to file reports of ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such persons also are required to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on its review of copies of such forms received by it and inquiries of such persons, the Company believes that all such filing requirements applicable to its executive officers, directors and 10% stockholders were complied with.

PROXIES AND VOTING AT THE MEETING

The expense of solicitation of proxies is to be paid by the Company. The Company will also reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable expenses in sending proxies and proxy material to the beneficial owners of the Company's common stock. This Proxy Statement and the 2009 Annual Report to Stockholders are available at <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/kequ>. To obtain directions to attend the annual meeting, please contact the Secretary of the Company.

At the close of business on July 6, 2009, the record date for determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting, there were 2,556,202 shares of common stock of the Company outstanding and entitled to vote.

Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote. Any stockholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time before it is voted, by written notice to the Secretary, by delivery of a later-dated proxy or in person at the meeting.

The holders of a majority of the total shares of common stock issued and outstanding, whether present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. The vote of a plurality of the shares represented at the meeting, in person or by proxy, is required to elect the three nominees for director. Approval of any other matter submitted to the stockholders for their consideration at the meeting requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock represented at the meeting, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote. Abstentions, directions to withhold authority, and broker non-votes are counted as shares present in the determination of whether the shares of stock represented at the meeting constitute a quorum. Abstentions, directions to withhold authority, and broker non-votes are not counted in tabulations of the votes cast on proposals presented to stockholders. Thus, an abstention, direction to withhold authority, or broker non-vote with respect to a matter other than the election of directors, may have the same legal effect as a vote against the matter. With respect to the election of directors, an abstention, direction to withhold authority or broker non-vote will have no effect. An automated system administered by the Company's transfer agent will be used to tabulate votes.

A stockholder entitled to vote for the election of directors can withhold authority to vote for any of the nominees.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

The deadline for receipt of stockholder proposals for inclusion in the Company's 2010 proxy material is March 26, 2010. Any stockholder proposal should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Company at its principal executive offices. The stockholder proposal must include the stockholder's name and address as it appears on the Company's records and the number of shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned by such stockholder. In addition, (i) for proposals other than nominations for the election of directors, such notice must include a description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting, the reasons for presenting such business at the meeting, and any material interest of the stockholder in such business, and (ii) for proposals relating to stockholder nominations for the election of directors, such notice must also include, with respect to each person nominated, the information required by Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act. All other proposals to be presented at the meeting must be delivered to the Secretary of the Company, in writing, by June 9, 2010.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company has enclosed its Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2009 with this Proxy Statement. Stockholders are referred to the report for financial and other information about the Company, but such report is not incorporated in this Proxy Statement and is not a part of the proxy soliciting material.

OTHER MATTERS

Management of the Company knows of no other matters which are likely to be brought before the annual meeting. If any such matters are brought before the meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy will vote thereon according to their judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors

D. MICHAEL PARKER

Secretary

July 24, 2009

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This proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed by the undersigned stockholder. **If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR the election of the nominees named in Item 1 below.** Please mark your vote inside one box below. Please mark your votes as indicated in this example **X**

	FOR	WITHHOLD AUTHORITY	
	the nominees listed (except as marked to the contrary)	to vote for the nominee(s) listed	*EXCEPTIONS
1. Election of Class II Directors
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Nominees:</p> <p>01 John C. Campbell, Jr.</p> <p>02 James T. Rhind</p> <p>03 William A. Shumaker</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; padding-left: 20px;"> <p>2. In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.</p> <p>You are urged to date, sign and return promptly this proxy in the envelope provided. It is important for you to be represented at the Meeting. The execution of this proxy will not affect your right to vote in person if you are present at the Meeting and wish to so vote.</p> </div> </div>			

(INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, mark the Exceptions box above and write that nominee's name in the space provided below.)

*Exceptions

Mark Here for ..

Address Change

or Comments

SEE REVERSE

Signature

Signature

Date

IMPORTANT: Please sign exactly as your name or names appear hereon. If signing as an attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, or in some other representative capacity, or as an officer of a corporation, please indicate your capacity or full title. If stock is held jointly, each joint owner should sign.

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Important notice regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of shareholders. The Proxy Statement and the 2009 Annual Report to Stockholders are available at: <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/kequ>

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**PROXY
KEWAUNEE SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION
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STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28677-2927
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The undersigned hereby appoints Wiley N. Caldwell, Silas Keehn and David S. Rhind as Proxies, each with power of substitution, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side hereof, all the shares of common stock of Kewaunee Scientific Corporation held of record by the undersigned on July 6, 2009, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at 10:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 26, 2009 and at any adjournment thereof.

Your vote for three directors may be indicated on the reverse side. Jonh C. Campbell, Jr., James T. Rhind, and William A. Shumaker have been nominated for election as Class II Directors.

Address Change/Comments

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(Continued and to be marked, dated and signed, on the other side)