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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD MARCH 12, 2012**

**MVC CAPITAL, INC.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual meeting (the Meeting ) of the stockholders of MVC Capital, Inc. (the Fund ) will be held at the offices of Schulte Roth & Zabel, 919 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, on March 12, 2012, 1:30 p.m. (Eastern time) for the following purposes:

1. to elect six nominees to serve as members of the Board of Directors of the Fund;
2. to consider a proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm; and
3. to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The proposals are discussed in greater detail in the Proxy Statement attached to this Notice. Stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 20, 2012 are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting. Each stockholder is invited to attend the Meeting in person. If you cannot be present at the Meeting, we urge you to mark, sign, date and promptly return the enclosed Proxy Card so that the Meeting can be held and a maximum number of shares may be voted.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PROXY CARDS BE RETURNED PROMPTLY.**

**If you do not expect to attend the Meeting, you are urged to mark, sign, date and return without delay the enclosed Proxy Card(s), which requires no postage if mailed in the United States, so that your shares may be represented at the Meeting. Instructions for the proper execution of the Proxy Card(s) are set forth at the end of the attached Proxy Statement. Instructions for telephone and Internet voting are set forth on the enclosed Proxy Card.**

**A proxy may be revoked at any time before it is exercised by the subsequent execution and submission of a revised proxy, by giving written notice of revocation to the Fund at any time before the proxy is exercised or by voting in person at the Meeting.**

**Important Notice Regarding the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials**

**for the Annual Meeting to be Held on March 12, 2012**

**The proxy statement is available at:**

**[www.proxydocs.com/mvc](http://www.proxydocs.com/mvc) (if you are a record stockholder) and**

**[www.proxydocs.com/brokers/mvc](http://www.proxydocs.com/brokers/mvc) (if you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name )**

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Michael Tokarz

*Chairman*

February 1, 2012

287 Bowman Avenue

2nd Floor

Purchase, NY 10577

**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**OF**

**MVC CAPITAL, INC.**

**MARCH 12, 2012**

**287 Bowman Avenue**

**2nd Floor**

**Purchase, New York 10577**

**(914) 510-9400**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the Board) of MVC Capital, Inc. (the Fund) for use at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fund (the Meeting), to be held at the offices of Schulte Roth & Zabel, 919 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, on March 12, 2012, 1:30 p.m. (Eastern time), and at any adjournment thereof. This Proxy Statement, the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and the enclosed Proxy Card(s) are expected to be made available to stockholders on or about February 1, 2012. On or about February 1, 2012, the Fund will also begin mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting, informing stockholders that this Proxy Statement, the Fund's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011 (the Report) and voting instructions, are available online. As more fully described in that Notice, all stockholders may choose to access proxy materials on the Internet or may request to receive paper copies of the proxy materials.

A Proxy Card that is properly executed and returned to the Fund prior to the Meeting will be voted as provided therein at the Meeting and at any adjournment thereof. A proxy may be revoked at any time before it is exercised by the subsequent execution and submission of a revised proxy, by giving written notice of revocation to the Fund at any time before the proxy is exercised or by voting in person at the Meeting. Signing and mailing a Proxy Card will not affect your right to give a later proxy or to attend the Meeting and vote your shares in person.

The Board intends to bring before the Meeting the proposals that are set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and that are described in this Proxy Statement. The persons named as proxies on the enclosed Proxy Card will vote all shares represented by proxies in accordance with the instructions of stockholders as specified on the Proxy Card. Abstentions and broker non-votes will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker submits a proxy card with respect to shares of common stock held in a fiduciary capacity (typically referred to as being held in street name), but declines to vote on a particular matter because the broker has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner nor does it have discretionary power to vote on a particular matter. Under the rules that govern brokers who are voting with respect to shares held in street name, brokers have the discretion to vote such shares on certain routine matters, but not on other matters. For example, brokers have the discretion to vote on the proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, but not on the election of directors.

With respect to the proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, abstentions and broker non-votes will not have any effect on the outcome of the proposal. With respect to the election of each nominee to serve as a member of the Board, broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the proposal.

In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, officers of the Fund may solicit proxies by telephone or in person, without special compensation. The Fund may retain a proxy solicitor to assist in the solicitation of proxies, for which the Fund would pay usual and customary fees.

Most beneficial owners whose shares are held in street name will receive voting instruction forms from their banks, brokers or other agents, rather than the Fund's Proxy Card. A number of banks and brokerage firms are

participating in a program that offers a means to grant proxies to vote shares via the Internet or by telephone. If your shares are held in an account with a bank or broker participating in this program, you may grant a proxy to vote those shares via the Internet or telephonically by using the website or telephone number shown on the instruction form provided to you by your broker or bank.

Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 20, 2012 (the Record Date ) are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting. On the Record Date, 23,916,982 shares of the Fund were outstanding.

Each stockholder of record on the Record Date is entitled to one vote for each share held.

The stockholders of the Fund have no dissenter s or appraisal rights in connection with any of the proposals described herein.

In the event that a quorum is not present at the Meeting or at any adjournment thereof, or in the event that a quorum is present at the Meeting but sufficient votes to approve a proposal are not received, one or more adjournments of the Meeting may be proposed to permit further solicitation of proxies. A stockholder vote may be taken with respect to the Fund on some or all matters before any such adjournment if a quorum is present and sufficient votes have been received for approval. Any adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at the Meeting in person or by proxy.

**This Proxy Statement and the Report are available on the Fund s website at [www.mvccapital.com](http://www.mvccapital.com). The Report is not to be regarded as proxy-soliciting material. The Report may be obtained without charge, by writing to the Fund at 287 Bowman Avenue, 2nd Floor, Purchase, New York 10577, or by calling toll-free 1-800-426-5523. The Fund s next quarterly report on Form 10-Q is scheduled to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on or before March 12, 2012.**

**PROPOSAL 1**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

At the Meeting, stockholders will vote on a proposal to elect six nominees to serve as directors of the Fund ( Directors ) ( Proposal 1 ). The nominees include Emilio Dominianni, Gerald Hellerman, Warren Holtsberg, Robert Knapp, William Taylor and Michael Tokarz. Each nominee is currently a member of the Board.

The persons named as proxies on the enclosed Proxy Card intend, in the absence of contrary instructions, to vote all proxies they are entitled to vote in favor of the election of the six nominees named above to serve as the Directors. Each of the nominees has consented to stand for election and to serve if elected. If elected, a nominee will serve for a term of one year until the next annual meeting of stockholders after his election. If any nominee should be unable to serve, an event that is not now anticipated, the persons named as proxies will vote for such replacement nominee as may be recommended by the presently serving Directors.

Information regarding the nominees and the officers of the Fund, including brief biographical information, is set forth below as of January 13, 2012.

(1) Name, Address and Age Nominees for	(2) Positions(s) Held with the Fund	(3) Term of Office/ Length of Time Served	(4) Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	(5) Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	(6) Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director During Past 5 Years
<b>Independent Directors</b> Emilio Dominianni  287 Bowman Avenue  2nd Floor  Purchase, NY 10577  Age: 80	Director	1 year/8 years, 11 months	Mr. Dominianni is a retired Partner of, and was Special Counsel to, Coudert Brothers LLP, a law firm. He is currently a director of Stamm International Corporation, Powrmatic Inc., and Powrmatic of Canada Ltd., manufacturers and distributors of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning equipment.	None(1)	See column 4
Gerald Hellerman  287 Bowman Avenue  2nd Floor  Purchase, NY 10577  Age: 74	Director	1 year/8 years, 11 months	Mr. Hellerman owns and has served as Managing Director of Hellerman Associates, a financial and corporate consulting firm, since the firm's inception in 1993. Mr. Hellerman currently serves as a director, chief financial officer and chief compliance officer for The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc., as director, chief financial officer and chief compliance officer for Special Opportunities Fund, Inc., and as a director of Brantley Capital Corporation. Mr. Hellerman was previously a director of AirNet Systems, Inc., a director of the Old Mutual registered hedge fund complex, a director of Innovative Clinical Solutions, Ltd. and a director of TM Entertainment and Media, Inc.	None(1)	See column 4

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<p>Robert Knapp</p> <p>Ironsides Partners LLC</p> <p>100 Summer Street</p> <p>27th Floor</p> <p>Boston, MA 02108</p> <p>Age: 45</p>	Director	1 year/8 years, 11 months	<p>Mr. Knapp is the Founder and Managing Director of Ironsides Partners, LLC and Ironsides Partners Opportunity Fund (fund complex) and specializes in closed end funds, emerging markets, distressed debt, and corporate restructurings. He is also a director of the Africa Opportunity Fund (fund complex), Africa Opportunity Cayman Limited, Africa Opportunity Partners, Pacific Alliance Asia Opportunity Fund (fund complex) and Veracity Worldwide LLC. Mr. Knapp serves as an independent, non-executive director of Pacific Alliance Group Asset Management Ltd. and is a member of the Board of Managers of Waterloo Oil &amp; Gas LLC. In addition to his directorships named above, Mr. Knapp is a Trustee of Princeton-in-Asia Sea Education Association. Mr. Knapp was previously a director of Pacific Alliance Investment Management Ltd. and the Vietnam Opportunity Fund. Mr. Knapp was previously a managing director with Millennium Partners.</p>	None(1)	See column 4
<p>William Taylor</p> <p>287 Bowman Avenue</p> <p>2nd Floor</p> <p>Purchase, NY 10577</p> <p>Age: 69</p>	Director	1 year/5 years, 11 months	<p>Mr. Taylor is a Certified Public Accountant and is currently a director of Northern Illinois University Foundation and President and a director of The William &amp; Dian Taylor Foundation. Mr. Taylor was previously a trustee of Writers Theatre. From 1976 through May 2005, Mr. Taylor was a Partner at Deloitte &amp; Touche. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Taylor was a director of Deloitte &amp; Touche USA and from 1999 to 2003 Mr. Taylor was a director of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.</p>	None(1)	See column 4



(1) Name, Address and Age Officer and Nominees for	(2) Positions(s) Held with the Fund	(3) Term of Office/ Length of Time Served	(4) Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	(5) Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	(6) Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director During Past 5 Years
<b>Interested Directors</b> Warren Holtsberg(2)  287 Bowman Avenue  2nd Floor Purchase,  NY 10577  Age: 61	Director	1 year/4 years, 10 months	Mr. Holtsberg currently serves as Co-Head of Portfolio Management of The Tokarz Group Advisers LLC (the Adviser ), the investment adviser to the Fund. Mr. Holtsberg founded Motorola Ventures, the venture capital and equity investment arm for Motorola, Inc. where he led the worldwide fund for eight years. He was also Corporate Vice President and Director of Equity Investments at Motorola. Mr. Holtsberg currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Venture Capital Association, Sportvision, the Big Shoulders Fund and the Chicagoland Entrepreneurship Center and Illinois Ventures, the venture investment arm for the University of Illinois. Mr. Holtsberg serves on the advisory board of the Arcapita Fund. Mr. Holtsberg serves as a director for U.S. Gas & Electric, Inc. and MVC Partners LLC, portfolio companies of the Fund.	None(1)	See column 4
Michael Tokarz(3)  287 Bowman Avenue  2nd Floor  Purchase, NY 10577  Age: 62	Director	1 year/8 years, 3 months	Mr. Tokarz currently serves as Chairman and Portfolio Manager of the Fund and as Manager of the Adviser. Mr. Tokarz also is Managing Member of The Tokarz Group, a private merchant bank, since 2002. Prior to this, Mr. Tokarz was a senior General Partner and Administrative Partner at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., a private equity firm specializing in management buyouts. He also currently serves on the corporate boards of CNO Financial Group, Inc., Walter Energy, Inc. (Chairman of the board), Walter Investment Management Corp., Mueller Water Products, Inc., and IDEX Corporation. He is Chairman Emeritus and is a member of the Board of the University of Illinois Foundation, and serves on its	None(1)	See column 4

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<p><b>Executive Officers</b> Bruce Shewmaker</p> <p>287 Bowman Avenue</p> <p>2nd Floor</p> <p>Purchase, NY 10577</p> <p>Age: 66</p>	<p>Managing Director</p>	<p>Indefinite term/8 years,</p> <p>3 months</p>	<p>executive committee, investment policy committee and finance committee. He is also a member of the Board of Managers for Illinois Ventures, LLC, and its related, Illinois Emerging Technology Fund LLC. Mr. Tokarz serves as a director for the following portfolio companies of the Fund: Custom Alloy Corporation, Harmony Health and Beauty, Inc., MVC Automotive Group B.V., MVC Partners LLC, Ohio Medical Corporation, Summit Research Labs, Inc. and Turf Products, LLC. He also serves as a director of Gibdock Limited and Plymouth Rock Energy, LLC, both portfolio companies of MVC Private Equity Fund, L.P. He was previously on the board of Lomonosov, Athleta, Inc. and Apertio Ltd. In addition, he was on the boards of Timberland Machines &amp; Irrigation, Inc., Dakota Growers Pasta Company, Harmony Pharmacy &amp; Health Centers, Inc., and Huamei Capital Company, formerly portfolio companies of the Fund.</p> <p>Mr. Shewmaker currently serves as Managing Director of the Adviser and the Fund. Mr. Shewmaker worked directly for the Fund from November 2003 through October 2006. Previously, Mr. Shewmaker served as an Independent Director of the Fund in 2003. From 2001 to 2007, Mr. Shewmaker was a director of Infrared Imaging Systems, Inc., a medical devices company. Mr. Shewmaker currently serves on the boards of</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>Peter Seidenberg</p> <p>287 Bowman Avenue</p> <p>2nd Floor</p> <p>Purchase, NY 10577</p> <p>Age: 42</p>	<p>Chief Financial Officer</p>	<p>Indefinite term/6 years,</p> <p>4 months</p>	<p>Harris &amp; Harris Group, Inc. and Garrison Capital LLC.</p> <p>Mr. Shewmaker served as a director for the following portfolio companies of the Fund: Baltic Motors Corporation, Phoenix Coal Corporation and Vendio Services, Inc. He currently serves on the Boards of Foliofn, Inc., MVC Partners LLC, Velocitus B.V. and Vestal Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc.</p> <p>Mr. Seidenberg currently serves as Chief Financial Officer of the Adviser, in addition to his service as Chief Financial Officer of the Fund. Mr. Seidenberg joined the Fund in April 2005 after having previously served as a principal of Nebraska Heavy Industries, where he worked on engagements, including serving as the chief financial officer of Commerce One, Inc. Mr. Seidenberg, on behalf of the Fund, sits on the board of Ohio Medical Corp and serves as its corporate secretary. Mr. Seidenberg also serves on the Board of MVC Partners LLC. He was formerly a director of Vitality Foodservice, Inc. and a director of LHD Europe Holdings, Inc. (the European holdings of Vitality Foodservice, Inc.), both formerly portfolio companies of the Fund. Mr. Seidenberg also serves on the Advisory Counsel of Entrepreneurship@Cornell.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Scott Schuenke</p> <p>287 Bowman Avenue</p> <p>2nd Floor</p> <p>Purchase, NY 10577</p> <p>Age: 32</p>	<p>Chief Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Indefinite term/7 years,</p> <p>4 months</p>	<p>Mr. Schuenke currently serves as the Controller and Chief Compliance Officer of the Adviser, in addition to his service as Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund. Prior to joining the Fund in June 2004, Mr. Schuenke served as a compliance officer with U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, from 2002 until he joined the Fund in 2004. Mr. Schuenke also served as the secretary of</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

(1) Name, Address and Age	(2) Positions(s) Held with the Fund	(3) Term of Office/ Length of Time Served	(4) Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	(5) Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director or Nominee for Director	(6) Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director During Past 5 Years
Jaclyn Shapiro-Rothchild  287 Bowman Avenue  2nd Floor  Purchase, NY 10577  Age: 33	Vice President/  Secretary	Indefinite term/7 years,  2 months; Indefinite term/8 years	The Mexico Equity & Income Fund, Inc. and assistant secretary of Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Corporation during his tenure at U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC. He serves on the Board of Vestal Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc. and NPWT Corporation, portfolio companies of the Fund. Mr. Schuenke is a Certified Public Accountant. Ms. Rothchild currently serves as Vice President and Secretary of the Adviser, in addition to her service as Vice President and Secretary of the Fund. Prior to joining the Fund in June 2002, she was an Associate and Business Manager with Draper Fisher Jurvetson meVC Management Co. LLC, the former investment sub-adviser to the Fund, and an Associate at The Bank Companies (acquired by Newmark & Co. Real Estate), a commercial real estate company. Ms. Rothchild serves as Chief Operating Officer of Eleventh Street Partners, Inc. and is a member of the Advisory Board of Forward Health. Ms. Shapiro-Rothchild serves on the Board of MVC Partners LLC, a portfolio company of the Fund.	N/A	N/A

(1) Other than the Fund.

(2) Mr. Holtsberg is an interested person, as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund (an Interested Director) because of his employment with the Adviser.

(3) Mr. Tokarz is an Interested Director because he serves as an officer of the Fund.

**Corporate Governance**

The Board has adopted a charter for each of its Audit, Nominating/Corporate Governance/Strategy and Compensation Committees, as well as a Corporate Governance Policy. The Audit Committee's charter is annexed hereto as Exhibit B. The Board has also adopted a Code of Ethics, which applies to, among others, all of the Fund's officers and directors, as well as a Code of Ethics for Principal Executive and Senior Financial Executives that applies to and has been signed by the Principal Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Fund. These materials can be found on the Fund's website at [www.mvccapital.com](http://www.mvccapital.com). Waivers, if any, of the Fund's Code of Ethics or Code of Ethics for Principal Executive and Senior Financial Executives will be promptly disclosed on the Fund's website.



During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011, the Board held six (6) meetings. During the last fiscal year, each of the nominees except one attended 100% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board (one nominee attended 83% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board). Each of the nominees except one attended 100% of the aggregate number of meetings of any committee of the Board on which such nominee served (one nominee attended 90% of the aggregate number of meetings of the committees of the Board on which such nominee served). Currently, a majority of the Directors are not interested persons, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act), of the Fund (the Independent Directors). Mr. Knapp has been appointed by the Independent Directors to serve as the Lead Independent Director and, in that role, serves as the Presiding Director over executive sessions of non-management directors. Mr. Tokarz, the Portfolio Manager and principal executive officer of the Fund and the Adviser, serves as Chairman of the Board. Although he is an Interested Director (*i.e.*, not independent), the Board believes that by having the principal executive serve as Chairman, it can more effectively conduct the regular business of the Fund and that through its regularly-scheduled executive sessions, the Independent Directors have adequate opportunity to serve as an independent, effective check on management and protect stockholders' interests. Furthermore, as described below, the Board has three committees performing critical functions for the Fund's governance and operations: the Audit, Valuation and Nominating/Corporate Governance/Strategy Committees and all three are comprised exclusively of Independent Directors.

Interested parties should communicate with the Lead Independent Director or with the non-management directors as a group according to the following procedures established by the Fund for stockholders' communication with the Board: any communications intended for the Board should be sent to the Fund at the Fund's address and any such communication will be forwarded to the Board (or applicable Board member) or disclosed to the Board (or applicable Board member) at its next regular meeting.

#### ***Audit Committee***

The Audit Committee's primary purposes are:

oversight responsibility with respect to: (i) the adequacy of the Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes, policies and practices; (ii) the integrity of the Fund's financial statements and the independent audit thereof; (iii) the adequacy of the Fund's overall system of internal controls and risk management processes (to the extent not separately evaluated and monitored by the full Board) and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers; (iv) the Fund's compliance with certain legal and regulatory requirements; (v) determining the qualification and independence of the Fund's independent auditors; and (vi) the Fund's internal audit function, if any; and

oversight of the preparation of any report required to be prepared by the Committee pursuant to the rules of the SEC for inclusion in the Fund's annual proxy statement with respect to the election of directors.

The members of the Audit Committee are Emilio Dominianni, Gerald Hellerman and William Taylor. During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011, the Audit Committee held five (5) meetings. The Audit Committee oversees the Fund's risk management processes, including risks relating to investments, compliance and valuations, and the Fund's Disclosure Controls and Procedures (including internal controls over financial reporting).

#### ***Valuation Committee***

The Valuation Committee, the principal purpose of which is to determine the fair values of securities in the Fund's portfolio for which market quotations are not readily available, is currently comprised of Messrs. Dominianni, Hellerman and Knapp. Mr. Knapp is the Chairman of the Valuation Committee. The Valuation Committee held six (6) meetings during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011.

#### ***Nominating Committee***

The Nominating/Corporate Governance/Strategy Committee (the Nominating Committee), the principal purposes of which are to consider and nominate persons to serve as Independent Directors, to oversee the composition and governance of the Board and its committees and to provide strategic direction with respect to

the Fund, is currently comprised of Messrs. Dominianni, Hellerman, Knapp and Taylor, each of whom is an Independent Director. Mr. Dominianni is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee was established in January 2004.

The Nominating Committee considers director candidates nominated by stockholders in accordance with procedures set forth in the Fund's By-Laws. The Fund's By-Laws provide that nominations may be made by any stockholder of record of the Fund entitled to vote for the election of directors at a meeting, provided that such nominations are made pursuant to timely notice in writing to the Secretary and are submitted in accordance with other applicable laws, rules or regulations regarding director nominations. The Nominating Committee then determines the eligibility of any nominated candidate based on criteria described below. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be received at the principal executive offices of the Fund not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the scheduled date of a meeting. A stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall set forth: (a) as to each stockholder-proposed nominee, (i) the name, age, business address and residence address of the nominee, (ii) the principal occupation or employment of the nominee, (iii) the class, series and number of shares of capital stock of the Fund that are owned beneficially by the nominee, (iv) a statement as to the nominee's citizenship, and (v) any other information relating to the person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations for proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the 1934 Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (b) as to the stockholder giving the notice, (i) the name and record address of the stockholder and (ii) the class, series and number of shares of capital stock of the corporation that are owned beneficially by the stockholder. The Fund or the Nominating Committee may require a stockholder who proposes a nominee to furnish any such other information as may reasonably be required by the Fund to determine the eligibility of the proposed nominee to serve as director of the Fund. The Nominating Committee held one (1) meeting during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011.

In addition, the Nominating Committee considers potential director candidates with input from various sources, which may include: current Directors, members of the management team, or an outside search firm. The Nominating Committee seeks to identify candidates that possess, in its view, strong character, judgment, business experience and acumen. As a minimum requirement, any eligible candidate who is not proposed to serve as an Interested Director (*i.e.*, a candidate who is not employed or proposed to be employed by the Fund or the Adviser) must not be an interested person (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Fund. The Nominating Committee also considers, among other factors, certain other relationships (beyond those delineated in the 1940 Act) that might impair the independence of a proposed Director. Although the Board does not have a formal diversity policy, it endeavors to comprise itself of members with a variety of professional backgrounds. (Each of the nominees' different professional backgrounds is set forth above beginning on page 6.)

In determining to propose each of the nominees for election by stockholders as Directors, the Nominating Committee and the Board considered a variety of factors, including each of the nominees' performance as current Directors and their professional background and experience. In particular, the Nominating Committee and the Board noted that during the tenures of Messrs. Dominianni, Hellerman, Knapp and Tokarz, which began in 2003, the Fund has witnessed a significant turnaround in performance. The Board also noted the Directors' collective knowledge and experience in financial services, legal and financial analysis, corporate finance, portfolio management and accounting, all of which strengthen the Board's collective qualifications. The Nominating Committee members considered that Messrs. Tokarz and Holtsberg are not Independent Directors but recognized that they represent the Adviser, and, as such, help foster the Board's direct access to information regarding the Adviser, which is the Fund's most significant service provider.

#### ***Compensation Committee***

The Compensation Committee, the principal purpose of which is to oversee the compensation of the Independent Directors, is currently comprised of Messrs. Hellerman and Knapp. Mr. Hellerman is the Chairman of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee was established in March 2003. The Compensation Committee held one (1) meeting during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011.

The Board has adopted a policy that encourages all Directors, to the extent reasonable and practicable, to attend the Fund's annual stockholders meetings in person. All of the Directors, except two, attended the last annual meeting in person. Although two of the Directors were not able to attend in person, they both participated in the annual stockholder's meeting by telephone.

### Director and Executive Officer Compensation

The Fund's officers do not receive any direct compensation from the Fund. The Fund does not currently have any employees and does not expect to have any employees. Services necessary for its business are provided by individuals who are employees of the Adviser, and the Fund's administrator, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (the Administrator), pursuant to the terms of the Fund's amended and restated investment advisory and management agreement (the Advisory Agreement) and administration agreement. Each of the Fund's executive officers is an employee of the Adviser. The Fund's day-to-day investment operations are managed by the Adviser.

The following table sets forth compensation paid by the Fund in all capacities during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011 to all of our Directors. Our Directors have been divided into two groups: Interested Directors and Independent Directors. The Interested Directors are interested persons, as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund. No compensation is paid to the Interested Directors. (The Fund is not part of any Fund Complex.) No information has been provided with respect to executive officers of the Fund because the Fund's executive officers do not receive any direct compensation from the Fund.

Name of Person, Position	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	All Other Compensation(1)	Total
<b>Interested Directors</b>				
Warren Holtsberg, <i>Director</i>	None	None	None	None
Michael Tokarz, <i>Chairman and Portfolio Manager</i>	None	None	None	None
<b>Independent Directors</b>				
Emilio Dominianni, <i>Director</i>	\$ 70,000	None	None	\$ 70,000
Gerald Hellerman, <i>Director</i>	\$ 80,000	None	None	\$ 80,000
Robert Knapp, <i>Director</i>	\$ 80,000	None	None	\$ 80,000
William Taylor, <i>Director</i>	\$ 70,000	None	None	\$ 70,000

(1) Directors do not receive any pension or retirement benefits from the Fund.

The fees payable to Independent Directors and the fees payable to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Valuation Committee, and Nominating Committee are as follows: Each Independent Director is paid an annual retainer of \$70,000 (\$80,000 for each of the Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Chairman of the Valuation Committee) for up to five in-person Board meetings and committee meetings per year. In the event that more than five in-person Board meetings and committee meetings occur, each Independent Director will be paid an additional \$1,000 for each in-person meeting. Each Independent Director is also reimbursed by the Fund for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. The Directors do not receive any pension or retirement benefits from the Fund.



**Director Equity Ownership**

The following table sets forth, as of the Record Date, with respect to each Director and nominee, certain information regarding the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned in the Fund. The Fund does not belong to a family of investment companies.

(1) Name of Director or Nominee	(2) Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	(3) Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities of All Funds Overseen or to be Overseen by Director or Nominee in Family of Investment Companies
<i>Independent Directors</i>		
Emilio Dominianni	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Gerald Hellerman	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Robert Knapp	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
William Taylor	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
<i>Interested Directors</i>		
Warren Holtsberg(1)	\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$50,001 to \$100,000
Michael Tokarz(2)	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000

(1) Mr. Holtsberg is an Interested Director because of his employment with the Adviser.

(2) Mr. Tokarz is an Interested Director because he serves as an officer of the Fund.

**VOTE REQUIRED**

*The election of the nominees requires the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes present or represented by proxy at the Meeting and entitled to vote on the election of the nominees.*

**The Board recommends a vote FOR the election of all of the nominees.**

**PROPOSAL 2**

**RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED**

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee and the Board, including all of the Independent Directors, have selected Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2012. On January 31, 2012 the Audit Committee recommended, and the Board approved Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm to serve as auditors for the Fund for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2012.

Ernst & Young LLP began service as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm effective October 27, 2003. The firm of Ernst & Young LLP has extensive experience in investment company accounting and auditing. A representative of Ernst & Young LLP will attend the Meeting to respond to appropriate questions and make a statement, if he/she so desires.

Neither the Fund's Certificate of Incorporation nor the Fund's By-Laws require that the stockholders ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm. The Board is submitting this matter to the stockholders as a matter of common industry practice. If the stockholders do not ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether or not to retain Ernst & Young LLP, but may retain such independent registered public accounting firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee and the Board, in their discretion, may change the selection at any time during the year if they determine that such change would be in the best interests of the Fund. It is intended that the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy will vote FOR the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP.

Ernst & Young LLP, in accordance with Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Rule 3526, has confirmed to the Audit Committee that they are independent accountants with respect to the Fund.

The following are the aggregate fees billed to the Fund by Ernst & Young LLP during each of the last two fiscal years:

***Audit Fees:***

The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP for the audit of the Fund's annual financial statements for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2011 and October 31, 2010 were \$349,500 and \$338,000, respectively.

***Audit-Related Fees:***

The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for assurance and related services that were reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2011 and October 31, 2010 were \$67,500 and \$60,000, respectively.

***Tax Fees:***

The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for services rendered with respect to tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2011 and October 31, 2010 were \$56,000 and \$53,500, respectively.

***All Other Fees:***

The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for any other products or services for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2011 and October 31, 2010 were \$22,900 and \$110,000, respectively.

The Audit Committee Charter requires that the Audit Committee pre-approve all audit and non-audit services to be provided to the Fund by the independent accountants; provided, however, that the Audit Committee may specifically authorize its Chairman to pre-approve the provision of any non-audit service to the

Fund. Further, the foregoing pre-approval policy may be waived, with respect to the provision of any non-audit services, consistent with the exceptions provided for in the federal securities laws. All of the audit and tax services provided by Ernst & Young LLP for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee or its Chairman. For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011, the Fund's Audit Committee did not waive the pre-approval requirement with respect to any non-audit services provided to the Fund by Ernst & Young LLP.

#### **Report of Audit Committee**

*The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or filed or incorporated by reference in future filings with the SEC, or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the 1934 Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933 or the 1934 Act.*

The independent accountants are responsible for performing an independent audit of the Fund's financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and expressing an opinion as to the conformity of such financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America and for auditing and reporting on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting.

In connection with the Fund's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011, the Audit Committee has: (i) reviewed and discussed with management the Fund's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011; (ii) discussed with Ernst & Young LLP, the independent auditors of the Fund, the matters required to be discussed by Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 61 (Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards, AU § 380); (iii) received the written disclosures and a letter from Ernst & Young LLP regarding, and discussed with Ernst & Young LLP, its independence; and (iv) authorized the inclusion of the audited financial statements of the Fund for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011 in the Fund's Annual Report to Stockholders for filing with the SEC.

Each of the current members of the Audit Committee, Messrs. Dominianni, Hellerman and Taylor, is considered an Independent Director. Each member of the Audit Committee meets the applicable independence and experience requirements, and the Board has determined that Mr. Hellerman is an audit committee financial expert, as defined under Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K of the 1934 Act. Mr. Hellerman is the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee has approved, and recommended to the Board that it approve, Ernst & Young LLP to serve as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending October 31, 2012 and that the selection of Ernst & Young LLP be submitted to the Fund's stockholders for ratification.

#### **The Audit Committee**

Gerald Hellerman (Chairman)

Emilio Dominianni

William Taylor

#### **VOTE REQUIRED**

*The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting is required to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2012.*

**The Board recommends a vote FOR the ratification of the selection  
of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the  
Fund for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2012.**

### **VOTING INFORMATION**

A quorum is constituted by the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund entitled to vote at the Meeting. For purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for transacting business at the Meeting, abstentions and broker non-votes will be treated as shares that are present at the Meeting.

In the event that a quorum is not present at the Meeting, or in the event that a quorum is present at the Meeting but sufficient votes to approve any proposal are not received, the persons named as proxies, or their substitutes, may propose one or more adjournments of the Meeting to permit the further solicitation of proxies. Any adjourned session or sessions may be held after the date set for the Meeting without notice, except announcement at the Meeting (or any adjournment thereof); provided, that if the Meeting is adjourned to a date that is more than 30 days after the date for which the Meeting was originally called, written notice will be provided to stockholders. Any adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at the Meeting in person or by proxy. In the event an adjournment is proposed because a quorum is not present for the proposals, the persons named as proxies will vote those proxies they are entitled to vote FOR all of the nominees or FOR the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP in favor of such adjournment, and will vote those proxies required to WITHHOLD on any nominee or AGAINST the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP, against any such adjournment.

Most beneficial owners whose shares are held in street name will receive voting instruction forms from their banks, brokers or other agents, rather than the Fund's Proxy Card. A number of banks and brokerage firms are participating in a program that offers a means to grant proxies to vote shares via the Internet or by telephone. If your shares are held in an account with a bank or broker participating in this program, you may grant a proxy to vote those shares via the Internet or telephonically by using the website or telephone number shown on the instruction form received from your broker or bank.

### **EXPENSES OF SOLICITATION**

The cost of preparing, assembling and mailing this Proxy Statement, the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the enclosed Proxy Card, as well as the costs associated with the proxy solicitation, if necessary, will be borne by the Fund.

### **OTHER MATTERS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Other Business at the Meeting.**

The Board does not intend to bring any matters before the Meeting other than as stated in this Proxy Statement, and is not aware that any other matters will be presented for action at the Meeting. If any other matters properly come before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named as proxies to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment, unless specific instructions have been given.

#### **Future Stockholder Proposals.**

If a stockholder intends to present a proposal at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Fund to be held in 2013 and desires to have the proposal included in the Fund's proxy statement and form of proxy for that meeting, the stockholder must deliver the proposal to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Fund, 287 Bowman Avenue, 2nd Floor, Purchase, New York 10577, and such proposal must be received by the Secretary by October 3, 2012. The submission of a proposal does not guarantee its inclusion in the proxy statement and is subject to limitations under the 1934 Act. The proposals must be submitted in a manner consistent with applicable law and the Fund's By-Laws.

**Results of Voting.**

Stockholders will be informed of the voting results of the Meeting in a Form 8-K, which will be filed with the SEC on or before March 16, 2012.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND**

**Other Information about the Investment Adviser.**

The following individuals are the principal executive officers of our investment adviser. The principal business address of each such person is c/o The Tokarz Group Advisers LLC, at 287 Bowman Avenue, 2nd Floor, Purchase, NY 10577. The principal occupations of the following individuals are set forth under Election of Directors in Proposal 1 above.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Michael Tokarz	Manager
Warren Holtsberg	Co-Head of Portfolio Management
Bruce Shewmaker	Managing Director
Peter Seidenberg	Chief Financial Officer
Scott Schuenke	Controller and Chief Compliance Officer
Jaclyn Shapiro-Rothchild	Vice President and Secretary

**Brokerage.**

During the 2011 fiscal year, the Fund paid no brokerage commissions to any broker: (i) that is an affiliated person of the Fund; (ii) that is an affiliated person of such person; or (iii) an affiliated person of which is an affiliated person of the Fund, any principal underwriter, administrator or the Adviser.

**Administrator.**

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, located at 777 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202, serves as the administrator, custodian and accounting agent of the Fund.

**Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.**

The Fund has procedures in place for the review, approval and monitoring of transactions involving the Fund and certain persons related to the Fund. For example, the Fund has a Code of Ethics that generally prohibits, among others, any officer or director of the Fund from engaging in any transaction where there is a conflict between such individual's personal interest and the interests of the Fund. As a business development company, the 1940 Act also imposes regulatory restrictions on the Fund's ability to engage in certain related party transactions. However, the Fund is permitted to co-invest in certain portfolio companies with its affiliates to the extent consistent with applicable law or regulation and, if necessary, subject to specified conditions set forth in an exemptive order obtained from the SEC. Since the Fund's current management team joined the Fund in 2003, no transactions have been effected pursuant to the exemptive order. As a matter of policy, our Board has required that any related-party transaction (as defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K) must be subject to the advance consideration and approval of the Independent Directors, in accordance with applicable procedures set forth in Section 57(f) of the 1940 Act.

The principal equity owner of the Adviser is Mr. Tokarz, our Chairman. Our senior officers and Mr. Holtsberg have other financial interests in the Adviser (*i.e.*, based on the Adviser's performance). In addition, our officers and the officers and employees of the Adviser may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same or related line of business as we do or of investment funds managed by the Adviser or our affiliates. These related businesses currently include a private equity fund

( PE Fund ), the establishment of which was authorized by our Board. As previously disclosed in our 10-K Reports for the last two fiscal years, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fund serves as the general partner and the Adviser serves as the portfolio manager of the PE Fund, and both entities receives a portion of the carried interest and management fees generated from the PE Fund. The Adviser intends to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner. Our Board has approved a specific policy regarding the allocation of investment opportunities, which was set forth in the Report.

**Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance.**

Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act, and Section 30(h) of the 1940 Act, taken together, require that the Directors, officers of the Fund and beneficial owners of more than 10% of the equity securities of the Fund (collectively, Reporting Persons ) file with the SEC reports of their beneficial ownership and changes in their beneficial ownership of the Fund s securities. Based solely on its review of the copies of such reports, the Fund believes that each of the Reporting Persons who was a Reporting Person during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011 has complied with applicable filing requirements.

Exhibit A attached hereto identifies holders of more than 5% of the shares of the Fund s common stock as of the Record Date.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Michael Tokarz

*Chairman*

*February 1, 2012*

**Stockholders who do not expect to be present at the Meeting and who wish to have their shares voted are requested to mark, sign and date the enclosed Proxy Card and return it in the enclosed envelope. No postage is required if mailed in the United States. Alternatively, you have the ability to vote your shares by the Internet or by telephone.**

**EXHIBIT A**

The following table sets forth, as of January 13, 2012, each stockholder who owned more than 5% of the Fund's outstanding shares of common stock, each current director, each nominee for director, the Fund's executive officers, and the directors and executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise indicated, the Fund believes that each beneficial owner set forth in the table has sole voting and investment power.

<b>Shareholder Name and Address</b>	<b>Amount of Shares Owned</b>	<b>Percentage of Fund Held</b>
Western Investment, LLC 7050 S. Union Park Center  Suite 590  Midvale, UT 84047	1,585,858(1)	6.63%
Wynnefield Capital Management, L.L.C.  450 Seventh Avenue  Suite 509  New York, NY 10123	1,565,258(2)	6.54%
C.S. McKee L.P.  One Gateway Ctr  Pittsburgh, PA 15222	1,304,257(3)	5.45%
<b>Interested Directors</b>		
Warren Holtsberg	7,000	*
Michael Tokarz	734,189.35	3.07%
<b>Independent Directors</b>		
Emilio Dominianni	39,576.45	*
Gerald Hellerman	54,963.53	*
Robert Knapp	502,765.37	2.1%
William Taylor	45,721.61	*
<b>Executive Officers</b>		
Bruce Shewmaker	20,321.82	*
Peter Seidenberg	4,118.00	*
Scott Schuenke	1,793.61	*
Jaclyn Shapiro-Rothchild	2,482.42	*
<b>All directors and executive officers as a group (10 in total)</b>	<b>1,412,932.16</b>	<b>5.91%</b>

(1) Based on information contained in Form 13F filed with the SEC on November 14, 2011.

(2) Based on information contained in Form 13F filed with the SEC on November 14, 2011.

(3) Based on information contained in Form 13F filed with the SEC on November 15, 2011.

\* Less than 1%.

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**EXHIBIT B**

**MVC CAPITAL, INC.**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

January 26, 2010

This charter sets forth the purpose, authority and responsibilities of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the **Board**) of MVC Capital, Inc. (the **Fund**), a Delaware corporation.

**Purposes**

The Audit Committee of the Board (the **Committee**) has as its primary purposes:

(i) oversight responsibility with respect to: (a) the adequacy of the Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes, policies and practices; (b) the integrity of the Fund's financial statements and the independent audit thereof; (c) the adequacy of the Fund's overall system of internal controls and risk management processes (to the extent not separately evaluated and monitored by the full Board) and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers; (d) the Fund's compliance with certain legal and regulatory requirements; (e) determining the qualification and independence of the Fund's independent auditors; and (f) the Fund's internal audit function, if any; and

(ii) oversight of the preparation of any report required to be prepared by the Committee pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( **SEC** ) for inclusion in the Fund's annual proxy statement with respect to the election of directors.

**Authority**

The Committee has been duly established by the Board and shall have the resources and authority appropriate to discharge its responsibilities, including the authority to retain counsel and other experts or consultants at the expense of the Fund. The Committee has the authority and responsibility to retain and terminate the Fund's independent auditors. In connection therewith, the Committee must evaluate the independence of the Fund's independent auditors and receive the auditors' specific representations as to their independence.

**Composition and Term of Committee Members**

The Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of three Directors of the Board. To be eligible to serve as a member of the Committee, a Director must be an **Independent Director**, which term shall mean a Director who is not an **interested person**, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, of the Fund. The members of the Committee shall designate one member to serve as Chairman of the Committee.

Each member of the Committee shall serve until a successor is appointed.

The Board must determine whether: (i) the Committee has at least one member who is an **audit committee financial expert**, ( **ACFE** ) as such term is defined in the rules adopted under Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; (ii) the Committee has at least one member who possesses **accounting and financial management expertise** (as such term is described under the New York Stock Exchange Listing Requirements) which may be based on past employment expertise, professional certification in accounting or other comparable experience or background that indicates an individual's financial sophistication; and (iii) each member of the Committee possesses sufficient **financial literacy**, as required under the New York Stock Exchange Listing Requirements. The designation of a person as an **ACFE** is not intended to impose any greater responsibility or liability on that person than the responsibility and liability imposed on such person as a member of the Committee, nor does it decrease the duties and obligations of other Committee members or the Board.

## Meetings

The Committee shall meet on a regular basis and no less frequently than quarterly. The Committee shall meet, at a minimum, within 90 days prior to the filing of each annual and quarterly report of the Fund on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, respectively. Periodically, the Committee shall meet to discuss with management the annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements, including the Fund's disclosures under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Periodically, the Committee should meet separately with each of management, any personnel responsible for the internal audit function and, if deemed necessary, the Fund's administrator and independent auditors to discuss any matters that the Committee or any of these persons or firms believe should be discussed privately. The Committee may request any officer or employee of the Fund, or the Fund's legal counsel (or counsel to the Independent Directors of the Board) or the Fund's independent auditors to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Committee.

Minutes of each meeting will be taken and circulated to all members of the Committee in a timely manner.

Any action of the Committee requires the vote of a majority of the Committee members present, whether in person or otherwise, at the meeting at which such action is considered. At any meeting of the Committee, (i) any two members of the Committee or (ii) one member of the Committee if this member is the Chairman of the Committee, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking any action.

## Duties and Powers and of the Committee

The duties and powers of the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

bears direct responsibility for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the Fund's independent auditors (including resolution of disagreements between management and the auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Fund, and the independent auditors must report directly to the Committee;

set the compensation for the independent auditors, such amount to be paid by the Fund;

evaluate the independence of the Fund's independent auditors and receive the auditors' specific representations as to their independence;

to the extent required by applicable law, pre-approve: (i) all audit and non-audit services that the Fund's independent auditors provide to the Fund and (ii) all non-audit services that the Fund's independent auditors provide to the Fund's investment adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund, if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund (To the extent specifically authorized by the Audit Committee, the Chairman of the Audit Committee may pre-approve the provision of any non-audit services to the Fund.);

meet with the Fund's independent auditors, including private meetings, as necessary to (i) review the arrangements for and scope of the annual audit and any special audits; (ii) discuss any matters of concern relating to the Fund's financial statements, including any adjustments to such statements recommended by the auditors, or other results of the audit; (iii) review any audit problems or difficulties with management's response; (iv) consider the auditors' comments with respect to the Fund's financial policies, procedures and internal accounting controls and management's responses thereto; and (v) review the form of opinion the auditors propose to render to the Directors and the shareholders of the Fund;

review reports prepared by the Fund's independent auditors detailing the fees paid to the Fund's independent auditors for: (i) audit services (includes all services necessary to perform an audit, services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements and other services generally provided by independent auditors, such as comfort letters, statutory audits, attest services, consents and assistance with, and review of, documents filed with the SEC); (ii) audit-related services (covers assurance

and due diligence services, including, employee benefit plan audits, due diligence related to mergers and acquisitions, consultations and audits in connection with acquisitions, internal control reviews and consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting standards); (iii) tax services (services performed by a professional staff in the accounting firm's tax division, except those services related to the audit, including tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice); and (iv) other services (includes financial information systems implementation and design);

ensure that the Fund's independent auditors prepare and deliver annually to the Committee a written statement (the Auditors' Statement) describing: (i) the auditors' internal quality control procedures; (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review or peer review of the auditors, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (iii) all relationships between the independent auditors and the Fund, including each non-audit service provided to the Fund and the matters set forth in Independence Standards Board No. 1;

prior to filing an annual report with the SEC, receive and review a written report, as of a date 90 days or less prior to the filing, to the Committee from the Fund's independent auditors regarding any: (i) critical accounting policies to be used; (ii) alternative accounting treatments that have been discussed with the Fund's management along with a description of the ramifications of the use of such alternative treatments and the treatment preferred by the independent auditors; and (iii) material written communications between the auditor and management of the Fund;

oversee the Fund's internal controls and annual and quarterly financial reporting process, including results of the annual audit. Oversee internal accounting controls relating to the activities of the Fund's custodian, investment adviser and administrator through the periodic review of reports, discussions with appropriate officers and consideration of reviews provided by internal audit staff;

establish procedures for: (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Fund from any source regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission from employees of the Fund and its service providers of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;

review of any issues brought to the Committee's attention by independent public accountants or the Fund's management, including those relating to any deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Fund's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data, any material weaknesses in internal controls and any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Fund's internal controls;

review and evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the lead partner of the Fund's independent auditors;

require the Fund's independent auditors to report any instance of an audit partner of those auditors earning or receiving compensation based on that partner procuring engagements with the Fund to provide any services other than audit, review or attest services;

resolve any disagreements between the Fund's management and independent auditors concerning the Fund's financial reporting;

to the extent there are Directors who are not members of the Committee, report its activities to the Board on a regular basis and to make such recommendations with respect to the above and other matters as the Committee may deem necessary or appropriate;

discuss and approve any Fund press releases relating to its financial statements (to the extent such releases are not discussed and approved by the Valuation Committee, the Board or the Chairman of the Committee);



to the extent not separately evaluated and monitored by the full Board, oversee the Fund's risk management processes, including risks relating to investments, compliance and valuations, and discuss any policies with respect to risk management;

set clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent auditors;

conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Committee;

review the Committee's charter at least annually and recommend any material changes to the Board; and

review such other matters as may be appropriately delegated to the Committee by the Board.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING PROXY CARDS**

The following general rules for signing Proxy Cards may be of assistance to you and avoid the time and expense involved in validating your vote if you fail to sign your Proxy Card properly.

1. *Individual Accounts*: Sign your name exactly as it appears in the registration on the Proxy Card.
2. *Joint Accounts*: Either party may sign, but the name of the party signing should conform exactly to the name shown in the registration on the Proxy Card.
3. *All Other Accounts*: The capacity of the individual signing the Proxy Card should be indicated unless it is reflected in the form of registration. For example:

**Registration**

**CORPORATE ACCOUNTS**

- (1) ABC Corp.
- (2) ABC Corp.
- (3) ABC Corp. c/o John Doe, Treasurer
- (4) ABC Profit Sharing Plan

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

- (1) ABC Trust
- (2) Jane B. Doe, Trustee u/t/d 12/28/78

**CUSTODIAL OR ESTATE ACCOUNTS**

- (1) John B. Smith, Cust. f/b/o John B. Smith Jr. UGMA
- (2) John B. Smith

**Valid Signatures**

- ABC Corp.  
John Doe, Treasurer  
John Doe  
John Doe, Treasurer

- Jane B. Doe, Trustee  
Jane B. Doe

- John B. Smith  
John B. Smith, Jr., Executor



