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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

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The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at: www.proxyvote.com

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above company, and the materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

Proxy Materials Available

- Notice and Proxy Statement
- Annual Report



COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY
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- 1) BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com
- 2) BY TELEPHONE - 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL* - sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual
Meeting Date: 5/21/09
Meeting Time: 3:00 p.m., Pacific Time
For holders as of: 3/23/09

Meeting Location:

Columbia Sportswear Company Headquarters
14375 NW Science Park Drive
Portland, Oregon 97229

Meeting Directions:

For Meeting Directions, Please Call:
(503) 985-4000

How To Vote



Vote In Person

Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.



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To vote **now** by Internet, go to WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM. Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR proposal 1

1. To elect directors for the next year;

Nominees:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 01) Gertrude Boyle | 06) Andy D. Bryant |
| 02) Timothy P. Boyle | 07) Edward S. George |
| 03) Sarah A. Bany | 08) Walter T. Klentz |
| 04) Murrey R. Albers | 09) John W. Stanton |
| 05) Stephen E. Babson | |

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR proposal 2

2. To approve the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended;

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR proposal 3

3. To re-approve the Executive Incentive Compensation Plan;

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR proposal 4

4. To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2009; and
5. To act upon any other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

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