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#### Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of CBS Corporation (the "Annual Meeting"), which will be held at the Equitable Center, 787 Seventh Avenue (at 51st Street), New York, New York 10019 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Thursday, May 26, 2011. Holders of CBS Corporation Class A Common Stock are being asked to vote on the matters listed in the attached Notice of 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

If you hold shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, please cast your vote promptly to ensure that your shares will be voted at the Annual Meeting. You may vote by telephone or through the Internet by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or in the 2011 Proxy Statement. You may also submit your vote by returning a proxy card or voting instruction card, if you received a printed copy of proxy materials by request. If you attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote your shares in person.

National Amusements, Inc., which as of March 31, 2011 beneficially owned shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock representing approximately 79.2% of the voting power of CBS Corporation's common stock, has advised CBS Corporation that it intends to vote all of its shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors on each of the Items 1-4 in the attached Notice. Therefore, approval of those matters in accordance with the Board's recommendations is assured.

If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting in person, you will need to request an admission ticket in advance. If you are a registered holder of the Company's Class A Common Stock, you can request a ticket when you vote by telephone or through the Internet, or by marking the appropriate box on the proxy card (if you requested a printed copy of proxy materials). If you are a registered holder of the Company's Class B Common Stock or you hold shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock in a brokerage account, you can request a ticket by sending a written request along with proof of ownership, such as your brokerage firm account statement, to Director, Shareholder Relations, CBS Corporation, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019.

If you have elected to receive paper copies of the Company's proxy statements, annual reports and other materials relating to the Annual Meeting and want to elect to receive these documents electronically next year instead of by mail, please go to <a href="http://enroll.icsdelivery.com/cbs">http://enroll.icsdelivery.com/cbs</a> and follow the instructions to enroll. We highly recommend that you consider electronic delivery of these documents as it helps to lower the Company's costs and reduce the amount of paper mailed to your home.

We appreciate your interest in and support of CBS Corporation and look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

SUMNER M. REDSTONE

LESLIE MOONVES

Executive Chairman and Founder

President and Chief Executive Officer

# CBS CORPORATION

# NOTICE OF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND PROXY STATEMENT

# To CBS Corporation Stockholders:

The 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of CBS Corporation (the "Company") will be held at the Equitable Center, 787 Seventh Avenue (at 51st Street), New York, New York 10019 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Thursday, May 26, 2011. The principal business of the meeting will be the consideration of the following matters:

- 1. The election of 14 directors;
- The ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2011;
- An advisory (non-binding) vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement;
- An advisory (non-binding) vote on the frequency of the advisory (non-binding) vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers; and
- 5. Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The close of business on March 31, 2011 has been fixed as the record date for determining the holders of shares of CBS Corporation Class A Common Stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof. For a period of at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be open to the examination of any stockholder during ordinary business hours at the Company's corporate headquarters located at 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019.

By order of the Board of Directors,

ANGELINE C. STRAKA Secretary

April 15, 2011

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# CBS CORPORATION 2011 PROXY STATEMENT

# **VOTING AND SOLICITATION OF PROXIES**

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

A proxy is being solicited by the Board of Directors of CBS Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("CBS Corporation" or the "Company"), for use at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time. The close of business on March 31, 2011 is the record date for determining the record holders of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof. Holders of the Company's non-voting Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, are not entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

As of March 31, 2011, the Company had outstanding 43,628,515 shares of its Class A Common Stock, each of such shares being entitled to one vote, and 631,092,667 non-voting shares of its Class B Common Stock (together with the Company's Class A Common Stock, the "Common Stock").

# **Internet Availability of Proxy Materials**

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules, instead of mailing to stockholders a printed copy of the Company's proxy statement, annual report and other materials relating to the Annual Meeting ("proxy materials"), the Company intends to mail to stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice of Internet Availability"), which advises that the proxy materials are available on the Internet. The Company intends to commence its distribution of the Notice of Internet Availability on or about April 15, 2011. Stockholders receiving a Notice of Internet Availability by mail will not receive a printed copy of proxy materials, unless they so request. Instead, the Notice of Internet Availability will instruct stockholders as to how they may access and review proxy materials on the Internet. Stockholders who receive a Notice of Internet Availability by mail who would like to receive a printed copy of the Company's proxy materials, including a proxy card or voting instruction card, should follow the instructions for requesting these materials included in the Notice of Internet Availability. Stockholders who currently receive printed copies of proxy materials who would like to receive copies of these documents electronically instead of by mail should follow the instructions for requesting electronic delivery set forth in the "Other Matters" section in this proxy statement.

# **Submission of Proxies**

The persons named in the proxy card and on the Company's voting website at <a href="www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a> (the "proxy holders") have been designated by the Company's Board of Directors to vote the shares represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting. The proxy holders are officers of the Company. They will vote the shares represented by each valid and timely received proxy in accordance with the stockholder's instructions, or if no instructions are specified, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors as described in this proxy statement. If any other matter properly comes before the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders will vote on that matter in their discretion.

Registered holders of the Company's Class A Common Stock may submit a proxy in the following ways:

By Internet: Registered holders of record may access <a href="www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>, with the Notice of Internet Availability in hand (or, if a printed copy of proxy materials was received by request, the proxy card in hand), and follow the instructions. The Internet proxy must be received no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on May 25, 2011.

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By Telephone: Registered holders of record living in the United States or Canada may use any touch-tone telephone to call 1-800-690-6903, with the Notice of Internet Availability in hand (or, if a printed copy of proxy materials was received by request, the proxy card in hand), and follow the recorded instructions. The telephone proxy must be received no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on May 25, 2011.

By Mail: Registered holders of record who received a printed copy of proxy materials by request may complete, sign and date the proxy card and return it in the envelope provided, so that it is received prior to the Annual Meeting.

"Beneficial holders" (defined below) will receive voting instructions directly from the holder of record.

Shares Held in the Company's 401(k) Plan. Voting instructions relating to shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock held in the Company's 401(k) plan must be received no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on May 24, 2011, so that the trustee of the plan (who votes the shares on behalf of plan participants) has adequate time to tabulate the voting instructions. Shares held in the 401(k) plan that are not voted or for which the trustee does not receive timely voting instructions will be voted by the trustee in the same proportion as the shares held in the plan that are timely voted.

Voting Other than by Proxy. While the Company encourages holders of its Class A Common Stock to vote by proxy, holders of the Company's Class A Common Stock (other than shares held in the 401(k) plan) also have the option of voting their shares in person at the Annual Meeting. Some holders of the Company's Class A Common Stock hold their shares in "street name" through a broker or other nominee and are therefore known as "beneficial holders." If shares of Class A Common Stock are held for a beneficial holder in a brokerage, bank or other institutional account, then the beneficial holder must obtain a proxy from that entity and bring it to the Annual Meeting in order to vote the shares at the Annual Meeting.

# **Revocation of Proxies**

A proxy may be revoked before the voting deadline by sending written notice to Angeline C. Straka, Secretary, CBS Corporation, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019, or by submission (including telephonic or Internet submission) of a proxy bearing a later date than the proxy being revoked to Proxy Services, P.O. Box 9111, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9543. Revocations made by telephone or through the Internet must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on May 25, 2011. A holder may also revoke a proxy by voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

Shares Held in the Company's 401(k) Plan. Voting instructions relating to shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock held in the Company's 401(k) plan may be revoked prior to 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on May 24, 2011, by sending written notice to Angeline C. Straka, Secretary, CBS Corporation, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019, or by timely submission (including telephonic or Internet submission) of voting instructions bearing a later date than the voting instructions being revoked to Proxy Services, P.O. Box 9111, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9543.

# Quorum

Under the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws, the holders of a majority of the aggregate voting power of the Company's Class A Common Stock outstanding on the record date, present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting, shall constitute a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be treated as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

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# Matters to Be Considered at the Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the following matters:

- 1. The election of each of the 14 nominated directors;
- The ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm ("independent auditor") for fiscal year 2011;
- The approval of an advisory (non-binding) resolution on the compensation of the Company's named executive
  officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement; and
- 4. The approval of an advisory (non-binding) resolution to hold an advisory (non-binding) vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers every THREE years.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the aggregate voting power of the Company's Class A Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting ("majority vote") is required to elect each of the 14 nominated directors and to approve Item 2 set forth above. Items 3 and 4 above are advisory votes only and are non-binding on the Company and on the Company's Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the advisory nature of these votes, as discussed more fully in the presentations of "Item 3" and "Item 4" below, the Board will consider the stockholders' preference to be expressed by the majority vote on Items 3 and 4. An abstention with respect to any matter will have the effect of a vote against such matter.

Under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), a broker or other nominee holding shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock on behalf of a beneficial holder may not be permitted to exercise voting discretion with respect to some matters to be acted upon at stockholders' meetings. Therefore, if a beneficial holder does not give the broker or nominee specific voting instructions, the holder's shares may not be voted on those matters and a broker non-vote will occur. Under the rules of the NYSE, brokers or nominees may vote on the matter listed as Item 2 above, but not on the matters listed as Items 1, 3 and 4 above, if they do not receive instructions from the beneficial holder of the shares held in street name. A broker non-vote will not have the effect of a vote against Items 1, 3 and 4 above.

As of March 31, 2011, National Amusements, Inc. ("National Amusements") beneficially owned directly and indirectly through its wholly owned subsidiary, NAI Entertainment Holdings LLC ("NAI EH"), approximately 79.2% of the Company's outstanding Class A Common Stock and approximately 6% of the Company's outstanding Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock on a combined basis. Sumner M. Redstone, the controlling stockholder of National Amusements, is Executive Chairman and Founder of the Company. National Amusements has advised the Company that it intends to vote all of its shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock in favor of each of Items 1 4 above. Such action by National Amusements will be sufficient to constitute a quorum and to approve each of the matters.

# **Cost of Proxy Solicitation and Inspector of Election**

The Company will pay the cost of the solicitation of proxies, including the preparation, printing and mailing of the Notice of Internet Availability and, as applicable, this proxy statement and the related materials. The Company will furnish copies of the Notice of Internet Availability and, if requested, this proxy statement and related materials to banks, brokers, fiduciaries and custodians that hold shares on behalf of beneficial holders so that they may forward the materials to the beneficial holders. IVS Associates, Inc. will serve as the independent inspector of election for the Annual Meeting.

# **Mailing Address**

The Company's mailing address is 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019.

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# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

CBS Corporation's corporate governance practices are established and monitored by its Board of Directors (the "Board"). The Board, with assistance from its Nominating and Governance Committee, regularly assesses CBS Corporation's governance practices in light of legal requirements and governance best practices. In several areas, CBS Corporation's practices go beyond the requirements of the NYSE corporate governance listing standards (the "NYSE listing standards"). For example, despite being a "controlled company" (*i.e.*, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual or another company), CBS Corporation has a majority of independent directors on its Board and has an independent Compensation Committee and an independent Nominating and Governance Committee, none of which is required for controlled companies under the NYSE listing standards.

CBS Corporation's principal governance documents are as follows:

Corporate Governance Guidelines

Board Committee Charters:

Audit Committee Charter

Compensation Committee Charter

Nominating and Governance Committee Charter

**Business Conduct Statement** 

Supplemental Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers

These documents are available on the Company's public website at <a href="www.cbscorporation.com">www.cbscorporation.com</a>, and copies of these documents may also be requested by writing to Investor Relations, CBS Corporation, 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019. The Company encourages its stockholders to read these documents, as we believe they illustrate CBS Corporation's commitment to good governance practices. Certain key provisions of these documents are summarized below.

# **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

CBS Corporation's Corporate Governance Guidelines (the "Guidelines") set forth the Company's corporate governance principles and practices on a variety of topics, including the responsibilities, composition and functioning of the Board, director qualifications, and the roles of the Board Committees. The Guidelines are periodically reviewed and updated as needed. The Guidelines provide, among other things, that:

A majority of the members of the Board must be independent as determined under the NYSE listing standards and the standards set forth in the Guidelines;

All of the members of the Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Governance Committees must be independent;

Separate executive sessions of the non-management directors and independent directors must be held a minimum number of times each year;

The Board, acting on the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, shall determine whether a director candidate's service on more than three other public company boards of directors is consistent with service on the Board;

Director compensation will be established in light of the policies set forth in the Guidelines;

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Within three years of joining the Board, directors are expected to own shares of Common Stock having a market value of at least three times the cash annual retainer fee paid to them, in accordance with the Guidelines;

The Board will hold an annual self-evaluation to assess its effectiveness; and

The non-management directors discuss and review succession planning.

# **Board Committee Charters**

Each Board Committee operates under a written charter that has been adopted by the Board. The Company has three standing Committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee. The Committee charters set forth the purpose, objectives and responsibilities of each Committee and discuss matters such as Committee membership requirements, number of meetings and the setting of meeting agendas. The charters are assessed at least every other year, or more frequently as the applicable Committee may determine, and are updated as needed. More information on the Committees, their respective roles and responsibilities and their charters can be found under "CBS Corporation's Board of Directors" Board Committees."

#### **Business Conduct Statement**

The Company's Business Conduct Statement ("BCS") sets forth the Company's standards for ethical conduct that are expected of all directors and employees of the Company. The BCS is available on the Company's website at <a href="www.cbscorporation.com">www.cbscorporation.com</a> and on the Company's intranet sites and also has been distributed to the Company's employees and directors. As part of the Company's compliance and ethics program, directors and full-time employees are required to certify as to their compliance with the BCS and, on an ongoing basis, must disclose any potential conflicts of interest. The Company has also implemented an online BCS training program. The BCS addresses, among other things, topics such as:

Compliance with laws, rules and regulations, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act;

Conflicts of interest, including the disclosure of potential conflicts to the Company;

Confidentiality, insider information and trading, and fair disclosure;

Financial accounting and improper payments;

The Company's commitment to providing equal employment opportunities and a bias-free and harassment-free workplace environment;

Fair dealing and relations with competitors, customers and suppliers;

Health, safety and the environment; and

The BCS provides numerous avenues for employees to report violations of the BCS or matters of concern, whether anonymously or with attribution, to the appropriate officers of the Company and/or the Audit Committee. These avenues include a telephone hotline, email contacts or direct communication with the Company's compliance officers. The BCS also provides that the Company will protect anyone who makes a good faith report of a violation of the BCS and retaliation against an employee who makes a good faith report will not be tolerated.

Political contributions and payments.

Waivers of the BCS for the Company's executive officers or directors will be disclosed on the Company's website at  $\underline{www.cbscorporation.com}$  or by Form 8-K filed with the SEC.

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# **Supplemental Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers**

The Supplemental Code of Ethics is applicable to the Company's Executive Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer. The Supplemental Code of Ethics, which is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.cbscorporation.com">www.cbscorporation.com</a>, addresses matters specific to those senior financial positions in the Company, including responsibility for the disclosures made in CBS Corporation's filings with the SEC, reporting obligations with respect to certain matters and a general obligation to promote honest and ethical conduct within the Company. The senior financial officers are also required to comply with the BCS. Amendments to or waivers of the Supplemental Code of Ethics for these officers will be disclosed on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.cbscorporation.com">www.cbscorporation.com</a> or by Form 8-K filed with the SEC.

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# CBS CORPORATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Company's Board of Directors is currently comprised of 14 members: David R. Andelman, Joseph A. Califano, Jr., William S. Cohen, Gary L. Countryman, Charles K. Gifford, Leonard Goldberg, Bruce S. Gordon, Linda M. Griego, Arnold Kopelson, Leslie Moonves, Doug Morris, Shari Redstone, Sumner M. Redstone and Frederic V. Salerno. All of the current members of the Board were elected at the Company's 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

During 2010, the Board held 7 meetings and also acted by unanimous written consents. Each incumbent director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and Committees on which such director served during 2010. In addition to Board and Committee meetings, directors are expected to attend the Annual Meeting, and all of the directors standing for election in 2010 were present at the Company's 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

In accordance with the Guidelines and the NYSE listing standards, the non-management directors meet separately, without directors who are Company employees, at regularly scheduled sessions a number of times each year equal to at least 50% of the number of regularly scheduled Board meetings, and at such other times as they deem appropriate. The independent directors meet separately, without those directors who are not independent as determined by the Board, at least 2 times each year, and at such other times as they deem appropriate. The members of the Nominating and Governance Committee preside at meetings of the non-management directors and independent directors on a rotating basis. During 2010, the non-management directors met 5 times, and the independent directors met 6 times.

# **Director Independence**

The Company's Guidelines provide that a majority of the Company's directors must be independent of the Company, as "independence" is defined in the NYSE listing standards and in the Guidelines. The NYSE listing standards set forth five "bright-line" tests that require a finding that a director is not independent if the director fails any of the tests. In addition, the NYSE listing standards provide that a director is not independent unless the Board affirmatively determines that the director has no "material relationship" with the Company. The Guidelines set forth categorical standards to assist the Board in determining what constitutes a "material relationship" with the Company. Generally under these categorical standards, the following relationships are deemed not to be material:

The types of relationships identified by the NYSE listing standards' bright-line tests, if they occurred more than five years ago (the Board will review any such relationship if it occurred more than three but less than five years ago);

A relationship whereby the director has received, or an immediate family member of the director has received for service as an executive officer, less than \$120,000 in direct compensation from the Company during any 12-month period within the last three years; and

A relationship where the director is an executive officer or employee, or an immediate family member of the director is an executive officer, of the following:

a company that made payments to, or received payments from, the Company for property or services in an amount that, in any of the last three fiscal years, is less than 1% of such company's annual consolidated gross revenues;

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a company which is either indebted to or a creditor of the Company in an amount that is less than 1% of such indebted company's total consolidated assets; and

a tax-exempt organization that received contributions from the Company in the prior fiscal year in an amount less than the greater of \$500,000 or 1% of that organization's consolidated gross revenues.

For relationships that exceed the thresholds described above, the determination of whether the relationship is material or not, and therefore whether the director would be independent or not, is made by the directors who are independent. In addition, the Guidelines state that, generally, the types of relationships not addressed by the NYSE listing standards or described in the Guidelines will not cause an otherwise independent director to be considered not independent. However, the Board may determine that a director is not independent for any reason it deems appropriate.

The full text of the Guidelines is available on the Company's website at www.cbscorporation.com.

In February 2011, the Nominating and Governance Committee reviewed the independence of the 14 director nominees standing for election at the Annual Meeting to determine its recommendation regarding which nominees meet the independence standards outlined above. The Board, based on its review and the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, determined that 9 of the 14 nominees are independent. The independent director nominees are Messrs. Califano, Cohen, Countryman, Gifford, Gordon, Kopelson, Morris and Salerno and Ms. Griego.

During its review, in determining that the director nominees named above are independent, the Board considered the transactions disclosed under "Related Person Transactions," all of which the Board determined were immaterial to, and would not impair, each such director's independence. The Board also considered that the Company and its subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business have, during the past three years, sold products and services to, made contributions to and/or purchased products and services from, companies, tax-exempt organizations and other entities, of which certain directors were executive officers or principals during 2010, and determined that all of these transactions were below the threshold for relationships deemed to be immaterial under the Guidelines.

# **Board Leadership Structure**

The Company's Board of Directors separates its Board chairman and principal executive officer positions. The Company believes that this structure is most appropriate for the Company, since the two positions serve different functions. The Company's Executive Chairman provides leadership as chairman of the board and strategic oversight of the Company. He is uniquely suited for this position, given his history with the Company as a principal participant in the establishment of the Company and as a stockholder who has maintained, through National Amusements, a controlling ownership position since that time. The Company's Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the day-to-day supervision, management and control of the business and affairs of the Company and serves as a bridge between management and the Board to support the alignment of the goals of both. In addition, the Board has appointed a Vice Chair whose responsibilities include the duties set forth in the Company's Bylaws. In support of the independent oversight of management, the non-management directors and, separately, the independent directors routinely meet and hold discussions without management present. While the Company does not maintain a written succession plan with respect to the Executive Chairman, in accordance with the Guidelines, the non-management directors consider annually succession planning for the Executive Chairman.

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# **Board Risk Oversight**

The Company's Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the oversight of the Company's risk management process. The Board carries out its oversight responsibility directly and through the delegation to its Committees of responsibilities related to the oversight of certain risks, as follows:

The Audit Committee, as part of its internal audit and independent auditor oversight, is responsible for reviewing the Company's risk assessment and risk management practices and discusses risks as they relate to its review of the Company's financial statements, the evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and the performance of the internal audit function, among other responsibilities set forth in the Committee's charter.

The Compensation Committee monitors risks associated with the design and administration of the Company's compensation programs, including its performance-based compensation programs, to promote an environment which does not encourage unnecessary and excessive risk-taking by the Company's employees. The Committee also reviews risks related to management resources, including the depth of the Company's senior management. In view of this oversight and based on management's assessment, the Company does not believe that its employee compensation policies and practices create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

The Nominating and Governance Committee oversees risk as it relates to monitoring developments in law and practice with respect to the Company's corporate governance processes and in reviewing related person transactions.

Each of these Committees reports regularly to the Board on these risk-related matters, among other items within its purview. On an annual basis, the Board conducts strategy sessions, which include presentations from economic, political and industry experts, among others, on matters affecting the Company, to assist the Board and management in preparing and implementing strategic initiatives, including risk management. In addition, the Board and Committees receive regular reports from management that include matters affecting the Company's risk profile, including, among others, operations reports from the Chief Executive Officer, and from division heads, all of which include strategic and operational risks; reports from the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer on credit and liquidity risks and on the integrity of internal controls over financial reporting; reports from the General Counsel on legal risks and material litigation; and reports on internal audit activities from the Senior Vice President, Internal Audit on the Company's Chief Compliance Officer on the Company's compliance program and from the Senior Vice President, Internal Audit on the internal audit plan for the upcoming fiscal year, the scope of which is to determine the adequacy and function of the Company's risk management, control and governance processes. Outside of formal meetings, Board members have regular access to senior executives, including the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, General Counsel and Executive Vice President, Human Resources and Administration. The Committee and management reports, strategy sessions and real-time management access collectively provide the Board with integrated insight on the Company's management of its risks.

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# **Board Committees**

The following chart sets forth the current membership of each Board Committee. The Board reviews and determines the membership of the Committees at least annually.

Committee	Members
Audit Committee	Gary L. Countryman, Chair
	Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
	Linda M. Griego
	Frederic V. Salerno
Compensation Committee	Charles K. Gifford, Chair
	William S. Cohen
	Bruce S. Gordon
	Doug Morris
Nominating and Governance Committee	Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Chair
	Gary L. Countryman
	Charles K. Gifford

During 2010, the Audit Committee held 7 meetings, the Compensation Committee held 10 meetings and the Nominating and Governance Committee held 13 meetings. Information about the Committees, including their respective roles and responsibilities and charters, is set forth below.

# Audit Committee

The Audit Committee Charter provides that the Audit Committee will be comprised of at least three members and that all of the members on the Committee must be independent directors. Also, the Committee must have at least one "audit committee financial expert" (as described below) and all Committee members must be financially literate. The Committee holds at least five regular meetings each year, and it regularly meets separately at these meetings with the independent auditor, the Company's General Counsel, its Senior Vice President of Internal Audit and other members of the Company's senior management. The Committee is responsible for the following, among other things:

The appointment, retention, termination, compensation and oversight of the Company's independent auditor, including reviewing with the independent auditor the scope of the audit plan and audit fees;

Reviewing the Company's financial statements and related disclosures, including with respect to internal control over financial reporting;

Oversight of the Company's internal audit function; and

Oversight of the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

For additional information on the Committee's role and its oversight of the independent auditor during 2010, see "Report of the Audit Committee."

Audit Committee Financial Experts. The Board has determined that all of the members of the Audit Committee are "financially literate," as that term is interpreted by the Board in its business judgment. In addition, the Board has determined that two members of the Audit Committee, including Mr. Countryman (Chair), qualify as "audit committee financial experts," as that term is defined in the regulations promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

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Service on the Audit Committees of Other Public Companies. The Company does not restrict the number of other audit committees on which members of its Audit Committee may serve. Messrs. Countryman (Chair) and Califano do not serve on any other public company audit committee. Ms. Griego currently serves on one other public company audit committee, and Mr. Salerno currently serves on three other public company audit committees. In accordance with the NYSE listing standards, the Board has determined that Mr. Salerno's service on these other public company audit committees would not impair his ability to serve effectively on the Company's Audit Committee, particularly given his experience as the former chief financial officer of a major public company and the fact that he is retired from full-time employment. Mr. Salerno has advised the Company that, effective April 28, 2011, he will no longer be serving on the audit committee of Popular, Inc., as he has chosen not to stand for re-election as a director at that company, and will thus serve on a total of three audit committees, including the Company's Audit Committee, after that date.

# **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee Charter provides that the Compensation Committee will be comprised of at least three members, except that the Committee is deemed to be properly constituted with at least two members in the event of a vacancy until the Board fills the vacancy. The Charter also provides that all of the members on the Committee must be independent directors and that the Committee shall also satisfy the relevant requirements established pursuant to regulations promulgated under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Committee holds at least four regular meetings each year and is responsible for the following, among other things:

Adopting and periodically reviewing the Company's compensation philosophy, strategy and principles regarding the design and administration of the Company's compensation programs;

Reviewing and approving the total compensation packages for the Executive Chairman, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Company's other executive officers, and other senior executives identified by the Committee after consultation with the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, Human Resources and Administration, and, in certain instances, other persons among the Company's most highly compensated executives (excluding "Talent," as such term is currently used in the media or entertainment industries) (the "senior executives"); and

Overseeing the administration of the Company's incentive compensation plans (including the bonus plan for executives subject to Section 162(m) under the Code) and its equity-based compensation plans.

Consideration and Determination of Executive Compensation. The Compensation Committee reviews all components of senior executives' compensation, including base salary, annual and long-term incentives and severance arrangements. In approving compensation for the senior executives (other than Messrs. Redstone and Moonves), the Committee considers the input and recommendations of Mr. Moonves with respect to the senior executives' performances, Mr. Briskman with respect to those senior executives who report directly to him and Mr. Ianniello with respect to those senior executives who report directly to him. With respect to Messrs. Redstone and Moonves, the Committee reviews and approves goals and objectives relevant to their compensation and, together with the Nominating and Governance Committee, annually evaluates the performances of the Executive Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer in light of those goals and objectives. The results of these evaluations are then reported to the non-management directors. The Compensation Committee sets compensation for the Executive Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer taking these evaluations into account. The Committee then reports to the Board on the process for setting compensation for the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

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The Company's processes and procedures for the consideration of executive compensation and the role of the Company's executive officers in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive compensation are more fully described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section below. Director compensation is approved by the Board, based on recommendations from the Nominating and Governance Committee, as more fully described in the "Nominating and Governance Committee" section below.

The Compensation Committee has the power to delegate its authority and duties to subcommittees or individuals as it deems appropriate and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The Committee has delegated to the President and Chief Executive Officer limited authority (with respect to executives who are not senior executives) to grant long-term incentive awards under the Company's long-term management incentive program to such executives in connection with their hiring, promotion or contract renewal and to modify the terms of outstanding equity grants in certain post-termination scenarios, as discussed in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section below. The Committee delegated this authority in order for the Company to have the ability to (i) act in a timely manner in a competitive environment in connection with the hiring of new executives or the compensating of an existing executive being given a significant increase in responsibility and (ii) maintain flexibility to manage compensation in post-termination scenarios when mutually beneficial to the Company and to the executive.

The Committee is empowered to retain compensation consultants having special competence to assist the Committee in evaluating executive officer and employee compensation. The Committee has the sole authority to retain and terminate such consultants and to review and approve such consultants' fees and other retention terms. The Committee retains an independent compensation consulting firm, currently Exequity LLP, to advise the Committee in its review of senior executive compensation. The Compensation Committee adopted a policy in 2008 providing that the independent compensation consulting firm will not be considered as a provider of services to the Company, other than for services provided to the Compensation Committee. Accordingly, other than these services provided to the Committee, Exequity does not perform any administrative or consulting services for the Company. In furtherance of the Committee's review of senior executive compensation, the independent consultant examines the compensation practices at companies with which the Company competes for senior executive talent, including those companies engaged in similar business activities and other publicly traded U.S. companies, and provides other analysis, as more fully described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section below.

# Nominating and Governance Committee

The Nominating and Governance Committee's Charter provides that the Nominating and Governance Committee will be comprised of at least three members, except that the Committee is deemed to be properly constituted with at least two members in the event of a vacancy until the Board fills the vacancy. The Charter also provides that all of the members on the Committee must be independent directors. The Committee holds at least three regular meetings each year and is responsible for the following, among other things:

Identifying and recommending to the Board nominees for election to the Board and reviewing the composition of the Board as part of this process;

Overseeing all aspects of the Company's corporate governance initiatives, including regular assessments of its principal governance documents;

Establishing criteria for the annual self-evaluations of the Board and its Committees;

Making recommendations to the Board on director compensation matters;

Monitoring developments in the law and practice of corporate governance;

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Developing and recommending items for Board meeting agendas; and

Reviewing transactions between the Company and related persons.

The members of the Nominating and Governance Committee also chair the executive sessions of non-management and independent directors on a rotating basis.

Consideration and Determination of Director Compensation. The Committee annually reviews and recommends for the Board's consideration the form and amount of compensation for Outside Directors. "Outside Directors" are directors of the Company who are not employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. Only Outside Directors are eligible to receive compensation for serving on the Board, as more fully described in the "Director Compensation" section below.

In accordance with the Guidelines and its Charter, the Committee is guided by three principles in its review of Outside Director compensation and benefits: Outside Directors should be fairly compensated for the services they provide to the Company, taking into account, among other things, the size and complexity of the Company's business and compensation and benefits paid to directors of comparable companies; Outside Directors' interests should be aligned with the interests of stockholders; and Outside Directors' compensation should be easy for stockholders to understand.

The recommendations of the Committee with respect to director compensation are subject to approval by the Board.

2011 Director Nomination Process; Board Diversity. In connection with the 2011 director nomination process, the Committee reviewed the current composition of the Board in light of the considerations set forth in its Charter and the Company's Guidelines. The Committee also considered input received from other directors on Board member qualifications, Board composition and any special circumstances that the Committee considers important in its determination. For example, as part of its consideration of director nominees for the 2009 slate, the Committee considered Mr. Salerno's service on the Bear Stearns' board, and the Committee concluded that his extensive business and financial expertise provides significant value to the Company. After taking these considerations into account, the Committee determined to recommend to the Board that each of the current members of the Board be nominated to stand for election at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

As part of its review, the Committee considers diversity, among other factors. The Committee considers diversity to be a broadly defined concept which takes into account professional experience, gender and ethnicity, among other characteristics. As a result of considering diversity as part of its nomination process, multiple industries are represented on the Board, including the entertainment and media, communications, banking, legal, insurance and management consulting industries, among others. Additionally, distinguished contributors to governmental and not-for-profit organizations also serve on the Board. Multiple professions are represented among the directors, including current and past experience as principal executive and principal financial officers, attorneys, high-level government officials, entrepreneurs and television, film and record producers, among others. Also, over the five-year period following the separation of former Viacom Inc. ("Former Viacom") into two publicly traded companies, CBS Corporation and new Viacom Inc. (the "Separation"), the Committee has nominated, and stockholders have elected, a total of four female directors, one of whom is Hispanic, and one African-American director. The Committee assesses the effectiveness of its consideration of diversity as part of its annual nomination process, when it reviews the composition of the Board as a whole.

Stockholder Recommendations for Director. The Committee will consider candidates for director recommended by the stockholders of the Company. All recommendations by stockholders for potential director candidates, which shall include written materials with respect to the potential candidate, should be sent to Angeline C. Straka, Secretary, CBS Corporation, 51 West 52nd Street,

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New York, NY 10019. The Company's Guidelines and Nominating and Governance Committee Charter set forth certain criteria for director qualifications and Board composition that stockholders should consider when making a recommendation. These criteria include an expectation that directors have substantial accomplishments in their professional backgrounds, are able to make independent, analytical inquiries, and exhibit practical wisdom and mature judgment. Directors of CBS Corporation should also possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and be committed to promoting the long-term interests of CBS Corporation's stockholders. Director candidates recommended by stockholders who meet the director qualifications, which are described more fully in the Company's Guidelines and Nominating and Governance Committee Charter, will be considered by the Chair of the Committee, who will present the information on the candidate to the entire Committee. Director candidates recommended by stockholders will be considered by the Committee in the same manner as any other candidate.

# **Communications with Directors**

Stockholders and other parties interested in contacting CBS Corporation's non-management directors may send an email to <a href="mailto:nonmanagementdirectors@cbs.com">nonmanagementdirectors@cbs.com</a> or write to Non-Management Directors, CBS Corporation, 51 West 52nd Street, 35th Floor, New York, NY 10019. The non-management directors' contact information is also available on CBS Corporation's website at <a href="www.cbscorporation.com">www.cbscorporation.com</a>. Non-management directors have approved the process for handling communications received in this manner.

Stockholders should also use the email and mailing address for the non-management directors to send communications to the Board. The process for handling stockholder communications to the Board received in this manner has been approved by the independent directors of the Board. Correspondence relating to accounting or auditing matters will be handled in accordance with procedures established by the Audit Committee for such matters.

# **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

None of the members of the Compensation Committee during fiscal year 2010 was, or has ever been, an officer or employee of the Company, and, during fiscal year 2010, no executive officer of the Company served on the board and/or compensation committee of any company that employed as an executive officer any member of the Company's Board and/or Compensation Committee.

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# SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The table below sets forth as of February 28, 2011, unless otherwise indicated, information concerning the beneficial ownership of the Company's Class A and Class B Common Stock by (i) each current director and director nominee, (ii) each named executive officer and (iii) the current directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. Each person has sole voting and investment power over the shares reported, except as noted. Also set forth below is information concerning the beneficial ownership by each person, or group of affiliated persons, who is known by the Company to beneficially own 5% or more of the Company's Class A Common Stock. As of February 28, 2011, there were 43,629,213 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock outstanding and 632,443,447 shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock outstanding.