

April 29, 2020

GENERAC® Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

To the Stockholders of our Company:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders where we will be voting on the below matters.

Items of Business

- To elect the three nominees named herein as Class II directors;
- To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2020;
- To vote on an advisory, non-binding "say-on-pay" resolution to approve the compensation of our executive officers; and
- To consider any other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.



Instructions regarding all methods of voting are contained on any Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or proxy card provided. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker, fiduciary or custodian, follow the voting instructions you receive from your record holder.

DATE AND TIME:

Your vote is important. Whether or not you intend to be present at the meeting, to assure that your shares are represented at the meeting, please vote promptly using one of the methods mentioned below.

Thursday, June 18,
2020

9:00 a.m. CT



WHERE:

Generac Power
Systems, Inc.
S45 W29290 Hwy. 59
Waukesha, Wisconsin
53189



Internet

Visit the internet website indicated on the Notice of Internet Availability or any proxy card you receive and follow the on-screen instructions.



Telephone

Use the toll-free telephone number shown on the Notice of Internet Availability or any proxy card you receive.



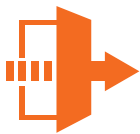
Mail

If you request a paper proxy card by telephone or internet, you may elect to vote by mail. If you elect to do so, you should date, sign and promptly return your proxy card by mail in the postage prepaid envelope which accompanied that proxy card.



In Person

You can deliver a completed proxy card at the meeting or vote in person.



ADMISSION:

Holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on April 20, 2020 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of and interest in the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Raj Kanuru

Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and
Secretary

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Important notice:

The Board of Directors (the “Board of Directors” or “Board”) of Generac Holdings Inc. (“Generac,” “we,” “us,” “our,” or the “Company”) is soliciting your proxy to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Instead of mailing a printed copy of our proxy materials to each stockholder, we furnish proxy materials to our stockholders over the internet by mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (“Notice of Internet Availability”). In view of the impact of COVID-19, and updated Guidance issued by the SEC on April 7, 2020 concerning Delays in Printing and Mailing of Full Set of Proxy Materials, we are mailing only a Notice of Internet Availability to all shareholders. The Notice of Internet Availability includes information on where to view all proxy materials online, as well as voting instructions. If you would like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials included in the Notice of Internet Availability. The Notice of Internet Availability was first mailed on or about April 29, 2020 to all stockholders of record as of the record date for the annual meeting, which was the close of business on April 20, 2020.

Summary Information

Our Corporate Strategy

POWERING OUR FUTURE

Grow:

Further expand market penetration in North America while establishing traction for these products globally.

Lead:

Capitalize on the global growth of natural gas fuel as an available and affordable energy source. Leverage Generac's expertise in gaseous engines to expand applications beyond standby power.



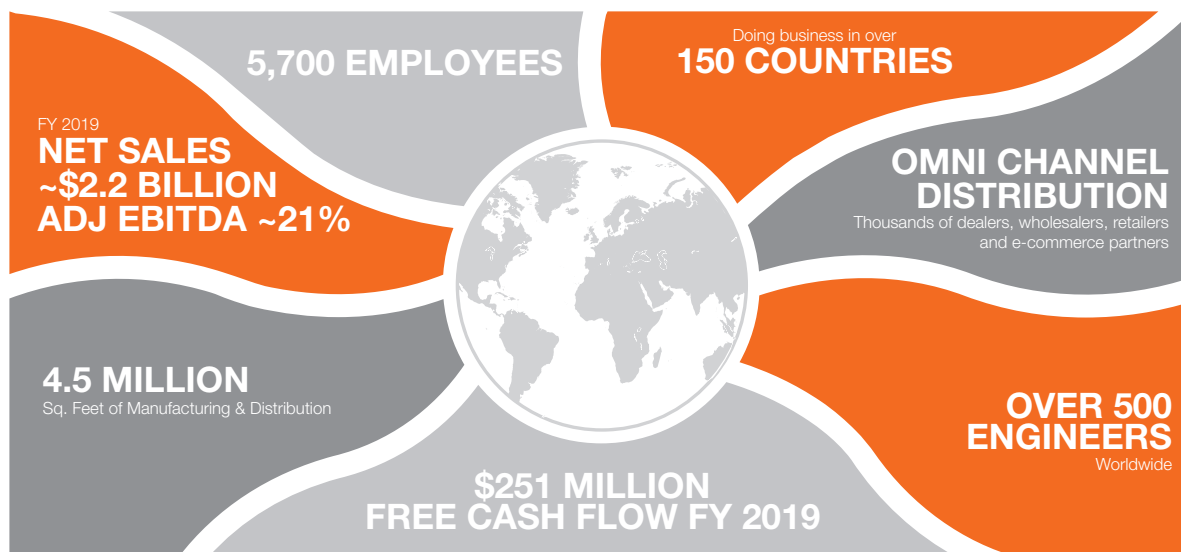
Gain:

We gain share by innovating and we expand our opportunity for growth by doing the hard work of pioneering new products and markets.

Connect:

By being connected to the devices we manufacture we will drive additional value to our customers and our partners over the product lifecycle.

Generac By The Numbers



Our Board Recommends
a vote **"FOR"** each of the
following:

Proposals at the Meeting

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

Marcia J. Avedon
Bennett J. Morgan
Dominick P. Zarcone

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Proposal 2:

To ratify the selection of
Deloitte & Touche LLP as our
independent registered public
accounting firm for the year
ending December 31, 2020;

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Proposal 3:

To vote on an advisory, non-
binding "say-on-pay"
resolution to approve the
compensation of our executive
officers

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Our 2019 Business Highlights

We achieved a number of significant milestones in 2019 that we believe are important to the execution of our strategy.

\$309M

We generated close to \$309 million of operating cash flow

\$2.2B

Revenue grew 9% for the full-year to \$2.2 billion, which was on top of very strong topline growth in both 2018 and 2017 of 21% and 16%, respectively.

20.6%

Gross margin expanded 40 basis points for the year to 36.2% and Adjusted EBITDA* margin came in strong at 20.6%.

Key Components and Design of the Executive Compensation Program

	Element	Type	Primary Purpose
<p>These elements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Variable ✓ At-Risk ✓ Performance-Based 	Annual Performance Bonus Plan	Cash	Rewards achievement of Generac's annual financial goals as defined by the Compensation Committee and other qualitative and quantitative performance objectives as determined by the Compensation Committee.
	Long-Term Incentive	Equity	Rewards strong performance with incentives that focus our executive team on creating stockholder value over the long-term.
	Base Salary	Cash	Reflects position responsibilities, competitive market rates, strategic importance of the position and individual experience.

* A full discussion of our use of non-U.S. generally accepted accounting principles measures to provide a baseline for evaluating and comparing our operating results, and a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income can be found in Item 6 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

Proposal 1 — Election of Class II Directors



The nominees for election as Class II Directors at the 2020 annual meeting are described below. The Board, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors, has nominated each of the candidates for election. If elected, each of the nominees is expected to serve for a three-year term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company in 2023 and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR the Company's nominees for Class II Directors.**

Our Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that our Board of Directors is divided into three classes, with each class serving a consecutive three-year term. The term of the current Class II Directors will expire on the date of the 2020 annual meeting, subject to the election and qualification of their respective successors. The Board of Directors expects that each of the nominees will be available for election as a director. However, if by reason of an unexpected occurrence, one or more of the nominees is not available for election, the persons named in the form of proxy have advised that they will vote for such substitute nominees as the Board of Directors may nominate.

In selecting director candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers whether the candidates possess the required skill sets and fulfill the qualification requirements of directors approved by the Board of Directors, including integrity, objectivity, sound judgment, leadership, and diversity in all aspects of that term, including differences of perspective, professional experience, education, skills, and other individual qualities, such as gender, race, and ethnicity.

The following table provides the composition of each of our committees:

Director	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
Marcia Avedon		X	
John Bowlin		C	
Robert Dixon	X		C
BJ Jenkins		X	
Andrew Lampereur	C		
Bennett Morgan (L)		X	X
David Ramon	X		
Kathryn Roedel			X
Dominick Zarcone	X		

"C" = Chairperson

"L" = Lead Director

PROPOSAL 1 – ELECTION OF CLASS II DIRECTORS

Our directors and nominees bring a broad range of skills, experiences, and perspectives to our board. The below tables and graphics summarize the skills and experiences that bring value to our company.

Competencies

	Age	Gender Diversity	Board Tenure	Public Company Boards (inc. GVRG)	Independent	Risk Management	CEO/CFO (Public Company)	Financial Expert	Strategic Growth and Development (Organic & M&A)	Talent Development/HR/Manufacturing/Supply Chain	Global Markets/International Leadership	Marketing / Product Development	Residential Products/Markets	C&I Products/Markets	Engineering/Markets Processes	Information Technology and Cybersecurity	Investor Relations	Government Relations and Regulatory Compliance	Financial/Capital Markets
Marcia J. Avedon	58	●	<1	1	●	●		●	●	●	●	●						●	
John D. Bowlin	69		13	1	●	●		●	●	●	●	●							●
Robert D. Dixon	60		8	1	●	●	●		●	●			●						
Aaron P. Jagdfeld	48		13	1		●	●	●	●	●	●	●					●		
William D. Jenkins	54		3	1	●	●		●	●				●	●	●				
Andrew G. Lampereur	57		6	2	●	●	●	●					●			●	●	●	
Bennett J. Morgan	56		6	1	●		●	●	●	●	●		●				●		
David A. Ramon	64		10	1	●		●	●	●	●	●			●					
Kathryn V. Roedel	59	●	3	2	●		●	●	●	●	●		●						
Dominick P. Zarcone	61		3	2	●	●	●	●	●	●						●			●

The following biographies describe the business experience of each director. Following the biographical information for each director below, we have listed qualifications that, in addition to those discussed above, the Board of Directors considered in determining whether to recommend the director be nominated for reelection.

Nominees for Election

Class II Directors

MARCIA J. AVEDON, PH.D.



Age: 58

Director Since: 2019

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2020-Current: Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources, Marketing, & Communications Officer for Trane Technologies, a climate control innovation company focusing on heating and cooling in buildings, homes, and transportation (previously Ingersoll Rand, plc)
- 2007-2020: Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Communications, and Corporate Affairs for Ingersoll Rand, leading global human resources, public affairs, corporate social responsibility, communications, and strategic marketing
- 2002-2006: Chief Human Resources Officer at Merck, a global pharmaceutical company
- 1995-2002: Held increasingly responsible leadership positions in Human Resources and Communications for Honeywell International, a global diversified company
- Prior to 1995: Held positions in Human Resources at Anheuser-Busch Companies and as a consultant with Booz, Allen & Hamilton

Other Board Service

- Former Director of GCP Applied Technologies, a global manufacturer of construction products
- Former Director of Lincoln National Corporation

Ms. Avedon has over 30 years of experience leading organizational transformation, talent and succession management, culture change, corporate social responsibility and communications. Ms. Avedon earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and a Master's and Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from George Washington University.

BENNETT J. MORGAN



Age: 56

Director Since: 2013

Lead Director Since: 2018

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2005-2016: President and Chief Operating Officer, Polaris Industries Inc., a manufacturer of power sports vehicles (“Polaris”)
- 2004-2005: Vice President and General Manager, ATV Division, Polaris
- 2001-2004: General Manager, ATV Division, Polaris
- 1997-2001: General Manager, PGA Division, Polaris
- 1987-1997: Various marketing, product development, and operations positions at Polaris Industries

Mr. Morgan brings to Generac extensive leadership skills, and over 25 years of expertise in international consumer durables products, dealer distribution, and product development and innovation in such senior roles as President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Morgan earned his Master of Business Administration from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and his Bachelor of Science in Economics from St. John’s University.

DOMINICK P. ZARCONI



Age: 61

Director Since: 2017

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2017-Current: President and Chief Executive Officer of LKQ Corporation, a global distributor of vehicle parts and accessories
- 2015-2017: Chief Financial Officer, LKQ Corporation
- 2011-2015: Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of Baird Financial Group, a capital markets and wealth management company, and certain of its affiliates
- 2011-2015: Treasurer of Baird Funds, Inc., a family of fixed income and equity mutual funds managed by Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, a registered broker/dealer
- 1995-2011: Managing Director of the Investment Banking department of Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated
- 1986-1995: Held various positions with investment banking company Kidder, Peabody & Co., Incorporated, most recently as Senior Vice President of Investment Banking

Other Board Service

- Current Director of LKQ Corporation, since 2017

Mr. Zarconi brings to Generac extensive management and leadership experience as a senior executive gained in roles as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of a public corporation, and over 25 years of expertise in investment banking and capital markets. Mr. Zarconi earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Other Members of the Board of Directors

Including the nominees, the Board of Directors currently consists of ten (10) directors, each of whom, other than the nominees, is described below. The terms of the Class I Directors expire at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, subject to the election and qualification of their respective successors. The terms of the Class III Directors expire at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, subject to the election and qualification of their respective successors.

Class I Directors

JOHN D. BOWLIN



Age: 69

Director Since: 2006

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2008-2011: Consultant to CCMP Capital Advisors, LLC
- 1985-2003: Held various leadership positions with Philip Morris Companies, Inc. and Miller Brewing Company, including
 - President, Oscar Mayer Food Corporation,
 - President and Chief Operating Officer, Miller Brewing Company,
 - President and Chief Operating Officer, Kraft Foods North America,
 - President and Chief Executive Officer, Kraft International, Inc., and
 - President and Chief Executive Officer, Miller Brewing Company.

Other Board Service

- Current Director of Cerity Partners
- Former Director of the Schwan Food Company, Quiznos, and ChupaChups
- Former Director and Non-Executive Chairman of
 - Vitamin Shoppe, Inc.,
 - Spectrum Brands, and
 - Pliant Corporation.

Mr. Bowlin has extensive leadership skills and operations experience in senior positions, including as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer for a number of private companies and divisions of public companies. Mr. Bowlin holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgetown University and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University.

AARON P. JAGDFELD



Age: 48

Director Since: 2006

Chairman Since: 2016

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2008-Current: President and Chief Executive Officer of Generac
- 2007: President of Generac, responsible for sales, marketing, engineering, and product development
- 2002-2006: Chief Financial Officer, Generac
- 1994-2001: Finance Department, Generac
- Prior to 1994: Audit Practice, Deloitte & Touche, LLP

Other Board Service

- Current Director of The Hillman Group

As the Chief Executive Officer and the only management representative on the Board, Mr. Jagdfeld provides valuable insight to the Board into the day-to-day business issues facing the Company. Since joining the Company, he has navigated a number of challenges, including our initial public offering, the significant increase in sales, numerous acquisitions and our international expansion. Mr. Jagdfeld has extensive finance and operational experience and has high-level leadership experience in several prior positions. Mr. Jagdfeld holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

ANDREW G. LAMPEREUR



Age: 57

Director Since: 2014

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2000-2017: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Actuant Corporation, a global diversified company that designs and manufactures industrial products and systems
- 1999-2000: Applied Power (Actuant) Business Development Leader
- 1998-1999: Vice President and General Manager-Distribution, Gardner Bender (Actuant subsidiary)
- 1996-1998: Vice President Finance, Gardner Bender
- 1993-1996: Corporate Controller, Actuant Corporation
- Prior to 1993: Held various financial positions with Fruehauf Trailer Corporation, Terex Corporation, and Price Waterhouse

Other Board Service

- Current Director of Jason Industries, Inc., since 2019
- Former Director of Robbins & Myers

Mr. Lampereur contributes over 26 years of senior-level financial experience in a variety of businesses complementary to Generac, including as a chief financial officer and director of a public company. Mr. Lampereur graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration from St. Norbert College. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Class III Directors

ROBERT D. DIXON



Age: 60

Director Since: 2012

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2014-2016: Chairman and CEO of Natural Systems Utilities LLC, a distributed water infrastructure company
- 2012-2014: Chief Executive Officer of Seven Seas Water Corporation, an international services corporation
- 1983-2011: Held various leadership roles at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., including Senior Vice President & General Manager

Other Board Service

- Former Director of Valicor Environmental Services, a private equity-owned company that is one of the largest providers of non-hazardous wastewater treatment services in North America.

Mr. Dixon brings to Generac over 30 years of global management, operations and finance experience. Mr. Dixon earned a Master of Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Miami University. He also attended the Advanced Management Program at INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France.

DAVID A. RAMON



Age: 64

Director Since: 2010

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2014-2018: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Diversified Maintenance, a specialized facility services company
- 1998-Current: Founder and Managing Partner of Vaduz Partners, a private investment firm
- 2000-2007: President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of USA.NET, Inc.
- 1997-1998: President, Coleman Outdoor Recreation Group
- 1994-1997: Held various senior management positions, including President and Chief Operating Officer of New World Television, Inc. and Director of New World Communications Group, Inc.
- 1982-1994: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Gillett Holdings, Inc.
- Prior to 1982: Arthur Young & Company

Mr. Ramon brings to Generac more than 30 years of broad management, operations, and investment experience with both established and emerging companies. Mr. Ramon has leadership and financial experience, including as CEO, COO, President and CFO of a number of private and public companies. Mr. Ramon earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin.

WILLIAM D. JENKINS, JR.



Age: 54

Director Since: 2017

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2012-Current: President & Chief Executive Officer of Barracuda Networks, a private network technology company
- 1998-2012: Held various positions at EMC Corporation, an information infrastructure company, including President of the Backup Recovery Systems division

Other Board Service

- Current Director of Barracuda Networks
- Current Director of Sumo Logic
- Former Lead Director and member of Compensation and Audit Committees for Apigee Corporation (acquired by Google, Inc.)
- Former Director and member of Audit Committee for Nimble Storage, Inc. (acquired by Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company)

Mr. Jenkins brings to Generac extensive management and leadership experience gained in such senior roles as Chief Executive Officer for a technology company. Mr. Jenkins holds a Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard Business School.

KATHRYN V. ROEDEL



Age: 59

Director Since: 2016

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

- 2005-2016: Held various leadership roles at Sleep Number Corporation, a manufacturer of mattresses and sleep-related products, including
 - Executive Vice President and Chief Services and Fulfillment Officer
 - Executive Vice President, Product and Service, and
 - Senior Vice President, Global Supply Chain.
- 1983-2005: Held various leadership roles at GE, including
 - General Manager, Global Supply Chain Strategy, GE Healthcare,
 - General Manager, Global Quality and Six Sigma, GE Healthcare,
 - Vice President Technical Operations and Director/Vice President of Quality Programs for GE Clinical Services, a division of GE Healthcare, and
 - Various roles in Sourcing, Engineering, and Manufacturing at GE Information Services and GE Healthcare.

Other Board Service

- Current Director of Columbus McKinnon Corporation, a public company that designs and manufactures material handling systems
- Current Director of The Jones Family of Companies, a private, family-owned manufacturer serving the mattress and janitorial industries

Ms. Roedel has over 30 years of extensive global general management, operations, supply chain and services experience. Ms. Roedel graduated with a B.S., Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University.

Corporate Governance

Board of Directors Independence Standards for Directors

Pursuant to our Corporate Governance Guidelines and Principles, a copy of which is available on our website at www.generac.com, the Board of Directors is required to affirmatively determine whether our directors are independent under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”), the principal exchange on which our common stock is traded.

During its annual review of director independence, the Board of Directors considers all information it deems relevant, including without limitation any transactions and relationships between each director or any member of his or her immediate family and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates. The Board of Directors also considers the recommendations of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which conducts a separate independence assessment of all directors as part of its nomination process for the Board of Directors and its respective committees. The purpose of this review is to determine whether any such relationship or transaction is considered a “material relationship” that would be inconsistent with a determination that a director is independent. The Board of Directors has not adopted any “categorical standards” for assessing independence, preferring instead to consider all relevant facts and circumstances in making an independence determination including, without limitation, applicable independence standards promulgated by the NYSE.

**9 out of 10
Independent**

As a result of this review, the Board of Directors affirmatively determined that Marcia Avedon, John Bowlin, Robert Dixon, David Ramon, Kathryn Roedel, Bennett Morgan, Andrew Lampereur, Dominick Zarcone, and William Jenkins are independent directors under the applicable rules of the NYSE.

Committees of the Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has three standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Our Board of Directors has adopted charters for each of its standing committees. Copies of our committee charters are posted on our website at www.generac.com.

Audit Committee

Members	Key Responsibilities	(9 Meetings in 2019)
<p>ANDREW G. LAMPEREUR (Chair)</p> <p>DAVID A. RAMON</p> <p>ROBERT D. DIXON</p> <p>DOMINICK P. ZARCONE</p>	<p>The audit committee, among other things, assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibility relating to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the integrity of our financial statements, • our systems of internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures, • our compliance with applicable law and ethics programs, • the annual independent audit of our financial statements, and • the evaluation of financial and enterprise risks. <p>The Board has determined that each of Messrs. Lampereur, Ramon, Dixon, and Zarcone is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K, and the Board is satisfied that all members of our Audit Committee have sufficient expertise and business and financial experience necessary to effectively perform their duties as members of the Audit Committee.</p> <p>In connection with its review of the Company’s financial statements, the Audit Committee receives reports from the Company’s Chief Financial Officer and the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm regarding significant risks and exposures and assesses management’s steps to minimize them. The Audit Committee also reviews material legal and regulatory matters and compliance with significant applicable legal, ethical, and regulatory requirements, and receives reports from the Company’s General Counsel relating to these matters.</p>	<p></p>

In discharging its duties, the Audit Committee has the sole authority to select, retain, oversee, and terminate, if necessary, the independent registered public accounting firm, review and approve the scope of the annual audit, review and pre-approve the engagement of our independent registered public accounting firm to perform audit and non-audit services, meet independently with our independent registered public accounting firm and senior management, review the integrity of our financial reporting process, and review our financial statements and disclosures and certain SEC filings and financial press releases.

The Audit Committee formally met nine (9) times in 2019, and members of the Audit Committee also met informally among themselves, with management and with other members of the Board from time to time. Decisions regarding audit-related matters were approved by our Board after taking into account the recommendations of the Audit Committee and its members. The Audit Committee maintains a committee charter and meets with our independent registered public accounting firm without management present on a regular basis.

Compensation Committee

Members	Key Responsibilities	(5 Meetings in 2019)
JOHN D. BOWLIN (Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Compensation Committee plays an integral role in the Company's processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of executive and director compensation. The Compensation Committee determines the compensation policies and individual compensation decisions for our executive officers, and ensures that these policies and decisions are consistent with overall corporate performance. The Compensation Committee, in conjunction with the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee as needed, reviews the form and amount of director compensation and makes recommendations to the Board related thereto. The Compensation Committee has the authority to approve all stock option grants and other equity awards to our employees, directors, and executive officers. The Compensation Committee also reviews and recommends to the Board of Directors the target annual incentive pool, the annual performance objectives for participants, and actual payouts to participants, including the executive officers. In setting compensation, the Compensation Committee works with its independent compensation consultant and management to create incentives that encourage an appropriate level of risk-taking that is consistent with the Company's business strategy and maximization of stockholder value. 	
BENNETT J. MORGAN		
WILLIAM D. JENKINS JR.		
MARCIA J. AVEDON		

The Compensation Committee has decision-making authority with respect to all compensation decisions for our executive officers, including annual incentive plan awards and grants of equity awards. The Compensation Committee is responsible for finalizing and approving the performance objectives relevant to the compensation of our CEO and other executive officers.

The Compensation Committee's recommendations are developed with input from our CEO and, where appropriate, other senior executives. The Compensation Committee reviews management recommendations and input from compensation consultants, along with other sources of data when formulating its independent recommendations to the Board of Directors. A discussion and analysis of the Company's compensation decisions regarding the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table appears in this proxy statement under the heading "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION—Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

To assist it in performing its duties, the Compensation Committee has the authority to engage outside consulting firms. The Compensation Committee has engaged Willis Towers Watson & Co. ("Willis Towers Watson") as its independent compensation consultant since September 2014. In its capacity as outside and independent compensation consultants, Willis Towers Watson reports directly to the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee has sole authority to replace compensation consultants retained from time to time, and to hire additional Compensation Committee consultants at any time. Representatives from outside consulting firms engaged by the Compensation Committee attend meetings of the Compensation Committee, as requested, and communicate with the Chairman of the Compensation Committee between meetings.

The Compensation Committee assessed the independence of Willis Towers Watson pursuant to applicable SEC rules and concluded that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent Willis Towers Watson from independently advising the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee reviews and discusses with management proposed Compensation Discussion and Analysis disclosures and determines whether to recommend the Compensation Discussion and Analysis to the Board of Directors for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement and annual report. The recommendation is described in the Compensation Committee Report included in this proxy statement.

The Compensation Committee formally met five (5) times in 2019, and members of the Compensation Committee also met informally among themselves, with management and with other members of the Board and Willis Towers Watson from time to time. Decisions regarding executive compensation were approved by our Board after taking into account the recommendations of the Compensation Committee.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Members	Key Responsibilities	(4 Meetings in 2019)
<p>ROBERT D. DIXON (Chair)</p> <p>BENNETT J. MORGAN</p> <p>KATHRYN V. ROEDEL</p>	<p>The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifies candidates to serve as directors and on committees of the Board of Directors, • develops, recommends, and reviews our corporate governance guidelines on a regular basis, and • assists the Board of Directors in its annual review of the Board of Directors' performance. 	<p>The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also undertakes such other tasks delegated to the committee by the Board of Directors.</p>

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee formally met four (4) times in 2019, but members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met informally among themselves, with management, and other members of the Board from time to time. Decisions regarding board nominations and corporate governance-related matters were approved by our Board after taking into account the recommendations of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Criteria for Director Nominees

In selecting director candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers whether the candidates possess the required skill sets and fulfill the qualification requirements of directors approved by the Board of Directors, including integrity, objectivity, sound judgment, leadership and diversity in all aspects of that term, including differences of perspective, professional experience, education, skills, and other individual qualities, such as gender, race, and ethnicity. Annually, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee assesses the composition of the Board of Directors, including the Committee's effectiveness in balancing the above considerations.

Other than the foregoing, there are no minimum criteria for director nominees, although the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may consider such other factors as it may deem are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Nominating and

Corporate Governance Committee does not assign specific weights to, and a potential or incumbent director will not necessarily satisfy all of, the foregoing criteria and in evaluating a candidate does not distinguish on the basis of whether the candidate was recommended by a stockholder. Accordingly, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not have a formal diversity policy but considers diversity in all aspects of that term, as noted above, as a component of evaluating the composition of the Board of Directors in connection with the annual nomination process.

Process for Identifying and Evaluating Director Nominees

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies nominees by first evaluating the current members of the Board of Directors willing to continue in service. Current members of the Board of Directors with skills and experience that are relevant to the Company's business and who are willing to continue in service are considered for re-nomination, balancing the value of continuity of service by existing members of the Board of Directors with that of obtaining a new perspective on the Board. If any member of the Board of Directors does not wish to continue in service or if the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee decides not to re-nominate a member for re-election, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies the desired skills and experience of a new nominee based on the criteria listed above. Current members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board of Directors are polled for suggestions as to individuals meeting the criteria of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Executive search firms may also be retained to identify qualified individuals. Ms. Avedon was appointed as a Class II Director, effective December 1, 2019. A third-party search firm engaged by the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee recommended Ms. Avedon to serve on our Board. Shareholders who wish to recommend a candidate for consideration by the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee may do so by sending the candidate's name and supporting information to Mr. Bob Dixon, Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee Chair, c/o Raj Kanuru, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, & Corporate Secretary, Generac Power Systems, Inc., S45 W29290 Highway 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189.

Stockholder Nominations

Our Bylaws contain provisions which address the process by which a stockholder may nominate an individual to stand for election to the Board of Directors at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders. To make a nomination for election to the Board of Directors, a stockholder must submit his or her nomination by providing the person's name and appropriate background and biographical information by writing to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee at Generac Holdings Inc., Attn: Raj Kanuru, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, S45 W29290 Hwy 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189. A stockholder's nomination must be received by the Company's Secretary (i) no later than the close of business on the 90th day, nor earlier than the close of business on the 120th day, prior to the first anniversary of the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders, (ii) in the event the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to the date of such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to the date of such annual

meeting or, if the first public announcement of the date of such annual meeting is less than 100 days prior to the date of such annual meeting, the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by the Company, or (iii) in the case of a special meeting of stockholders called for the purpose of electing directors, not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such special meeting or the 10th day following the date on which notice of the date of the special meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the special meeting was made, whichever first occurs. A stockholder nomination must be accompanied by the information required by the Bylaws with respect to a stockholder director nominee.

We may require any proposed nominee to furnish other information as we may reasonably require to determine the eligibility of the proposed nominee to serve as a director of the Company. See "PROPOSALS BY STOCKHOLDERS" for the deadline for nominating persons for election as directors at our 2021 annual meeting of stockholders.

Board of Directors Role in Risk Oversight

Our Board and management continually monitor the material risks facing our Company, including financial risk, strategic risk, operational risk, and legal and compliance risk. Management regularly reports to the Board on its activities in monitoring and mitigating such risks. Overall responsibility for risk oversight rests with our Board. In addition, the Board may delegate risk oversight responsibility to a particular committee in situations in which the risk falls within the committee's area of focus or expertise. Our Board believes that for certain areas of risk, our Company is better served by having the initial risk evaluation and risk monitoring undertaken by a subset of the entire Board that is more focused on the issues pertaining to the particular risk. For instance, our Compensation Committee assists the Board in evaluating risks relating to our compensation policies and procedures. Also, our Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling the Board's oversight responsibility relating to the evaluation of financial and enterprise risks, including environmental, health & safety, product regulatory, and social matters. As it deems necessary and on at least an annual basis, the respective committee to which oversight and monitoring of a particular risk has been assigned reports on risk exposures and mitigation strategies with respect to such risk to the entire Board.

Board of Directors Leadership Structure

Aaron Jagdfeld has served as a director of the Company since 2006 and is the Company's Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer. Bennett Morgan serves as Lead Director.

The Lead Director has broad responsibility and authority, including to:

- Review the agendas for and preside over meetings of the independent directors.
- Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors at which the Chairman is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors.
- Call meetings of the independent directors.
- Serve as the principal liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors.

- Consult with the Chairman regarding:
 - Information sent to the Board of Directors, including the quality, quantity, appropriateness, and timeliness of such information.
 - Meeting agendas for the Board of Directors.
 - The frequency of Board of Directors meetings and meeting schedules, assuring there is sufficient time for discussion of all agenda items.
- Be available, when appropriate, for consultation and direct communication with stockholders.
- Select, retain, and consult with outside counsel and other advisors as the Lead Director deems appropriate.

Periodically, our Board assesses these roles and the board leadership structure to ensure the interests of the Company and its stockholders are best served.

Our Board has determined that its current structure, with a combined Chairman and CEO role and an independent Lead Director, is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders at this time based on a number of factors, including:

- A combined Chairman and CEO structure provides the Company with decisive and effective leadership with clearer accountability to our stockholders and customers.
- The combined role is both counterbalanced and enhanced by the effective oversight and independence of our Board of Directors, and the independent leadership provided by our Lead Director and independent committee chairs.
- The Board believes that the appointment of a strong independent Lead Director and the use of regular executive sessions of the non-management Directors, along with the Board's strong committee system and all Directors being independent except for Mr. Jagdfeld, allow it to maintain effective oversight of management.

Stockholders and other parties interested in communicating directly with Mr. Morgan as Lead Director may do so by writing to Mr. Morgan, c/o Generac Holdings Inc., S45 W29290 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189.

Attendance at Meetings

It is our policy that each director is expected to dedicate sufficient time to the performance of his or her duties as a director, including by attending meetings of the stockholders, Board of Directors and committees of which he or she is a member. All then-serving members of the Board of Directors attended the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

In 2019, the Board of Directors held eight (8) meetings (including regularly scheduled and special meetings) and took action by unanimous written consent from time to time. All incumbent directors attended at least 75% of (i) the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors (held during the period for which he or she has been a director); and (ii) the total number of meetings held by all committees on which he or she served (during the periods that he or she served).

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders and other parties interested in communicating directly with the Board of Directors, whether individually or as a group, may do so by writing to the Board of Directors, c/o Generac Holdings Inc., S45 W29290 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189. The Secretary will review all correspondence and regularly forward to the Board of Directors all such correspondence that, in the opinion of the Secretary, deals with the functions of the Board of Directors or committees thereof or that the Secretary otherwise determines requires attention. Concerns relating to accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters will immediately be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Audit Committee. We have adopted a Whistleblower Policy, which establishes procedures for submitting these types of concerns, either personally or anonymously through a toll free telephone "hotline" or web transmission operated by an independent party. Our Whistleblower Policy can be found on the Company's website at www.generac.com.

Stockholders and other parties interested in communicating directly with Andrew Lampereur, as Chairman of the Audit Committee, may do so by writing to Mr. Andrew Lampereur, Chairman, Audit Committee, c/o Generac Holdings Inc., S45 W29290 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189.

Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

We have adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct (the "Code"), that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer and principal financial accounting officer. In addition, we have adopted a Supplemental Code of Ethics and Conduct (the "Supplement") that applies to all of our directors and executive officers, including our principal executive officer and principal financial accounting officer. The Code and Supplement are both posted on our website at www.generac.com. Any amendments to, or waivers under, our Code or Supplement which are required to be disclosed by the rules promulgated by the SEC will be disclosed on the Company's website at www.generac.com.

Corporate Governance Guidelines and Principles

We have adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines and Principles. These guidelines outline the role of our Board of Directors, the composition and operating principles of our Board of Directors and its committees and our Board of Directors' working process. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines and Principles are posted on our website at www.generac.com.

Environmental, Social, and Governance Practices

Generac's mission is to ensure peace of mind by developing power products and solutions that make the world safer, brighter, and more productive. In furthering that mission, Generac takes seriously its environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") responsibilities and, in the course of its business, encounters and manages a broad range of ESG matters. We have identified the below ESG categories as among the most relevant to our business and of interest to key stakeholders.



Environmental, Health & Safety

We are committed to developing environmentally responsible products and processes, and care about the safety and well-being of our employees, their families, and our communities. We demonstrate this commitment through the following:

- Upholding our comprehensive Corporate Regulatory Compliance and Environmental Protection Policy and Corporate Safety Handbook
- Deploying both corporate and facility Health & Safety Committees to ensure employee and contractor safety
- Maintaining ISO 14001 Certification for our Corporate Environmental Management System
- Continually training and educating our employees and contractors on their responsibility to identify work that is unsafe or environmentally unsound and to help mitigate potential negative impacts
- Implementing and monitoring a long-term "Vision Zero" plan, under which we evaluate and take advantage of reducing materials and waste throughout our operating facilities
- Providing energy storage, technology solutions and related products that utilize solar and other clean, renewable energy sources
- Providing innovative product solutions that utilize natural gas (including bi-fuel options), offering significant environmental benefits compared to diesel products
- Being a leader in LED and hybrid light tower technology, which provide for more fuel-efficient operations
- Investing in energy monitoring and management solutions, which provide customers the information and control necessary to allow them to reduce their overall energy consumption



Social Responsibility

We practice the highest ethical standards by honoring our commitments and treating everyone with fairness, trust and respect. We also believe our success is directly tied to our employees' personal and professional growth, and recognize their achievements and share in our mutual success. We demonstrate these values through the following:

- Promoting an inclusive corporate culture that prohibits discrimination and harassment and encourages diversity
- Maintaining an ongoing global employee engagement initiative with targeted action plans by region, function, and business group. Action plans and their progress are regularly measured by global annual and pulse employee engagement surveys
- Enforcing strong policies related to anti-corruption and anti-competitive practices
- Holding suppliers to high ethical standards under our Supplier Code of Conduct
- Providing job opportunities to those who face barriers to employment through strong partnerships with community job agencies representing disabled clients and workforce release programs
- Maintaining an employee wellness program
- Engaging, through our Generac Gives program, in community outreach and charitable activities across the globe, including fundraising, charitable nonprofit organizations, supporting local youth education (including STEM and apprenticeship opportunities), and donating to nearly 200 community organizations in 2019. Employees also participate in charitable efforts like blood drives and other group volunteer activities
- Founding the GPS Education Partners program, which provides a high school education through a work-based learning program. Generac hosts a student classroom and provides work-based learning opportunities on-site sponsoring 420 students since founding the program in 2000
- Providing storm relief services to communities affected by major weather-related power outages through free technical support and direct emergency product repairs in affected regions



Governance

Our Company is committed to good corporate governance and believes in maintaining policies and practices that serve the interests of all stockholders, including the following:

- Board oversight of the Company's risk management framework, as well as its risk assessment and management practices
- Adopting and enforcing our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct
- Adhering to our Corporate Governance Guidelines and Principles
- Regularly engaging with stockholders to seek their feedback on the Company's strategy, performance, and ESG practices

- Routinely reviewing the need for Board and Committee refreshment
- Maintaining a strong control environment and making effective controls an integral part of our routine business practices

Political Contributions

It is Generac's policy that Company funds or assets will not be used to make a political contribution to any political party or candidate, unless approval has been given by the Board of Directors or its authorized designee. Generac did not contribute to any political parties or candidates in 2019.

Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") requires the Company's officers and directors, and persons who own more than ten percent of the common stock of the Company, to file with the SEC reports of ownership of Company securities and changes in reported ownership. Officers, directors, and greater than ten percent stockholders are required by SEC rules to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file. Based solely on a review of the copies of such forms furnished to the Company, or written representations from the reporting persons that no Form 5 was required, the Company believes that during 2019 all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its officers, directors, and greater than ten percent beneficial owners were complied with, except for the following Form 4 filing that was inadvertently filed late: one Form 4 for two transactions by Mr. Wilde on August 8, 2019.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

In 2019, the members of our Compensation Committee were Todd Adams (prior to his resignation from the Board on May 1, 2019), Bennett Morgan, John Bowlin, William Jenkins, and Marcia Avedon (following her election to the Board on December 1, 2019). No member of the Compensation Committee was, during 2019 or previously, an officer or employee of Generac or its subsidiaries. In addition, during 2019, there were no Compensation Committee interlocks required to be disclosed.

Beneficial Ownership of our Common Stock

The following table shows information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of April 20, 2020 by:

- each person or group who is known to own beneficially more than five percent of our common stock;
- each member of our Board of Directors, each nominee for election as a director, and each of our named executive officers; and
- all members of our Board of Directors and our executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership of shares is determined under rules of the SEC and generally includes any shares over which a person exercises sole or shared voting or investment power. Except as noted by footnote, and subject to community property laws where applicable, we believe based on the information provided to us that the persons and entities named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of our common stock shown as beneficially owned by them.

Unless otherwise indicated, the address for each holder listed below is c/o Generac Holdings Inc., S45 W29290 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189.

Name and address of beneficial owner	Number of Shares	Percentage of Shares
Principal stockholders		
BlackRock, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	7,104,863	11.4%
The Vanguard Group ⁽²⁾	5,956,644	9.5%
JPMorgan Chase & Co. ⁽³⁾	5,065,141	8.1%
FMR LLC ⁽⁴⁾	4,586,860	7.3%
Directors and Named Executive Officers⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾		
Aaron Jagdfeld	1,169,733	1.9%
York Ragen	246,679	0.4%
Russell Minick	46,836	0.1%
Patrick Forsythe	73,853	0.1%
Erik Wilde	24,220	*
Marcia Avedon	396	*
John Bowlin	88,676	0.1%
David Ramon	31,475	0.1%
Bennett Morgan	21,602	*
Robert Dixon	15,299	*
Andrew Lampereur	17,705	*
William Jenkins	7,444	*
Dominick Zarcone	9,690	*
Kathryn Roedel	7,320	*
All members of the Board of Directors and executive officers as a group (16 persons)	1,789,549	2.9%

* Less than 0.1%

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF OUR COMMON STOCK

- (1) Based on information obtained from Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13G filed by BlackRock, Inc. on March 9, 2020. According to that report, BlackRock, Inc. possesses sole power to vote 6,954,330 of such shares and possesses sole power to dispose of 7,104,863 of such shares. In addition, according to that report, BlackRock, Inc.'s business address is 55 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10055.
- (2) Based on information obtained from Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 13G filed by The Vanguard Group ("Vanguard") on February 12, 2020. According to that report, Vanguard possesses shared power to vote or to direct the voting of 9,619 of such shares and possesses shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 131,002 of such shares and possesses sole power to vote or to direct the voting of 129,501 of such shares and possesses sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 5,825,642 of such shares. In addition, according to that report, Vanguard's business address is 100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355.
- (3) Based on information obtained from Schedule 13G filed by JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("JPMorgan") on January 24, 2020. According to that report, JPMorgan possesses sole power to vote 4,757,388 of such shares and possesses sole power to dispose of 5,061,541 of such shares. In addition, according to that report, JPMorgan's business address is 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179.
- (4) Based on information obtained from Schedule 13G filed by FMR LLC on February 7, 2020. According to that report, FMR, LLC. possesses sole power to vote or to direct the voting of 211,670 of such shares and possesses sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 4,586,860 of such shares. In addition, according to that report, FMR LLC's business address is 245 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210.
- (5) With respect to Messrs. Jagdfeld, Ragen, Minick, Forsythe and Wilde, the number of shares beneficially owned includes 482,393, 134,083, 23,635, 41,993 and 10,172 shares respectively, which may be acquired pursuant to options issued under the 2010 or 2019 Generac Holdings Inc. Equity Incentive Plan as applicable, because such options are exercisable within 60 days. The respective number of shares for the individuals mentioned above were in each case also added to the denominator for purposes of calculating the percentage ownership of that individual.
- (6) With respect to Ms. Roedel and Messrs. Ramon, Dixon, Morgan, Lampereur, Jenkins and Zarcone, the number of shares beneficially owned includes 7,320, 1,947, 5,904, 8,346, 10,797, 1,417 and 6,661 Deferred Stock Units, respectively, all of which were issued pursuant to the Company's Deferred Stock Unit Plan for Non-Employee Directors, effective April 1, 2017.

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Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis (CD&A) describes our executive compensation program. It provides an overview of the 2019 compensation for the following named executive officers, practices and policies, and how the Compensation Committee made its decisions.

Named Executive Officer	Title
Aaron Jagdfeld	President, Chief Executive Officer & Chairman
York Ragen	Chief Financial Officer
Russell Minick	Chief Marketing Officer
Patrick Forsythe	Executive Vice President, Global Engineering
Erik Wilde	Executive Vice President, Industrial Americas



2019 Business Highlights & Performance

2019 was another record year for Generac....

\$309M

We generated close to \$309 million of operating cash flow

\$2.2B

Revenue grew 9% for the full-year to \$2.2 billion, which was on top of very strong topline growth in both 2018 and 2017 of 21% and 16%, respectively.

20.6%

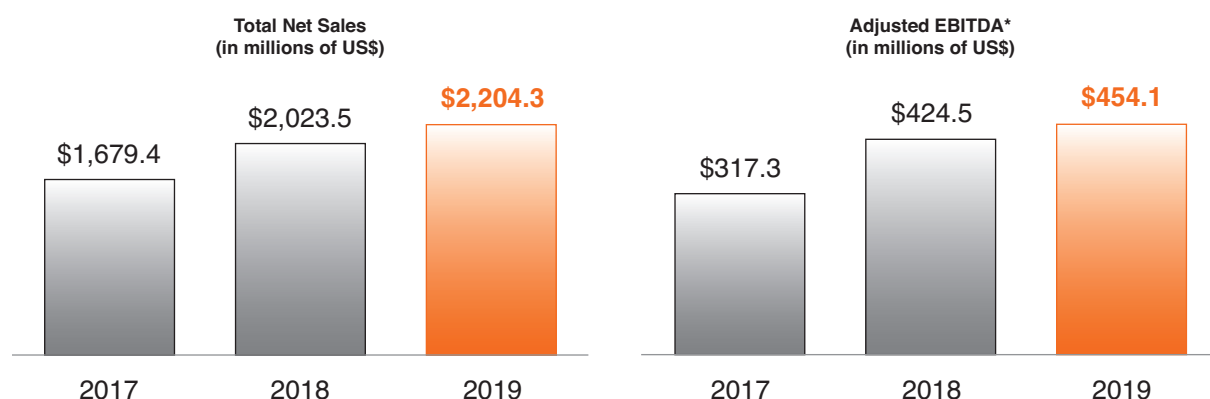
Gross margin expanded 40 basis points for the year to 36.2% and Adjusted EBITDA* margin came in strong at 20.6%.

In addition to the strong financial performance, the Company had some key accomplishments during the year that are important to the execution of our strategy. We believe 2019 provides further support that the secular penetration opportunity for home standby generators is as compelling as it has ever been. Home standby shipments increased at a strong rate during the year and we experienced very encouraging trends with several key performance metrics that we monitor closely, including in-home consultations, activations, and residential dealer count. We made significant progress in ramping up efforts to capitalize on a dramatic increase in generator interest and demand in California due to the power shutoff events by local utilities, as residential product shipments alone to the state increased by more than \$50 million compared to the prior year. We also launched our new Clean Energy efforts during the year by entering into the energy storage and monitoring markets, including making the important and strategic acquisitions of Pika Energy and Neurio Technology during the first half of 2019. We achieved an exciting milestone during the fourth quarter by shipping the first of our new PWRcell storage systems with our PWRview monitoring platform, which has been very well received by the market to date.

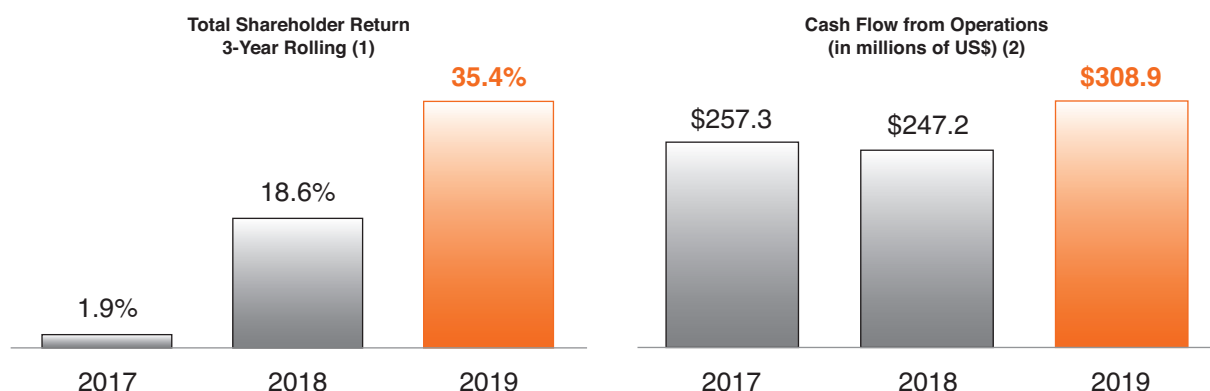
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Another key accomplishment during 2019 was the exceptionally strong growth experienced for domestic commercial & industrial (C&I) stationary generators, which benefitted from market share gains and the dual secular drivers of increasing penetration for natural gas generators and the impending deployment of next-generation 5G technology. We also further expanded our international business with the Captiva acquisition in India during the first quarter of 2019—one of the largest power generation markets in the world.

We generated record earnings and cash flow for 2019, while at the same time significantly increasing our operating and capital investments across the business to align with our long-term core growth targets, and to capitalize on the numerous growth opportunities that lie ahead for Generac. Accordingly, we planned for a notable increase in operating expenses in order to invest in a variety of initiatives across the business, and we had nearly a 30% increase in capital expenditures for the year compared to 2018—with the majority relating to “growth” investments within our operations and facilities.



* A full discussion of our use of non-U.S. generally accepted accounting principles measures to provide a baseline for evaluating and comparing our operating results, and a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income can be found in Item 6 of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.



(1) Total Shareholder Return reflects the compound annual price appreciation of Generac shares along with the assumption of special dividends being reinvested to calculate a total return to shareholders expressed as a percentage.

(2) On January 1, 2018, we adopted ASU 2017-07, *Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost*; ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows: Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*; and ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. These new standards required retrospective application to all periods presented in our financial statements.

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Generac's Executive Compensation Practices

The following best practices ensure alignment between shareholders and executives while maintaining corporate governance.

WHAT WE DO:

✓ Pay for Performance	A significant amount of executive officer pay is based on the achievement of specific annual and long-term strategic and financial goals.
✓ Stock Ownership Guidelines	Stock ownership guidelines have been established for executive officers and Directors.
✓ Compensation Risk Assessments	A compensation risk assessment is performed on a regular basis.
✓ Independent Compensation Consultant	An independent consultant is retained by the Compensation Committee.
✓ Clawback Policy	Requires the CEO, CFO and other executive officers to reimburse or forfeit any excess incentive compensation received due to the accounting restatement of the Company's financial statements as a result of the Company's material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under federal securities laws.







WHAT WE DO NOT DO:

✗ Hedging of Company Stock	Executive officers and Directors may not engage in speculative transactions in Company securities. Specifically, it is against Company policy to trade in puts or calls in Company securities or sell Company securities short.
✗ Pledging of Company Stock	Executive officers may not pledge Company securities or hold Company securities in margin accounts.
✗ Tax Gross-Ups	Executive officers do not receive tax gross-ups either directly or indirectly.
✗ Dividends on Unearned Performance Awards	Executive officers do not receive dividends on unearned performance awards.
✗ "Single Trigger" Change in Control Severance Provisions	Executive officers do not have severance arrangements that trigger solely by virtue of a change in control.

ABOUT OUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

2019 Executive Compensation Program Changes and Events

We remain focused on the continuous improvement of our executive compensation program to ensure alignment with our compensation philosophy, Powering Our Future Strategy and shareholder interests, as well as market best practices. To this end, the Committee has made the following refinements to executive compensation:

What's Changed	How It's Changed	Rationale for Change
 Performance Equity Mix	 Modified weighting of the equity granted in the three-year performance cycle.	 The Committee believes reducing stock options and increasing performance share weighting supports our continued focus on pay-for-performance alignment.
 Peer Group	 Maintain peer group of 20 companies by replacing Powell Industries with Itron	 Powell was removed due to falling below desired revenue range. Itron was selected for being in the energy sector and having revenue within the relevant range.

Philosophy and Objectives

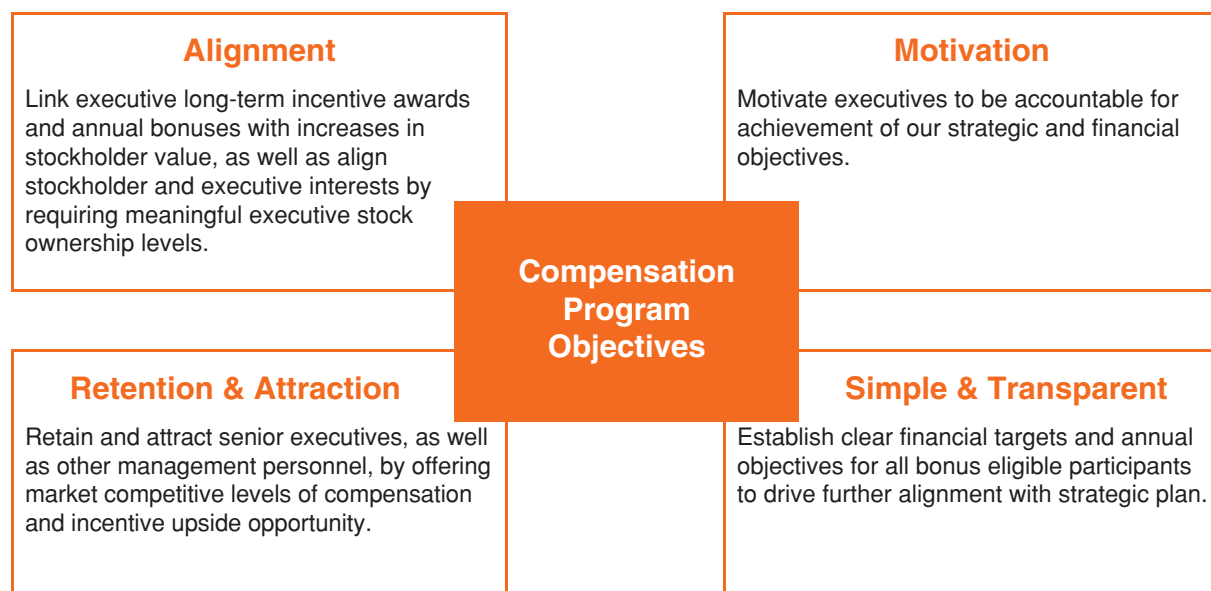
We believe that the compensation program for our executives should directly support the achievement of specific annual, long-term and strategic goals of the business and, thereby, align the interests of executives with the interests of our stockholders. Our compensation program is designed to balance rewards for corporate, business and individual results.

The program's strong pay-for-performance alignment is an important part of our continuing commitment to enhancing long-term stockholder value.

We also believe that stockholders are best served when we are able to attract and retain high caliber executive talent. To that end, we offer competitive base salary, as well as annual and long-term incentive opportunities, which encourage specific performance and reward the

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successful efforts of our executives. Within this context, the four major objectives for our executive compensation program are:



To achieve these objectives, we have structured a compensation program that provides our executives with the following:

Pay Element	Form	Purpose
Base Salary	Cash (Fixed)	Reflects position responsibilities, competitive market rates, strategic importance of the position and individual experience.
Annual Performance Bonus Plan	Cash (Variable)	Rewards achievement of Generac's annual financial goals as defined by the Compensation Committee and other qualitative and quantitative performance objectives as determined by the Compensation Committee.
Long-Term Incentives	Equity (Variable)	Rewards strong performance with incentives that focus our executive team on creating stockholder value over the long-term.

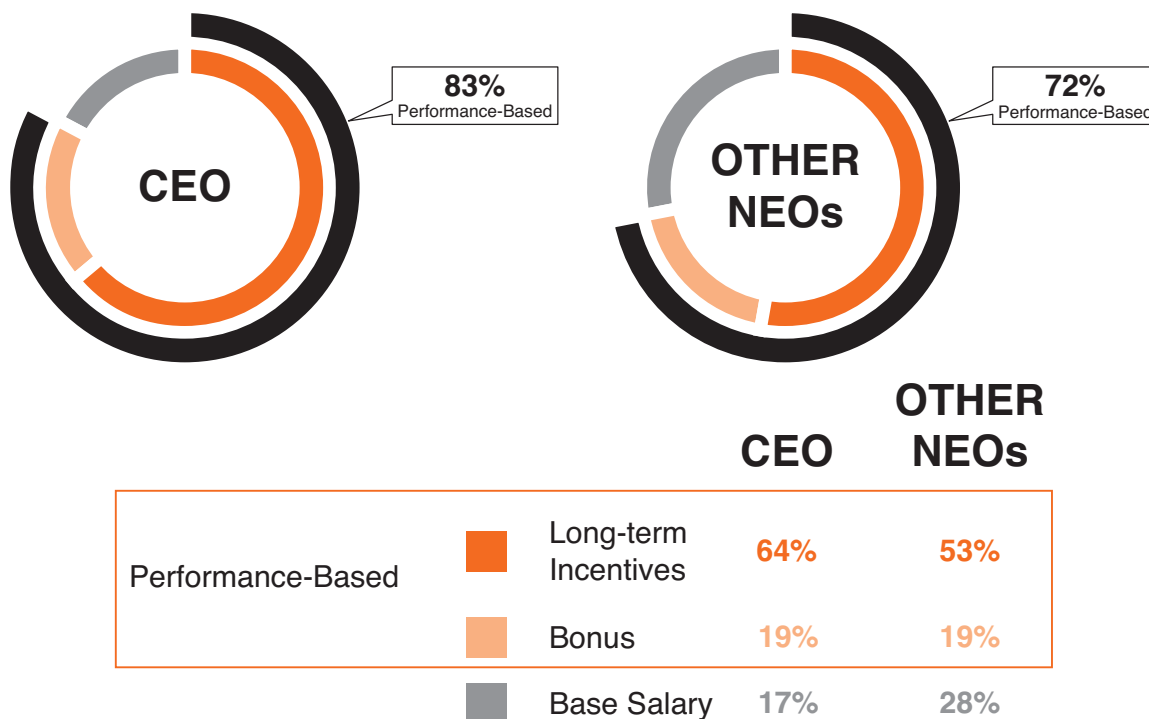
A significant portion of the total direct compensation of our executives, including base pay, annual bonus and long-term incentives, is performance-based and market-driven. The Compensation Committee believes this construct results in a fair level of pay for target performance, and an above-market opportunity if the executive team builds share value in a sustainable way. We target cash compensation (base salary and annual bonus) around the median of our market and compensation peer group, taking into account the relative responsibilities of our executives. In general, we target long-term incentives at or above the market median to encourage the sustainability of the business and drive long-term stockholder value creation. This aligns with our approach to long-term financial goal-setting in which the Company often sets performance goals above the median, and in some cases above the 75th percentile, relative to similar financial measures at our peers and the general industry. Actual total compensation in any given year may be above or below the total target level based on individual and corporate performance.

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Target Pay Mix

The charts below reflect the target pay mix for our CEO and average target pay mix for our other named executives, and show that the majority of our named executives' total target direct compensation in 2019 is variable and performance based:

Target Pay Mix for our Executives



HOW COMPENSATION DECISIONS ARE MADE

Role of the Compensation Committee and Management

The Compensation Committee, composed solely of independent directors, is responsible for making executive compensation decisions for the named executive officers. The Compensation Committee works closely with its independent compensation consultant and management to examine pay and performance matters throughout the year.

Each year, the CEO and CFO establish a budget, which is approved by the Board of Directors. The budget establishes financial targets and other performance-related goals, which gives the Compensation Committee a basis for approving financial targets under the annual incentive plans for the year. The Compensation Committee also reviews the basis for establishing goals and objectives related to the compensation of the named executive officers. During this review, the Compensation Committee considers the balance between short-term cash compensation and long-term incentives and evaluates alignment of pay for performance in light of established goals and objectives. The Compensation Committee also considers profitable growth of the business and our relative stockholder return. The Compensation Committee sets the CEO compensation based on that evaluation using market and peer group

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data to determine appropriate total direct compensation levels (consisting of base salary, annual bonus and long-term incentives). The Compensation Committee also reviews and approves compensation for all executive officers using market data and in conjunction with recommendations from the CEO and EVP, Human Resources. See “Assessing External Market Practice” below for more information. Finally, in making subjective evaluations of the overall performance of the CEO, the Compensation Committee considers performance from the perspective of our core values and our leadership principles, which include practicing integrity, driving innovation, demonstrating agility, operational excellence, developing our employees, and building a team environment.

The CEO and EVP, Human Resources also provide the Compensation Committee with additional analyses and recommendations related to compensation of the CFO and all other executive direct reports to the CEO. The annual analysis includes market compensation data and a review of factors such as industry knowledge, level of experience, and skill set as to the compensation of the named executive officers. Neither the CEO nor the EVP, Human Resources makes recommendations with respect to his or her own compensation.

The Role of the Independent Consultant

In 2019, Willis Towers Watson provided advice to the Compensation Committee regarding base pay, use of peer group data, benchmarking of unique job scopes, annual and long-term incentive design, and the CEO pay ratio along with a variety of other compensation-related topics. The Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of Willis Towers Watson pursuant to the SEC rules and concluded that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent Willis Towers Watson from independently advising the Compensation Committee.

Assessing External Market Practice

Attracting and incentivizing high caliber executive talent is a critical part of our compensation philosophy and leadership strategy. Therefore, integral to our approach for setting compensation levels is ensuring we have a competitive pay framework. In support of this objective, annually Willis Towers Watson provides the Compensation Committee with compensation data with respect to similarly sized manufacturing companies in the identified peer group and amongst similarly sized general industry companies from a published survey perspective. In 2019, the Compensation Committee considered both of these sources in determining competitive total direct compensation benchmarks for our CEO, CFO and for the EVP, Industrial Americas. Published industry specific market survey data was considered in determining market total direct compensation benchmarks for all other executive officers. The Compensation Committee has generally targeted the market median for total cash compensation of our named executive officers, with the opportunity to meet or exceed market median if the Company achieves outstanding financial performance in a particular year. The Committee has targeted long-term incentive grant values at or above market median, which may result in total direct compensation at or above the market median with outstanding financial performance.

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Peer group membership is also reviewed annually. During the period, Powell Industries fell below our desired revenue range for peer companies. In 2019, the Compensation Committee approved a change to replace Powell Industries with Itron, Inc. Itron is within Generac's revenue range and focuses on energy management, which is aligned with Generac's Clean Energy efforts and strategic direction. Following the change, the Compensation Committee examined the compensation practices of the following peer group companies that most closely approximate the size, scope and complexity of our business:

A.O. Smith	Brady	Graco Inc.	Regal Beloit Corp.
Enerpac Tool Group (f/k/a Actuant)	Briggs & Stratton	Hubbell Inc.	Rexnord
Acuity	Donaldson Co Inc.	Ilex Corp.	Snap-On Inc.
Altra Industrial Motion Corp.	Enpro Industrial Inc.	Itron, Inc.	Toro Co
Barnes Group Inc.	Franklin Electric Co, Inc.	Nordson Corp.	Watts Water Technologies, Inc.

Stockholder Input and Outreach

The Committee also considers the results of advisory "say-on-pay" stockholder votes when making compensation decisions. At the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, when the Company's most recent advisory say-on-pay vote was held, over 95% of shares voting approved the compensation of the Company's executive officers. The Company currently holds say-on-pay votes every year.

95%

At the 2019 Annual Meeting, approximately 95% of the votes cast approved our "say-on-pay" proposal.

During 2019, we met with various stockholders to discuss corporate governance, executive compensation and other matters. The Board and the Committee have considered, and will continue to seriously consider, feedback from these discussions as we review and evaluate our corporate governance practices and executive compensation programs.

2019 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM DECISIONS

Base Salary

The Compensation Committee reviews and approves base salary levels for all named executive officers at the beginning of each year. The following decisions reflect the Compensation Committee's consideration of external market practices, peer and published survey data and other factors including the individual's scope of role and performance, time in position and industry experience and are intended to more closely align pay with market-competitive levels.

Named Executive Officer	Annual Base Salary at 12/31/2018	Annual Base Salary at 12/31/2019	% Change
Aaron Jagdfeld	\$870,000	\$915,000	5.2%
York Ragen	\$425,000	\$437,500	2.9%
Russell Minick	\$435,000	\$447,500	2.9%
Patrick Forsythe	\$377,500	\$390,000	3.3%
Erik Wilde	\$358,000	\$370,000	3.4%

In March 2019, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Jagdfeld's base salary to \$915,000 to further align his pay to market competitive levels. Messrs. Ragen, Minick, Forsythe and Wilde received a base salary increase after consideration of both performance and market data.

In early March 2020, the Compensation Committee sought to address market considerations and recognize the sustained strong performance and contributions of Mr. Jagdfeld with an increase to \$950,000. The Compensation Committee also increased the base salary for Messrs. Ragen, Minick, Forsythe and Wilde. Mr. Ragen's base salary increased to \$450,000, Mr. Minick to \$465,000, Mr. Forsythe to \$405,000, and Mr. Wilde to \$382,000.

All Compensation Committee decisions made in March 2020 and described above were taken prior to the escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee will consider the potential impact of this pandemic on the Company's performance as part of compensation decisions for the remainder of 2020 and beyond, as necessary.

Annual Performance Bonus Plan

Under the Annual Performance Bonus Plan, the Compensation Committee approved the financial targets of the 2019 Annual Incentive Plan ("AIP"). Consistent with prior years, the annual bonus is calculated as a percentage of base salary and is paid in cash.

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For 2019, the threshold, target and maximum bonus opportunity are as follows:

Named Executive Officer	Below Threshold as a % of Base Salary	Threshold Bonus as a % of Base Salary	Target Bonus as a % of Base Salary	Maximum Bonus as a % of Base Salary
Aaron Jagdfeld	0%	45%	112.5%	225%
York Ragen	0%	26%	65%	130%
Russell Minick	0%	26%	65%	130%
Patrick Forsythe	0%	26%	65%	130%
Erik Wilde	0%	26%	65%	130%

No changes were made to the three AIP financial performance metrics or the weighting of each metric as summarized below:

Adjusted EBITDA	Operating Free Cash Flow	IPG
50%	25%	25%

2019 Annual Performance Bonus Plan Results

The 2019 AIP payout is funded on the Company's performance against the Adjusted EBITDA and Operating Free Cash Flow ("OFCF") targets, and the named executive officers' individual performance goal ("IPG") achievement. The 2019 financial targets for Adjusted EBITDA and OFCF were \$421 million and \$352 million, respectively. IPG goals for named executive officers for 2019 were based on achieving these financial targets, growing the Company's portion of the residential market, increasing industrial market share, geographic expansion (organic and inorganic), and other goals related to product and organizational development.

Achievement of the above stated financial targets under the plan would result in a 100% payout for three components in the plan. For 2019, the Company's Adjusted EBITDA, excluding the impact of acquisitions that occurred during the performance period and before deduction for non-controlling interests, was \$462.3 million, which exceeded the target resulting in a 165% payout for the 50% Adjusted EBITDA portion. The level of Adjusted EBITDA achieved also corresponds to the resulting payout opportunity for the 25% IPG portion of the bonus plan. The IPG is adjusted for each named executive officer's performance against certain defined and measurable goals established at the commencement of the year and developed to achieve specific initiatives related to the Company's long-term strategy. The Company's OFCF, also excluding the impact of acquisitions, was \$362.6 million, which slightly exceeded the target resulting in a 120% payout for the 25% OFCF portion. As a result, the Committee approved the overall 2019 achievement payout of 154% out of a maximum of 200%.

The Compensation Committee maintains its discretion to make downward adjustment of annual performance bonuses, regardless of the outcome under incentive bonus formulas. No downward adjustments were made in the 2019 payments.

Long-Term Incentives

Generac believes that equity awards and other forms of long-term incentive compensation are a critical component of a competitive, comprehensive executive compensation program.

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Consequently, the Company has made annual equity awards to its named executive officers since 2012.

Our long-term incentive program (“LTIP”) is designed to reward our executives for their contribution to the Company’s long-term growth and performance, and to better align the interests of our named executive officers with those of our stockholders. In addition, our long-term awards are used to attract and retain critical employee talent by providing a competitive market-based opportunity.

In 2019, a combination of stock options, restricted stock and performance share awards were granted to the named executive officers, as follows:

- **Fifty percent (50%)** of the award was granted in the form of stock options, with those options vesting equally over the four anniversaries immediately following the date of grant.
- **Twenty-five percent (25%)** of the award was granted in the form of restricted stock, with those shares vesting equally over the three anniversaries immediately following the date of grant.
- **Twenty-five percent (25%)** of the award was granted in the form of performance shares. Named executive officers may earn from 0% to 200% of their target performance share awards based on the achievement of specified revenue growth and EBITDA margin goals. Each performance share has a value equal to a share of common stock and the number of shares that can be earned is contingent upon Company performance over a three-year performance period, against goals approved by the Compensation Committee.

2019 Long-Term Equity Incentive Mix



■ Stock Options **50%** ■ Performance Shares **25%** ■ Restricted Shares **25%**

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For 2019, the award grants for the named executive officers were as follows:

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

Executive	Value of Stock Options ⁽¹⁾	Value of Time-Vested Restricted Stock ⁽²⁾	Value of Performance Shares ⁽³⁾	Total Value of 2019 Long-Term Incentive Grants
Aaron Jagdfeld	\$1,750,003	\$875,004	\$875,004	\$3,500,012
York Ragen	\$437,515	\$218,777	\$218,777	\$ 875,069
Russell Minick	\$447,509	\$223,775	\$223,775	\$ 895,060
Patrick Forsythe	\$341,252	\$170,669	\$170,669	\$ 682,590
Erik Wilde	\$323,758	\$161,922	\$161,922	\$ 647,602

(1) Value of time-vested stock options at March 2019 grant date.

(2) Value of time-vested restricted stock at March 2019 grant date.

(3) Value of performance shares at March 2019 grant date.

The named executive officers also hold performance shares granted in the 2017 cycle, subject to three-year performance conditions. This grant was intended to encourage target revenue growth measured in compound annual growth rate ("CAGR") and target Adjusted EBITDA margin percentages during a three-year performance period (2017-2019). Specifically, if revenue growth (CAGR) and average Adjusted EBITDA margin percentages during the period were achieved within a defined target range on a performance matrix, the named executive officers would earn from 10% to 200% of their target performance share awards. The revenue growth (CAGR) and Adjusted EBITDA margin targets were set at a level, given business conditions at the time the awards were granted, that were designed to be challenging but achievable with strong management performance. After the conclusion of the three-year period, the performance share targets were measured against actual financial results for Generac Power Systems, Inc., excluding any businesses acquired during the three-year period. For the three year period, the actual Revenue Growth (CAGR) was 5.06% above maximum and the actual Adjusted EBITDA margin was .8% above Target. Based on these results, the Committee determined and approved a final vesting of 180% for the three-year performance period from 2017-2019. The minimum, target, and maximum financial performance metrics and the actual results for the 2017-2019 performance awards are reflected below:

Performance Measure	Minimum	Target	Maximum	Actual 2017-2019 Cycle Results	2017-2019 Vesting
Revenue Growth (CAGR)	2.0%	5.0%	8.0%	13.06%	180%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin %	18.5%	20.0%	21.5%	20.8%	

Beginning with the 2019 cycle and thereafter, the Committee approved the use of three performance measures, each independently weighted at 33% including Revenue Growth (CAGR), Adjusted EBITDA Margin %, and Free Cash Flow Conversion. The Committee believes adding Free Cash Flow Conversion as a third metric further strengthens the tie between individual employee performance and corporate performance. Eliminating the performance matrix and assessing each measure independently reinforces transparent pay for performance outcomes.

In September 2019, the Committee approved changes to the mix of the long-term equity vehicles used in the annual award. Effective with the 2020 Annual LTIP grant, the weighting will change from 50% stock options, 25% restricted shares and 25% performance shares to 33.3% stock options, 33.3% restricted shares and 33.3% performance shares.

OTHER PRACTICES, POLICIES & GUIDELINES

Clawback and Hedging Policies

Effective April 2019, the Company adopted a formal “clawback” policy applicable to annual and long-term incentive awards made to its CEO, CFO and other executive officers. Under this policy, the Company may seek to recoup incentive compensation paid to its executive officers to the extent that such compensation was granted, vested, or earned based on financial results that the Company is required to restate as a result of material non-compliance with any financial reporting requirement under federal securities laws.

In addition, under our insider trading policy, an officer, member of the Board of Directors or designated insider may not engage in short selling Company common stock at any time. Such individuals are prohibited from hedging and from using instruments or arrangements for margin borrowing or stock lending, pledging or placing any “stop loss” orders or any other “limit order” in relation to securities of the Company.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Compensation Committee believes that it is in the best interest of Generac and its stockholders to align the financial interests of the Company’s officers and directors with those of Generac’s stockholders by requiring officers and directors to establish and maintain a permanent minimum ownership position in Company stock (based on the market value of our common stock), and by limiting the ability to sell Company stock until guideline ownership levels have been achieved. In addition, the Compensation Committee believes that the investment community values stock ownership by such officers and that share ownership demonstrates a commitment to and belief in the long-term strategic direction of Generac. Accordingly, stock ownership guidelines have been established for the Company’s officers and directors, including all the named executive officers and directors.

The current stock ownership guidelines are as follows:

Position/Level	Multiple of Salary Requirement
CEO	4.0X annual base pay
Directors	5.0X annual cash retainer
CFO, EVP & SVP	2.0X annual base pay
Group Vice Presidents/GM	1.0X annual base pay

Executives are expected to build ownership value over time as a result of their performance and participation in the Company’s equity compensation programs. Under the guidelines, no time period is specified for compliance for officers. For directors, they have five years to meet their minimum ownership requirement. The following retention ratios apply to each executive based on years of service and percentage of the guideline that has been achieved. Under the stock ownership guidelines, (i) an executive that has met 50% of the multiple of salary guideline and has less than 5 years of service has a 50% retention ratio, (ii) an executive that has met 50% of the multiple of salary guideline and has five or more years of service has a

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25% retention ratio and (iii) an executive that has met less than 50% of the multiple of salary guideline has a 75% retention ratio. The Compensation Committee assesses progress towards meeting the guidelines on an annual basis. As of March 31, 2020, all five named executive officers, including the CEO and CFO, have met their ownership guidelines. All directors are compliant with applicable stock ownership guidelines.

Benefits and Perquisites

Generac does not provide for special medical, dental, insurance or disability benefits for the named executive officers beyond that offered to all employees. In addition, Generac does not offer special perquisites for any of the named executive officers.

Retirement Plans

The named executive officers are eligible to participate in the Generac Power Systems, Inc. Employees 401(k) Savings Plan on the same terms as other participating employees.

We also previously provided retirement benefits to certain named executive officers under the terms of the Generac Power Systems, Inc. Salaried, Technical & Clerical Employees Pension Plan (the "Pension Plan"). In June 2019, the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved a resolution to terminate the Pension Plan. After this approval, during the second quarter of 2019, the Company commenced the plan termination process. In the third quarter of 2019, the Company received regulatory approval and amended the Pension Plan to provide eligible participants the choice of a lump sum or annuity payment. The decision to terminate the Pension Plan follows the Company's decision in 2008 to freeze benefits being accrued under the previous noncontributory salaried and hourly pension plans, which were merged into one plan effective December 31, 2018. In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Company completed the termination of its Pension Plan. In connection with the Company's activities to terminate the plan, lump sum distributions were made in the fourth quarter of 2019 to individuals who elected lump sum distributions, including rolling over their accounts to the Company's 401(k) savings plan. Also in the fourth quarter of 2019, annuity contracts were purchased to settle obligations for the remaining participants.

Report of the Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the “EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION—Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section with our management. Based upon this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the “EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION—Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section be included in this Proxy Statement, which will be incorporated by reference in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors.

John Bowlin, Chair
Bennett Morgan
William Jenkins
Marcia Avedon

2019 Summary Compensation Table

The following table shows compensation information for 2017, 2018 and 2019 for our named executive officers.

Name and principal position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Option awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$) ⁽²⁾	Change in pension value (\$)	All other compensation (\$) ⁽³⁾	Total (\$)
Aaron Jagdfeld	2019	907,233	—	1,750,009	1,750,003	1,574,172	—	69,521	6,050,937
<i>Chairman, President and Chief</i>	2018	862,986	—	1,680,077	1,680,002	1,627,172	—	33,482	5,883,719
<i>Executive Officer</i>	2017	824,658	—	1,600,066	1,600,011	776,880	58,179	48,363	4,908,156
York Ragen	2019	435,342	—	437,554	437,515	418,458	—	28,868	1,757,738
<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2018	422,370	—	425,022	425,002	453,741	—	30,738	1,756,873
	2017	408,219	—	410,026	410,012	236,160	7,883	32,995	1,505,296
Russell Minick	2019	445,342	—	447,551	447,509	437,621	—	14,192	1,792,216
<i>Chief Marketing Officer</i>	2018	432,370	—	435,026	435,006	470,072	—	8,961	1,781,435
	2017	417,329	—	420,056	420,009	239,400	—	28,858	1,525,652
Patrick Forsythe	2019	387,842	—	341,338	341,252	381,391	—	9,150	1,460,973
<i>Executive Vice President</i>	2018	375,484	—	330,329	330,305	412,844	—	8,994	1,457,955
<i>Global Engineering</i>	2017	364,397	—	274,502	274,514	215,208	5,794	8,100	1,142,515
Erik Wilde	2019	367,929	—	323,844	323,758	353,896	—	8,400	1,377,827
<i>Executive Vice President</i>	2018	355,721	—	313,303	313,263	388,493	—	46,247	1,417,027
<i>Industrial - Americas</i>	2017	344,110	—	107,842	107,813	196,650	—	8,100	764,515

- (1) The amounts reported for 2019 represent the aggregate grant date fair value for awards of restricted stock, stock options, and performance shares and are computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 718-10. See Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating these amounts. All amounts represent potential future income calculated for financial reporting purposes; actual amounts recognized by the named executive officers may be materially different depending on, among other things, the Company's stock price performance and the period of service of the executive. The Stock Award amounts are composed in equal measure of restricted stock and performance shares, with the performance share portion assuming target performance by the Company during the relevant performance period. Assuming achievement of maximum performance during the relevant performance period for the performance shares, the Stock Award amounts provided would increase by a multiplier of 1.5.
- (2) The non-equity incentive plan compensation column reflects cash incentive awards earned pursuant to our Annual Performance Bonus Plan as previously described. These awards are earned during the year reflected and paid in the following year.
- (3) All other compensation represents the employer matching contributions and employer non-elective contributions of the defined contribution plan and cash payouts of unused vacation. Included in the number for Mr. Jagdfeld and Mr. Ragen are \$52,721, and \$17,668, respectively, for unused 2019 vacation time.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2019

The following table indicates potential cash incentive compensation under our Annual Performance Bonus Plan based on 2019 performance and equity awards granted in 2019.

Name	Grant Date	Possible payouts under non-equity incentive plan awards ⁽¹⁾			Possible payouts under equity incentive plan awards ⁽²⁾			All other stock awards: number of shares of stock or units ⁽³⁾	All other option awards: number of securities underlying options ⁽⁴⁾	Exercise or base price of option awards (\$/sh) ⁽⁵⁾	Grant date fair value of stock and option awards (\$)
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)				
Aaron Jagdfeld	—	411,750	1,029,375	2,058,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	16,806	33,612	—	—	—	875,004
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,806	—	—	875,004
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90,533	52.07	1,750,003
York Ragen	—	113,750	284,375	568,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	4,202	8,404	—	—	—	218,777
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,202	—	—	218,777
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22,634	52.07	437,515
Russell Minick	—	116,350	290,875	581,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	4,298	8,596	—	—	—	223,775
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,298	—	—	223,775
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23,151	52.07	447,509
Patrick Forsythe	—	101,400	253,500	507,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	3,278	6,556	—	—	—	170,669
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,278	—	—	170,669
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,654	52.07	341,252
Erik Wilde	—	96,200	240,500	481,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	3,110	6,220	—	—	—	161,922
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,110	—	—	161,922
	3/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,749	52.07	323,758

- (1) Under the Annual Performance Bonus Plan, the Compensation Committee approved a 2019 Annual Incentive Plan ("AIP"). For additional information regarding the Annual Performance Bonus Plan, please see the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.
- (2) Represents an award of performance shares that vests from 0% to 200% on the third anniversary of the grant date based on meeting certain Company performance goals relating to the 2019-2021 performance period.
- (3) Represents an award of restricted stock, vesting in equal installments on each anniversary of the date of grant over three years.
- (4) Represents an award of stock options, vesting 25% on each anniversary of the date of grant over four years.
- (5) The grant date fair values were computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 718-10. See Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating these amounts.

2019 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth information regarding outstanding equity awards held by our named executive officers as of December 31, 2019:

Name	Option awards				Stock awards			
	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) exercisable	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) unexercisable	Option exercise price (\$) ⁽¹⁶⁾	Option expiration date	Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested (#)	Market value of shares or units of stock that have not vested (\$)	Equity incentive plan awards: number of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested (#)	Equity incentive plan awards: market or payout value of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested (\$)
Aaron Jagdfeld	62,087	— ⁽¹⁾	\$15.94	02/24/22	—	—	—	—
	69,501	— ⁽²⁾	\$29.81	03/14/23	—	—	—	—
	47,156	— ⁽³⁾	\$57.63	02/28/24	—	—	—	—
	53,641	— ⁽⁴⁾	\$49.70	02/13/25	—	—	—	—
	81,789	27,263 ⁽⁵⁾	\$33.23	02/18/26	—	—	—	—
	47,534	47,535 ⁽⁶⁾	\$40.12	03/01/27	6,647 ⁽¹⁰⁾	668,622	19,941 ⁽¹¹⁾	2,005,865
	23,511	80,533 ⁽⁷⁾	\$43.88	03/01/28	12,763 ⁽¹²⁾	1,283,830	19,144 ⁽¹³⁾	1,925,695
	—	90,533 ⁽⁸⁾	\$52.07	03/01/29	16,806 ⁽¹⁴⁾	1,690,516	16,806 ⁽¹⁵⁾	1,690,516
York Ragen	17,716	— ⁽¹⁾	\$15.94	02/24/22	—	—	—	—
	19,335	— ⁽²⁾	\$29.81	03/14/23	—	—	—	—
	13,770	— ⁽³⁾	\$57.63	02/28/24	—	—	—	—
	18,357	— ⁽⁴⁾	\$49.70	02/13/25	—	—	—	—
	21,811	7,270 ⁽⁵⁾	\$33.23	02/18/26	—	—	—	—
	12,181	12,181 ⁽⁶⁾	\$40.12	03/01/27	1,702 ⁽¹⁰⁾	171,204	5,110 ⁽¹¹⁾	514,015
	5,947	17,844 ⁽⁷⁾	\$43.88	03/01/28	3,228 ⁽¹²⁾	324,705	4,843 ⁽¹³⁾	487,157
	—	22,634 ⁽⁸⁾	\$52.07	03/01/29	4,202 ⁽¹⁴⁾	422,679	4,202 ⁽¹⁵⁾	422,679
Russell Minick	—	5,521 ⁽⁵⁾	\$33.23	02/18/26	—	—	—	—
	—	12,478 ⁽⁶⁾	\$40.12	03/01/27	1,745 ⁽¹⁰⁾	175,530	5,235 ⁽¹¹⁾	526,589
	—	18,264 ⁽⁷⁾	\$43.88	03/01/28	3,304 ⁽¹²⁾	332,349	4,957 ⁽¹³⁾	498,625
	—	23,151 ⁽⁸⁾	\$52.07	03/01/29	4,298 ⁽¹⁴⁾	432,336	4,298 ⁽¹⁵⁾	432,336
Patrick Forsythe	10,446	— ⁽⁹⁾	\$28.36	08/10/25	—	—	—	—
	4,867	4,866 ⁽⁵⁾	\$33.23	02/18/26	—	—	—	—
	4,078	8,156 ⁽⁶⁾	\$40.12	03/01/27	1,139 ⁽¹⁰⁾	114,572	3,421 ⁽¹¹⁾	344,118
	4,622	13,868 ⁽⁷⁾	\$43.88	03/01/28	2,509 ⁽¹²⁾	252,380	3,764 ⁽¹³⁾	378,621
	—	17,654 ⁽⁸⁾	\$52.07	03/01/29	3,278 ⁽¹⁴⁾	329,734	3,278 ⁽¹⁵⁾	329,734
Erik Wilde	—	3,203 ⁽⁶⁾	\$40.12	03/01/27	448 ⁽¹⁰⁾	45,064	1,344 ⁽¹¹⁾	135,193
	—	13,152 ⁽⁷⁾	\$43.88	03/01/28	2,380 ⁽¹²⁾	239,404	3,570 ⁽¹³⁾	359,106
	—	16,749 ⁽⁸⁾	\$52.07	03/01/29	3,110 ⁽¹⁴⁾	312,835	3,110 ⁽¹⁵⁾	312,835

- (1) These options were granted on February 24, 2012, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) These options were granted on March 14, 2013, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) These options were granted on February 28, 2014, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (4) These options were granted on February 13, 2015, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (5) These options were granted on February 18, 2016, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (6) These options were granted on March 1, 2017, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (7) These options were granted on March 1, 2018, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (8) These options were granted on March 1, 2019, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (9) These options were granted on August 10, 2015, and vest in 25% increments on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.

- (10) Represents an award of restricted stock granted March 1, 2017, and vests in equal installments on each of the first through third year anniversaries of the grant date.
- (11) Represents an award of restricted stock with performance features granted March 1, 2017, which vests from 0% to 200% on the third anniversary of the grant date based on meeting certain Company performance goals relating to 2017-2019 fiscal years.
- (12) Represents an award of restricted stock granted March 1, 2018, and vests in equal installments on each of the first through third year anniversaries of the grant date.
- (13) Represents an award of restricted stock with performance features granted March 1, 2018, which vests from 0% to 200% on the third anniversary of the grant date based on meeting certain Company performance goals relating to 2018-2020 fiscal years.
- (14) Represents an award of restricted stock granted March 1, 2019, and vests in equal installments on each of the first through third year anniversaries of the grant date.
- (15) Represents an award of restricted stock with performance features granted March 1, 2019, which vests from 0% to 200% on the third anniversary of the grant date based on meeting certain Company performance goals relating to 2019-2021 fiscal years.
- (16) In connection with the Company's June 2012 \$6.00/share special dividend and June 2013 \$5.00/share special dividend, our Board of Directors reduced the exercise prices of options granted prior to the dividend dates by the amount of the dividend in accordance with the applicable Plan provisions. The exercise price reported in this table represents the exercise price after adjusting for such dividend.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2019

The following table sets forth information regarding option exercises and the vesting of stock awards during 2019 for our named executive officers:

Name	Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2019			
	Option awards		Stock awards	
	Number of shares acquired on exercise (#)	Value realized on exercise (\$)	Number of shares acquired on vesting (#) ⁽¹⁾	Value realized on vesting (\$)
Aaron Jagdfeld	—	—	41,931	2,186,373
York Ragen	—	—	11,027	574,984
Russell Minick	35,237	434,682	9,252	482,361
Patrick Forsythe	—	—	7,555	393,929
Erik Wilde	7,587	223,000	4,036	254,689

- (1) The actual shares received after withholding shares using the net share settlement method to cover the tax liability resulting from the vesting of such shares were 27,429, 7,618, 6,374, 5,177 and 2,586 for Mr. Jagdfeld, Mr. Ragen, Mr. Minick, Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Wilde, respectively.

Pension Benefits for 2019

In June 2019, the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved a resolution to terminate the Company's defined benefit pension plan (the "Pension Plan"). After this approval, during the second quarter of 2019, the Company commenced the plan termination process. In the third quarter of 2019, the Company received regulatory approval and amended the Pension Plan to provide eligible participants the choice of a lump sum or annuity payment. The decision to terminate the Pension Plan follows the Company's decision in 2008 to freeze benefits being accrued under the previous noncontributory salaried and hourly pension plans, which were merged into one plan effective December 31, 2018.

In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Company completed the termination of its Pension Plan. In connection with the Company's activities to terminate the plan, lump sum distributions were

made in the fourth quarter of 2019 to individuals who elected lump sum distributions, including rolling over their accounts to the Company's 401(k) savings plan. Also in the fourth quarter of 2019, annuity contracts were purchased to settle obligations for the remaining participants.

Employment Agreements and Severance Benefits

Mr. Jagdfeld is subject to an employment agreement with the Company which, as of November 5, 2018, provides for a three-year initial term and renews annually thereafter. In the event of a Change in Control as defined in the Company's Executive Change in Control Policy, the current expiration of Mr. Jagdfeld's term would be extended by 24 months from the date of the Change in Control.

In the event Mr. Jagdfeld's employment is terminated by us without Cause or by the executive for Good Reason, we are obligated to provide severance benefits.

Cause is defined as the executive's: (a) willful and continued failure to substantially perform his or her duties; (b) gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duties; (c) commission of fraud, embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, breach of fiduciary duty or a material act of dishonesty against us; (d) gross negligence or willful misconduct deemed a material violation of Company policy (e) indictment for a felony; or (f) drug addiction or habitual intoxication that adversely affects his or her performance or the reputation or best interests of the Company.

In Mr. Jagdfeld's employment agreement, Good Reason is defined as: (a) a reduction in excess of 5% of the executive's base salary or target bonus opportunity, excluding across the board reductions affecting all senior executives; (b) a material reduction of the executive's duties or responsibilities; (c) a failure of the Company to make available to the executive the type of employee benefits which are available to the executive as of November 5, 2018; (d) a requirement by us that the executive be based in an office that is 50 miles or more from his principal place of employment as of November 5, 2018; and (e) a material breach of any material term or condition of the employment agreement by us that has not been cured within 20 days after written notice has been given.

All severance payments are subject to the executive's execution and effectiveness of a release of claims in the form attached to the employment agreement, and the executive's continued compliance with a Restrictive Covenant Agreement (as defined herein).

If we terminate Mr. Jagdfeld's employment for Cause, or if he terminates his employment without Good Reason, he is entitled only to the obligations already accrued under his employment agreement and his outstanding equity award agreements. If we terminate Mr. Jagdfeld's employment without Cause or if he terminates his employment for Good Reason, he is entitled to (1) any accrued but unpaid base salary and vacation pay through the Termination Date (as defined in his employment agreement), payable within thirty days following such Termination Date, (2) any earned annual bonus for the fiscal year during which the Termination Date occurred (and the annual bonus for the prior fiscal year, if earned but not yet paid), payable in accordance with our usual bonus payment schedule, (3) continued participation for him and his spouse and dependents in our medical, hospitalization, dental and life insurance programs for a period of 24 months at our expense commencing on the Termination Date, and he would be entitled to full COBRA rights following the termination of such benefits, and (4) acceleration of certain outstanding equity awards, in accordance with the terms of his award agreements. In addition, Mr. Jagdfeld would be entitled to continued payment of his base salary for a period of 24 months commencing on the Termination Date, payable in accordance with our standard payroll practices, and payments equal to 200% of his

target annual bonus for the year in which the Termination Date occurs, payable in equal installments over a period of 24 months commencing on the Termination Date.

The following table sets forth the severance benefits that would have been payable to Mr. Jagdfeld if we had terminated Mr. Jagdfeld's employment agreement without Cause on December 31, 2019 or if he terminated his employment agreement for Good Reason:

Executive	Severance Period	Salary	Target Bonus	Benefits	Value of Accelerated Equity ⁽¹⁾	Total Severance
Aaron Jagdfeld	24 months	\$1,830,000	\$2,058,750	\$25,619	\$17,310,390	\$21,224,759

- (1) Represents the value of the long-term incentive awards to be received upon a qualifying termination of employment. Under the terms of the restricted stock agreements and option agreements, if within the one-year period following a change in control, the participant's employment is terminated without cause, the participant's outstanding restricted stock and stock options shall vest as of the date of such termination of employment. In the case of the outstanding restricted stock awards, the equity value represents the value of the shares (determined by multiplying the closing price of \$100.52 per share on December 31, 2019 by the number of unvested shares of restricted stock that would vest upon termination of employment). In the case of option awards, the equity value was determined by multiplying (i) the spread between the exercise price and the closing price of \$100.52 per share on December 31, 2019 and (ii) the number of unvested option shares that would vest following termination.

Simultaneously with the execution of Mr. Jagdfeld's employment agreement, we entered into a confidentiality, non-competition and intellectual property agreement ("Restrictive Covenant Agreement") with Mr. Jagdfeld. Pursuant to the Restrictive Covenant Agreement, Mr. Jagdfeld has agreed to maintain Confidential Information (as defined in the Restrictive Covenant Agreement) in confidence and secrecy and has agreed not to compete with us or solicit any of our employees during his employment and for a period of 24 months following his termination.

Although they have not entered into employment agreements, Messrs. Ragen, Minick, Forsythe, and Wilde have also signed employee nondisclosure and non-compete agreements. Our salary and bonus arrangements with Messrs. Ragen, Minick, Forsythe, and Wilde are described under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—2019 Executive Compensation Program Decisions."

As previously disclosed, in November 2018, the Board approved and the Company adopted an Executive Change in Control Policy ("CIC Policy") applicable to all executive officers, excluding the CEO. Effective with this adoption, all previous Change in Control Severance Agreements between the Company and Messrs. Ragen, Minick, Forsythe, and Wilde were terminated. Additional detail regarding the CIC Policy is included below, and all capitalized terms used therein are as defined in the CIC Policy unless otherwise noted.

Under the CIC Policy, an eligible executive is entitled to severance benefits upon termination of employment by us without Cause or by the executive for Good Reason during the period commencing 120 days prior to the occurrence of a Change in Control and ending on the second anniversary of the date of the Change in Control.

Under the CIC Policy, a Change in Control is defined as any of the following: (a) acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of either (i) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (ii) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting

Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (a), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (1) any acquisition directly from the Company, (2) any acquisition by the Company, (3) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company, or (4) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction which complies with clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (c) of this definition; (b) the cessation for any reason of individuals who, as of November 5, 2018, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; (c) the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (1) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, and (2) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or (d) the approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Cause is defined as: (a) An Executive's willful and continued failure to perform substantially his or her duties owed to the Employer (other than such failure resulting from a Disability) after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to the Executive specifically identifying the nature of such unacceptable performance and is not cured by the Executive within a reasonable period, not to exceed 30 days; (b) An Executive is convicted of (or pleads guilty or no contest to) a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude; (c) An Executive has engaged in conduct that constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his or her employment duties and/or deemed a material violation of a Company policy; (d) An Executive commits fraud, embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, breach of fiduciary duty, or a material act of dishonesty against the Company; (e) An Executive's drug addiction, habitual intoxication, or violation of the Company's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct and/or Supplemental Code of Ethics and Business Conduct adversely affects Executive's job performance and duties, or the reputation or best interests of the Company; or (f) An Executive's breach of any representation, warranty or covenant under this Policy, an award agreement, an employment agreement or other agreement or arrangement with an Employer. However, an act or omission by an Executive shall not be "willful" if conducted in good faith and with the Executive's reasonable belief that such conduct is in the best interests of the Employer.

Good Reason means, without the express written consent of an Executive, the occurrence of any of the following events during a Protection Period: (a) An Executive's Base Salary or target annual bonus opportunity under the Company's Annual Performance Bonus Plan or other similar annual bonus plan of the Company or any other Employer is reduced in excess of 5%, excluding across the board reductions affecting all executive officers of the Company; (b) An Executive's duties or responsibilities are negatively and materially changed in a manner inconsistent with the Executive's position (including status, offices, titles, and reporting responsibilities) or authority; or (c) The Company requires an Executive's principal office to be relocated more than 50 miles from its location as of the date immediate preceding a Change in Control. However, Good Reason shall not exist unless the Executive provides the Board not less than 30 nor more than 90 days' written notice, with specificity, of the grounds constituting Good Reason and an opportunity within such notice period for the Company to cure such grounds, and the Company fails to cure such grounds within the prescribed time period. Such notice shall be given within 90 days following the initial existence of such grounds constituting Good Reason for such notice and subsequent termination, if not so cured above, to be effective.

If we terminate the employment of the Executive without Cause or if the Executive terminates his or her employment for Good Reason during the Protection Period, the Executive is entitled to receive from us: (i) any accrued but unpaid Base Salary and vacation pay through the Qualifying Termination date; (ii) any annual bonus for the fiscal year prior to the year in which the Qualifying Termination date occurred, if earned but not yet paid; and (iii) a lump sum payment in the aggregate amount equal to the sum of the Executive's Base Salary and the Executive's target annual bonus for the year during which the Qualifying Termination occurred, multiplied by two (2) (collectively, "CIC Severance Pay") (iv) continued participation for the Executive and his or her spouse and dependents in the Employer's medical, hospitalization, dental, and life insurance programs in which Executive participated immediately prior to the Qualifying Termination date for a period of twenty-four (24) months following such date (the "Continued Benefits"), and Executive and his or her eligible spouse and dependents shall be entitled to full COBRA rights following the termination of such Continued Benefits; (v) unvested options and other long-term incentive awards granted to the Executive pursuant to award agreements through the date of termination shall vest in accordance with such agreements upon the Qualifying Termination or, in the event of a Qualifying Termination prior to the Change in Control, upon the Change in Control. Any long-term incentive award where the number of shares that are earned upon vesting or the amount of payment varies dependent attainment of a performance level will be deemed earned at the "target" performance level (i.e., 100% payout).

Under the CIC Policy, if we had terminated the employment of Messrs. Ragen, Minick, Forsythe, and Wilde without Cause or if they terminated their employment for Good Reason on December 31, 2019 and such date was within a Protection Period, they would have been entitled to the amounts set forth in the following table:

Executive	Change in Control Severance Period	Salary	Target Bonus	Benefits	Value of Accelerated Equity ⁽¹⁾	Total Severance
York Ragen	24 months	\$875,000	\$1,137,500	\$28,031	\$4,396,021	\$6,436,552
Russell Minick	24 months	\$895,000	\$1,163,500	\$25,144	\$4,369,920	\$6,453,564
Patrick Forsythe	24 months	\$780,000	\$1,014,000	\$18,532	\$3,270,679	\$5,083,211
Erik Wilde	24 months	\$740,000	\$ 962,000	\$28,106	\$2,453,862	\$4,183,968

(1) Represents the value of the long-term incentive awards to be received upon a Qualifying Termination. Under the terms of the CIC Policy, if during a Protection Period the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause (or by the Executive for Good Reason),

the Executive's outstanding restricted stock, stock options, and performance shares shall vest as of the date of such termination of employment. In the case of the outstanding restricted stock and performance share awards, the equity value represents the value of the shares (determined by multiplying the closing price of \$100.52 per share on December 31, 2019 by the number of unvested shares of restricted stock and performance shares that would vest upon termination of employment, with the number of performance shares calculated at target achievement, and in accordance with the applicable award agreements). In the case of option awards, the equity value was determined by multiplying (i) the spread between the exercise price and the closing price of \$100.52 per share on December 31, 2019 and (ii) the number of unvested option shares that would vest following termination

All severance benefits are subject to the Executive's execution and the effectiveness of a release of claims, as well as continued compliance with the nondisclosure and noncompete agreement between each Executive and the Company.

2019 Director Compensation

Non-employee directors are paid in accordance with the Company's Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy, as amended. The following table shows compensation information for 2019 for our Board of Directors.

Name	Fees earned (\$) ⁽²⁾	Stock awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Total (\$)
John D. Bowlin	—	205,856	205,856
David A. Ramon	80,000	115,038	195,038
Robert Dixon	90,000	115,038	205,038
Todd Adams ⁽³⁾	—	68,633	68,633
Bennett Morgan	—	220,108	220,108
Andrew Lampereur	—	215,064	215,064
Kathryn Roedel	80,000	115,038	195,038
William Jenkins	40,000	155,119	195,119
Dominick Zarcone	40,000	155,010	195,010
Marcia Avedon ⁽⁴⁾	—	20,054	20,054

- (1) Represents shares received in connection with annual equity grants and, if elected in lieu of cash by the non-employee director, quarterly retainer fees. The amounts indicated represent the aggregate grant date fair value for awards of stock (including Deferred Stock Units), computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 718-10. See Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating these amounts.
- (2) Once directors have met their minimum stock ownership requirement, they may elect to receive their annual stock grant in cash.
- (3) Todd Adams resigned from the Board of Directors on May 1, 2019.
- (4) Marcia Avedon was elected to the Board of Directors on December 1, 2019.

As of December 31, 2019, each individual who served as an outside director during 2019 had outstanding the following number of stock awards, all of which consist of Deferred Stock Units

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issued pursuant to the Company's Deferred Stock Unit Plan for Non-Employee Directors, effective April 1, 2017:

Name	Stock awards (#)
David A. Ramon	1,947
Robert Dixon	5,904
Bennett Morgan	8,095
Andrew Lampereur	10,797
Kathryn Roedel	7,320
William Jenkins	1,417
Dominick Zarcone	6,661

During 2019, the fee paid to the Chairman of the Audit Committee was \$5,000 per quarter, while the fee paid to the Chairman of the Compensation Committee was \$3,750, and the fee paid to the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee was \$2,500 per quarter. The fee paid to the Lead Director was \$6,250 per quarter. Our non-employee directors are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with rendering board services.

Non-employee Director Pay

In June 2019, the Compensation Committee reviewed a competitive assessment of its non-employee director compensation program with the assistance of Willis Towers Watson. Based on that assessment, various compensation elements were increased effective April 1, 2019, including the annual retainer, the annual equity grant, and the additional retainer for the Chairman of the Compensation Committee as shown in the table below.

	Prior to April 1, 2019	As of April 1, 2019
Board Compensation		
Annual Retainer	\$ 70,000	\$ 80,000
Annual Equity Grant	\$100,000	\$115,000
Additional Board Leadership Retainers		
Lead Director	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Audit Committee Chairman	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Compensation Committee Chairman	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000
Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee Chairman	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

Pay Ratio Disclosure

In accordance with Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K, passed as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, we determined the ratio of the annual total compensation of Mr. Jagdfeld relative to the annual total compensation of our median employee. Since there have been no changes in the Company's employee population or employee compensation arrangements that we believe would significantly impact the pay ratio disclosure, we have chosen to use the same median employee for the 2019 pay ratio disclosure that we used for the 2017 disclosure.

We identified our median employee in 2017 using a multistep process that is permitted under the SEC rules. We first examined the annual cash compensation paid to each employee during 2017, which we gathered from payroll data. The total number of employees was 4,145, which included all full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees. We then examined the 2017 annualized base salaries for all individuals who were employed by us as of November 1, 2017. For purposes of reporting annual total compensation and the ratio of annual total compensation of the CEO to the median employee, both the CEO and median employee's annual total compensation were calculated consistent with the disclosure requirement of executive compensation under the Summary Compensation Table ("SCT"). Consistent with last year's calculation, in 2019, to present a holistic view of total compensation, we elected to include the value of health and welfare benefits in the annual total compensation of both our CEO and our median employee. The results are as follows:

- Median of annual employee compensation excluding CEO: \$60,317
- Annual Total Compensation of CEO: \$6,062,990
- Ratio of CEO annual total compensation to median employee compensation: 101:1

2019 Equity Compensation Plan Information at Fiscal Year-End

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,814,355	\$42.04	2,601,309
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—

(1) Not applicable. There were no equity compensation plans not approved by the security holders.

Related Person Transactions

Policies for Approval of Related Person Transactions

We adopted a written policy relating to the approval of related person transactions. Our Audit Committee reviews and approves or ratifies all relationships and related person transactions between us and (1) our directors, director nominees, or executive officers, (2) any five percent record or beneficial owner of our common stock, or (3) any immediate family member of any person specified in (1) and (2) above. Our Chief Financial Officer is primarily responsible for the development and implementation of processes and controls to obtain information from our directors and executive officers with respect to related person transactions and for determining, based on the facts and circumstances, whether we or a related person have a direct or indirect material interest in the transaction.

As set forth in the Company's related person transaction policy, in the course of its review and approval or ratification of a related party transaction, the Audit Committee will consider:

- the nature of the related person's interest in the transaction;
- the availability of other sources of comparable products or services;
- the material terms of the transaction, including, without limitation, the amount and type of transaction; and
- the importance of the transaction to us.

Any member of the Audit Committee who is a related person with respect to a transaction under review will not be permitted to participate in the discussions or approval or ratification of the transaction. However, such member of the Audit Committee will provide all material information concerning the transaction to the Audit Committee.

There were no related person transactions required to be disclosed since January 1, 2019 and no such transactions are currently proposed.

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

The Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Although the Company is not required to seek stockholder approval of this appointment, the Board of Directors believes that doing so is consistent with good corporate governance practices. If the appointment is not ratified, the Audit Committee will explore the reasons for stockholder rejection and will reconsider the appointment.



The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote **FOR** ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.

Principal Accounting Fees and Services

Deloitte & Touche LLP audited our financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017 and currently serves as our independent registered public accounting firm. The following table presents fees paid for the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements and all other professional services for each of the last two years:

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2019	2018
Audit Fees	\$1,599,000	\$1,267,000
Audit-related fees	\$ 198,000	\$ 114,000
Tax fees	\$ 550,000	\$ 363,000
All other fees	\$ 3,000	\$ 33,000
Total Fees	<u>\$2,350,000</u>	<u>\$1,777,000</u>

The services provided by Deloitte & Touche were pre-approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of the above-noted services is compatible with maintaining the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm and has determined, based on advice from Deloitte & Touche, that the provision of such services has not adversely affected Deloitte & Touche's independence.

According to its charter, the Audit Committee is responsible for approving all audit engagement fees, terms and non-audit engagements with the independent auditors on behalf of the Company in advance of providing any service.

Proposal 3 — Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

As required by Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act, we are offering our stockholders an opportunity to cast an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement. Although the vote is non-binding, we value continuing and constructive feedback from our stockholders on compensation and other important matters. The Board and the Compensation Committee will consider the voting results when making future compensation decisions.

At the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, we provided our stockholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the proxy statement for the 2019 Annual Meeting, and our stockholders overwhelmingly approved the proposal, with more than 95% of the votes cast in favor. At the 2017 Annual Meeting, we asked our stockholders to indicate if we should hold an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers every one, two or three years, with our Board recommending an annual advisory vote. Because our Board views it as a good corporate governance practice, and because at our 2017 Annual Meeting more than 90% of the votes cast were in favor of an annual advisory vote, we again are asking our stockholders to approve the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with the SEC's rules.

As described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this proxy statement, we believe that our executive compensation program enables us to attract, retain, and motivate a high-performance executive management team that improves our fundamental financial performance and provides value to the long-term interests of Generac and its stockholders.

We ask for your advisory vote on the following resolution:

- **"RESOLVED, that the stockholders hereby approve the compensation of Generac's named executive officers, as described in this proxy statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission."**



The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote **"FOR"** approval of this proposal.

Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee represents and assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to (i) the integrity of the Company's financial statements and financial reporting process and the Company's systems of internal accounting and financial controls; (ii) the performance of the internal audit services function; (iii) the annual independent audits of the Company's financial statements and management's report regarding the effectiveness of the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting, the engagement of the independent auditors and the evaluation of the independent auditors' qualifications, independence and performance; (iv) the compliance by the Company with legal and regulatory requirements, including the Company's disclosure controls and procedures; (v) the evaluation of enterprise risk issues; and (vi) the fulfillment of the other responsibilities set out in the committee's charter. The Audit Committee has the responsibility for the engagement and retention of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and the approval of all audit and other engagement fees.

In discharging its responsibilities, the Audit Committee is not itself responsible for the planning or conducting of audits or for any determination that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate or in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's management is primarily responsible for its financial statements and the quality and integrity of the reporting process. The independent registered public accounting firm Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche") is responsible for auditing those financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019, management's report of the effectiveness of the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting, and Deloitte & Touche's report of the effectiveness of the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting with the Company's management and representatives of the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") and the SEC. In addition, the Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm its independence.

In reliance on its review of the audited consolidated financial statements, the review of the report of management on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and Deloitte & Touche's report thereon, the discussions referred to above and the receipt of the written disclosures referred to above, the Audit Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, for filing with the SEC.

Respectfully submitted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors on April 20, 2020.

Andrew Lampereur, Chair
David Ramon
Robert Dixon
Dominick Zarcone

Other Business

The Board of Directors has no knowledge of any other matter to be submitted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. If any other matter shall properly come before the annual meeting, the persons named as proxies in the Notice of Internet Availability or on the proxy card will have discretionary authority to vote the shares thereby represented in accordance with their best judgment.

Proposals by Stockholders

Proposals that stockholders wish to submit for inclusion in our proxy statement and related form of proxy for our 2021 annual meeting of stockholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received by us at 545 W29290 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, WI 53189, attention of Raj Kanuru, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, no later than December 30, 2020, unless the date of our 2021 annual meeting is more than 30 days before or after June 18, 2021, in which case the deadline will be a reasonable time before we begin to print and mail our proxy materials. Any stockholder proposal submitted for inclusion must be eligible for inclusion in our proxy statement in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC.

With respect to proposals submitted by a stockholder other than for inclusion in our proxy statement and related form of proxy for our 2021 annual meeting of stockholders, timely notice of any stockholder proposal must be received by us in accordance with our Bylaws no later than the close of business on March 20, 2021 nor earlier than the close of business on February 18, 2021, unless the date of our 2021 annual meeting is more than 30 days before or 60 days after June 18, 2021, in which case notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to the date of such annual meeting or, if the first public announcement of the date of such annual meeting is less than 100 days prior to the date of such annual meeting, the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. The notice must contain the information required by our Bylaws. Any proxies solicited by the Board of Directors for the 2021 annual meeting may confer discretionary authority to vote on any proposals for which notice is not timely received.

It is important that your proxy be returned promptly, whether by mail, by the internet or by telephone. The proxy may be revoked at any time by you before it is exercised. If you attend the meeting in person, you may withdraw any proxy (including an internet or telephonic proxy) and vote your own shares.

By Order of the Board of Directors,



Raj Kanuru
Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and
Secretary

Information Concerning Solicitation and Voting

The Board of the Company is soliciting your proxy to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. local time, at Generac's head quarters located at S45 W29290 Hwy. 59 Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189, and any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Matters to be Considered

At the meeting, stockholders will be asked to vote to elect the three nominees named herein as Class II directors, to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, and to vote on an advisory, non-binding "say-on-pay" resolution to approve the compensation of our executive officers. See "PROPOSAL 1 — ELECTION OF CLASS II DIRECTORS", "PROPOSAL 2 — RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM," and "PROPOSAL 3 — ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION." The Board of Directors does not know of any matters to be brought before the meeting other than as set forth in the notice of meeting. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy or their substitutes will vote in accordance with their best judgment on such matters.

Record Date; Stock Outstanding and Entitled to Vote

Holders of common stock as of the record date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting. As of the record date, there were 62,678,864 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the annual meeting, with each share entitled to one vote.

If you are a stockholder of record, you will need to present the Notice of Internet Availability or proxy card that you received, together with a form of personal photo identification, in order to be admitted into the meeting. If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name," you will need to provide proof of ownership, such as a recent account statement or letter from your bank, broker or other nominee as of the close of business on April 20, 2020, along with a form of personal photo identification. Alternatively, you may contact the broker, bank or other nominee in whose name your shares of common stock are registered and obtain a legal proxy to bring to the meeting. Audio or visual recording of any portion of the annual meeting is not permitted. No cameras, recording equipment, large bags, briefcases or packages will be allowed in the meeting or adjacent areas. All other items may be subject to search.

Information About This Proxy Statement

Why you received a Notice of Internet Availability. In view of the impact of COVID -19, and updated Guidance issued by the SEC on April 7, 2020 concerning Delays in Printing and Mailing of Full Set of Proxy Materials, we are mailing only a Notice of Internet Availability to all shareholders. The Notice of Internet Availability includes information on where to view all proxy materials online, as well as voting instructions. These materials have been made available to you on the internet because our Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote your shares at the annual meeting and any postponement or adjournment thereof. This proxy statement includes information that we are required to provide to you under the rules of the SEC and that is designed to assist you in voting your shares. If you own our common stock in more than one account, such as individually and also jointly with your spouse, you may receive more than one Notice of Internet Availability relating to these proxy materials. To assist us in saving money and to serve you more efficiently, we encourage you to have all your accounts registered in the same name and address by contacting our transfer agent:

Computershare, Inc.
P.O. Box 43078
Providence, RI 02940-3078
United States of America

By Overnight Delivery:
Computershare, Inc.
250 Royall Street
Canton, MA 02021
United States of America

Telephone: 1-800-942-5909
Fax: (312) 601-2312

Householding. The SEC's rules permit us to deliver a single Notice of Internet Availability or set of annual meeting materials to one address shared by two or more of our stockholders. This delivery method is referred to as "householding" and can result in significant cost savings. To take advantage of this opportunity, we have delivered only one Notice of Internet Availability to multiple stockholders who share an address, unless we received contrary instructions from the impacted stockholders prior to the mailing date. We agree to deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate Notice of Internet Availability to any stockholder at the shared address to which a single copy of the Notice of Internet Availability was delivered. If you are a record holder and if you prefer to receive separate copies of the proxy materials, or if you currently receive multiple copies and prefer to receive a single copy, please contact Raj Kanuru, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Generac Holdings Inc., S45 W29290 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189, or by telephone at (262) 544-4811.

Voting by and Revocation of Proxies

Stockholders of record are requested to vote by proxy in one of the following ways:

- By telephone — Use the toll-free telephone number shown on the Notice of Internet Availability or any proxy card you receive;

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- By internet — Visit the internet website indicated on the Notice of Internet Availability or any proxy card you receive and follow the on-screen instructions;
- By mail — If you request a paper proxy card by telephone or internet, you may elect to vote by mail. If you elect to do so, you should date, sign and promptly return your proxy card by mail in the postage prepaid envelope which accompanied that proxy card; or
- In person — You can deliver a completed proxy card at the meeting or vote in person.

Voting instructions (including instructions for both telephonic and internet proxies) are provided on the Notice of Internet Availability and on any proxy card you receive. The internet and telephone proxy procedures are designed to authenticate stockholder identities, to allow stockholders to give voting instructions and to confirm that stockholders' instructions have been recorded properly. A control number, located on the Notice of Internet Availability or proxy card, will identify stockholders and allow them to submit their proxies and confirm that their voting instructions have been properly recorded. Costs associated with electronic access, such as usage charges from internet access providers and telephone companies, must be borne by the stockholder. If you submit your proxy by internet or telephone, it will not be necessary to return a proxy card for your vote to be counted.

If a stockholder does not submit a proxy by the internet or by telephone or return a signed proxy card, and does not attend the meeting and vote in person, his or her shares will not be voted. Shares of our common stock represented by properly executed proxies received by us or proxies submitted by telephone or via the internet, which are not revoked, will be voted at the meeting in accordance with the instructions contained therein.

If instructions are not given and you do not indicate how your shares should be voted on a proposal, the shares represented by a properly completed proxy will be voted as the Board recommends. In addition, we reserve the right to exercise discretionary authority to vote proxies, in the manner determined by the Board in its sole discretion, on any matters brought before the 2020 annual meeting for which we did not receive adequate notice under the proxy rules promulgated by the SEC.

Any proxy signed and returned by a stockholder or submitted by telephone or via the internet may be revoked at any time before it is exercised by giving written notice of revocation to the Company's Secretary at our address set forth herein, by executing and delivering a later-dated proxy (either in writing, by telephone or via the internet) or by voting in person at the meeting. Attendance at the meeting will not, in and of itself, constitute revocation of a proxy.

If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker, fiduciary or custodian, follow the voting instructions on the form you receive from your record holder. The availability of internet and telephone proxies for these stockholders will depend on their voting procedures.

Quorum

The presence at the annual meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of at least a majority of the number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote as of the record date, is required to constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted toward the establishment of a quorum.

Required Votes

Election of Nominees named herein as Class II Directors. Under our Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "Bylaws"), the affirmative vote of a plurality of shares of common stock voting on this matter at the annual meeting is required to elect each nominee named herein as a director. Consequently, only shares that are voted in favor of a particular nominee will be counted toward such nominee's achievement of a plurality. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a nominee for Director receives more "withheld" or "against" votes for his or her election than votes "for" his or her election in an uncontested election at a meeting of stockholders, the Director shall, in accordance with and subject to our Corporate Governance Guidelines and Principles, promptly tender his or her resignation to the Board.

Ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. Proposal 2, relating to the ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2020, will be approved if it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock represented at the annual meeting and entitled to vote.

Approval of Non-Binding "Say-on-Pay" Resolution Regarding Executive Compensation. Proposal 3, relating to the non-binding resolution to approve our executive compensation, will be approved if it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock represented at the annual meeting and entitled to vote.

Other Matters. If any other matters are properly presented at the annual meeting for action, including a question of adjourning or postponing the meeting from time to time, the persons named in the proxies and acting thereunder will have discretion to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

Impact of Abstentions. A shareholder who abstains on Proposal 2 or 3 will have the effect of voting against such proposal.

Shares Held by Brokers

If you are the beneficial owner of shares held for you by a broker, your broker must vote those shares in accordance with your instructions. If you do not give voting instructions to your broker, your broker may vote your shares for you on any discretionary items of business to be voted upon at the annual meeting. If you do not provide voting instructions on a non-discretionary item, including the election of the nominees named herein as directors, the shares will be treated as "broker non-votes." We believe that the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP (Proposal 2) is a routine matter on which brokers will be permitted to vote any unvoted shares in their discretion. We believe that election of the three nominees named herein as Class II directors (Proposal 1) and the advisory, non-binding "say-on-pay" resolution (Proposal 3) are non-routine matters on which brokers will not be permitted to vote any unvoted shares. "Broker non-votes" will be included in determining the presence of a quorum at the annual meeting, but will have no effect on the outcome of any proposal.

Proxy Solicitation

We will bear the costs of solicitation of proxies for the annual meeting, including preparation, assembly, printing and mailing of the Notice of Internet Availability, this proxy statement, the annual report, any proxy card and any additional information furnished to stockholders. Copies of our proxy statement will be furnished, upon request, to banks, brokerage houses, fiduciaries and custodians holding shares of common stock beneficially owned by others to forward to such beneficial owners. We may reimburse persons representing beneficial owners of common stock for their costs of forwarding solicitation material to such beneficial owners. Solicitation of proxies by mail may be supplemented by telephone, email or personal solicitation by Computershare or by directors, officers, or other regular employees of the Company. No additional compensation will be paid to directors, officers or other regular employees for such services.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

A representative of Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2019, will attend the annual meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if such representative desires to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Annual Report and Company Information

Our Annual Report to Stockholders, which contains consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019, is being furnished to stockholders concurrently herewith. You also may obtain a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 that was filed with the SEC, without charge, by writing to Generac Holdings Inc., Attn: Investor Relations, S45 W29290 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189. These materials will also be available without charge at "Investor Relations" on our website at www.generac.com.