

E.W. SCRIPPS Co  
Form DEF 14A  
March 22, 2019

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Filed by the Registrant

Filed by a Party other than the Registrant

Check the appropriate box:

- Preliminary Proxy Statement
- Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))**
  - Definitive Proxy Statement
- Definitive Additional Materials
- Soliciting Material under §240.14a-12

**THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box):

No fee required.

Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11.

(1) Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies:

(2) Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies:

(3) Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined):

(4) Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction:

(5) Total fee paid:

Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.

Edgar Filing: E.W. SCRIPPS Co - Form DEF 14A

oCheck box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

(1) Amount Previously Paid:

(2) Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.:

(3) Filing Party:

(4) Date Filed:

**THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY**

**Scripps Center  
312 Walnut Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD MAY 6, 2019**

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of The E.W. Scripps Company (the "Company") will be held at the Scripps Center, 312 Walnut Street, 10th Floor Conference Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 4:00 PM, local time, for the following purposes:

1. to elect directors;
2. to hold an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve named executive officer compensation (a say-on-pay vote); and
3. to approve an amendment to The E.W. Scripps Company 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

The shareholders will also transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. The Company's board of directors (the "Board") has fixed the close of business on March 8, 2019, as the record date for the determination of shareholders who are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment thereof.

If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and need special assistance because of a disability, please contact the secretary's office at [secretary@scripps.com](mailto:secretary@scripps.com).

We are furnishing our proxy materials to you under Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow companies to deliver proxy materials to their shareholders on the Internet. On or about March 22, 2019, you were provided with a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials ( "Notice") and were provided access to our proxy materials over the Internet. The proxy materials include the 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders and the Proxy Statement.

We encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting. However, it is important that your shares be represented whether or not you are personally able to attend. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please vote as instructed on the Notice, via the Internet or the telephone, as promptly as possible to ensure that your vote is recorded. Alternatively, you may follow the procedures outlined in the Notice to request a paper proxy card to submit your vote by mail. If you attend the meeting and your shares are registered in your name, you may withdraw your proxy at that time and vote your shares in person.

Your proxy is being solicited by the Board.

Julie L. McGehee, Esq.  
Secretary and Vice President

March 22, 2019

**The E.W. Scripps Company**  
**312 Walnut Street**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**

## **PROXY STATEMENT**

### **2019 ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 6, 2019**

This Proxy Statement is being furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the board of directors (the "Board") of The E.W. Scripps Company, an Ohio corporation (the Company), for use at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting), which will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019, at the Scripps Center, 312 Walnut Street, 10th Floor Conference Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, at 4:00 PM local time.

The close of business on March 8, 2019, has been fixed as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting (the "Record Date").

### **INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS**

We are furnishing proxy materials to our shareholders primarily via the Internet under rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, instead of mailing printed copies of those materials to each shareholder. On March 22, 2019, we mailed to our shareholders (other than those who previously requested electronic or paper delivery) a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials, including our Proxy Statement and our Annual Report to Shareholders. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also instructs you on how to access your proxy card to vote via the Internet or by telephone.

This process is designed to expedite shareholders' receipt of proxy materials, lower the cost of the Annual Meeting and help conserve natural resources. If you would prefer to continue to receive printed proxy materials, please follow the instructions included in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If you have previously elected to receive our proxy materials electronically, you will continue to receive these materials via e-mail unless you elect otherwise.

### **VOTING PROCEDURES**

On March 8, 2019, the Company had outstanding 68,803,609 Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share (Class A Common Shares), and 11,932,722 Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share (Common Voting Shares). Holders of Class A Common Shares are entitled to elect the greater of three or one-third of the directors of the Company but are not entitled to vote on any other matters except as required by Ohio law. Holders of Common Voting Shares are entitled to elect all remaining directors and to vote on all other matters requiring a vote of shareholders. Each Class A Common Share and Common Voting Share is entitled to one vote upon matters on which such class of shares is entitled to vote.

To have a quorum necessary to conduct business at the Annual Meeting, it is necessary to have shares that represent (in person or by proxy) the holders of (i) a majority of our Class A Common Shares outstanding on the Record Date, and (ii) a majority of our Common Voting Shares outstanding on the Record Date. Shares represented in person or by proxy (including shares that abstain or do not vote with respect to a particular proposal) will be counted for the purpose of determining whether a quorum exists at the Annual Meeting for that proposal. If a quorum is not present, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until a quorum is obtained.

If you are a shareholder of record (i.e., you directly hold your shares through an account with our transfer agent, Computershare), you can vote in person following the instructions in this Proxy Statement using one of the three

methods described below. If you are a beneficial owner (i.e., you indirectly hold your shares through a nominee such as a bank or broker), you can vote in person following the instructions in this Proxy Statement using the methods provided by your nominee.

**VOTE BY INTERNET**

[www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information.

**VOTE BY PHONE**

1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions.

**TO REQUEST PAPER VOTING MATERIALS**

1-800-579-1639 OR email [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

1

## **SOLICITATION OF PROXIES**

The solicitation of proxies is made by, and on behalf of, the Board. The Company will pay the cost of the solicitation of proxies, including the cost of printing and mailing the notice of the Annual Meeting, the Proxy Statement and the accompanying proxy. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail, solicitation may be made by directors, officers and other employees of the Company by Internet (including by email, Twitter, the use of our investor relations website and other online channels of communication), telephone, facsimile and other electronic channels of communication, town hall meetings, personal interviews, press releases, and press interviews. Our directors, officers and regular employees may, without compensation other than their regular compensation and the reimbursement of expenses, solicit proxies by telephone or personal conversation. The Company has retained the services of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$6,000 to assist the Company in the solicitation of proxies from brokers, nominees, institutions and individuals.

## **PROPOSAL 1**

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

(Item 1 on the Proxy Card)

A board of 11 directors is to be elected, three by the holders of Class A Common Shares voting separately as a class and eight by the holders of Common Voting Shares voting separately as a class. The nominating & governance committee recommended to the Board each of the nominees set forth below. In the election, the nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected. Directors are elected by the shareholders for terms of one year and hold office until their successors are elected and qualify. Each of the director nominees identified in this Proxy Statement has consented to being named as a nominee in our proxy materials and has accepted the nomination and agreed to serve as a director if elected.

Each proxy for Class A Common Shares executed and returned by a holder of such shares will be voted for the election of the three directors hereinafter shown as nominees for such class of shares, unless otherwise indicated on such proxy. Each proxy for Common Voting Shares executed and returned by a holder of such shares will be voted for the election of the eight directors hereinafter shown as nominees for such class of shares, unless otherwise indicated on such proxy. Although the Board does not contemplate that any of the nominees hereinafter named will be unavailable for election, in the event that any such nominee is unable to serve, the proxies will be voted for the remaining nominees and for such other person(s), if any, as the Board may propose.

**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" EACH OF THE NOMINEES FOR WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR.**

**REPORT ON THE NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following table sets forth certain information as to each of the nominees for election to the Board.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age*</b>	<b>Director Since</b>	<b>Principal Occupation or Occupations/Business Experience for Past Five Years</b>
<b>Nominees for Election by Holders of Class A Common Shares</b>			
Lauren Rich Fine <sup>(1)</sup>	59	2018	Partner at investment/wealth management firm, Gries Financial, LLC since 2016. Executive search consultant at Howard & O'Brien from 2010 to 2015. Faculty member at Kent State University School of Journalism & Mass Communication from 2007 to 2011. Managing Director in Equity Research at Merrill Lynch from 1986 to 2007.
Wonya Y. Lucas <sup>(2)</sup>	57	—	President and Chief Executive Officer of Public Broadcasting Atlanta from 2015 to present. President of Lucas Strategic Consultants, LLC from 2014 to 2015. President and Chief Executive Officer of TV One, LLC from 2012 to 2014.
Kim Williams <sup>(3)</sup>	63	2008	Retired since 2006. Senior Vice President, Partner, and Associate Director of Global Industry Research at Wellington Management Company, LLP from 1995 to 2001. Senior Vice President, Partner, Global Industry Analyst from 1986 to 1995.
<b>Nominees for Election by Holders of Common Voting Shares</b>			
Charles L. Barmonde <sup>(4)</sup>	43	2015	Private investor, educator and entrepreneur. Founder of Arch Contemporary Ceramics, a gallery, studio and education enterprise. Trustee of the Scripps Howard Foundation since 2011.
Richard A. Boehne <sup>(5)</sup>	62	2008	Chairman of the Board since 2013. Former President and Chief Executive Officer from 2008 through August 2017. Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from April 2006 to June 2008. Executive Vice President from February 1999 until June 2008.
Kelly P. Conlin	59	2013	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Zinio, Inc. Chief Executive Officer of NameMedia from 2006 to 2015. Chief Executive Officer of Primedia from 2003 to 2005. Chief Executive Officer of IDG Inc. from 1995 to 2002.
John W. Hayden <sup>(6)</sup>	61	2008	President and Chief Executive Officer of CJH Consulting. President and Chief Executive Officer of The Midland Company from 1998 to 2010. Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Modern Insurance Group from 1996 to 1998.
Anne M. La Dow <sup>(4)</sup>	60	2012	Private investor and former Human Resources Director of the Ventura County Star.
Roger L. Ogden <sup>(7)</sup>	73	2008	Retired since July 2007. President and General Manager of KUSA Denver from August 1997 through July 2005. President and Chief Executive Officer of Gannett Broadcasting from July 2005 through July 2007. Senior Vice President of Design, Innovation and Strategy for Gannett Co., Inc. from June 2006 through July 2007.
R. Michael Scagliotti <sup>(4)</sup>	47	2017	Private investor and educator. Trustee of the Scripps Howard Foundation since 2015.
Adam P. Symson	44	2017	President and Chief Executive Officer since August 2017. Chief



Operating Officer from November 2016 through August 2017. Senior Vice President of Digital from 2013 through 2016. Chief Digital Officer from 2011 through 2013. Vice President Interactive Media/Television from 2007 to 2011.

- (1) Ms. Fine is a director of Wisr, Inc. (an online college and university career and advising networking company). Ms. Fine is also on the board of several start-up companies.
- (2) Ms. Lucas is a director of JC Penny (a retail company), National Public Radio (a nonprofit media organization) and The Task Force for Global Health, Inc. (an independent, nonprofit global health coalition support).
- (3) Ms. Williams is a director of Weyerhaeuser Company (a forest products company) and Xcel Energy, Inc. (a utility company).
- (4) Mr. Barmonde, Ms. La Dow and Mr. Scagliotti are all Signatories to the Scripps Family Agreement. Ms. La Dow and Messrs. Barmonde and Scagliotti are cousins. See "Related Party Transactions-Scripps Family Agreement" below.

4

- (5) Mr. Boehne is a director of the Associated Press (an independent newsgathering organization) and Northern Kentucky University (a public, co-educational university).
- (6) Mr. Hayden is a director of Ohio National Financial Services Co. (a mutual insurance and financial services company), ABR Re (a Bermuda-based reinsurance company), Hauser Private Equity and Tiberius Acquisition Corporation (a special purpose acquisition corporation).
- (7) Mr. Ogden is a director of Worthpoint Company (an online resource for collectors). Mr. Ogden is also the owner and President of Krystal Broadcasting, Inc. which operates three radio stations in Summit and Eagle Counties in Colorado.

\* Age reflected as of March 22, 2019.

### ***Nominee Qualifications***

The nominees for the Board consists of 11 members who we believe are extremely well-qualified to serve on the board and represent our stockholders' best interests. The nominating & governance committee selects nominees with a view to establishing a Board that is comprised of members who:

- have extensive business leadership experience,
- bring diverse perspectives to the Board,
- bring institutional knowledge and a thorough understanding of the Company's history and vision,
- have high ethical standards as well as sound business judgment and acumen, and
- understand and are willing to make the time commitment necessary for the Board to effectively fulfill its responsibilities.

### ***Nominees Tenure and Diversity***

### ***Board Refreshment***

We believe the Company benefits when there is a mix of experienced directors with a deep understanding of our businesses and others who bring a fresh perspective. The Board remains committed to refreshment and to seek out highly qualified women and minority candidates, as well as candidates with diverse backgrounds, skills and experiences.

**REPORT ON THE SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS**

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to persons known to management to be the beneficial owners, as of January 31, 2019, unless indicated otherwise in the footnotes below, of more than 5 percent of the Company's outstanding Class A Common Shares or Common Voting Shares. Unless otherwise indicated, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares shown therein as being beneficially owned by them. The percentages shown in the table are based on 68,731,963 Class A Common Shares and 11,932,722 Common Voting Shares outstanding as of January 31, 2019.

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Class A Common Shares</b>	<b>Percent of Class</b>	<b>Common Voting Shares</b>	<b>Percent of Class</b>
Signatories to Scripps Family Agreement <sup>(1)</sup> Tracy Tunney Ward Miramar Services, Inc. 250 Grandview Ave., Suite 44 Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017	12,947,219	18.8%	11,130,723	93.3 %
GAMCO Investors, Inc. <sup>(2)</sup> One Corporate Center Rye, NY 10580-1435	10,008,154	14.6%	—	—
BlackRock, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10055	7,834,163	11.4%	—	—
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP <sup>(4)</sup> Building One 6300 Bee Cave Road Austin, TX 78746	5,829,164	8.5%	—	—
The Vanguard Group <sup>(5)</sup> 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	5,569,020	8.1%	—	—
Victory Capital Management, Inc. <sup>(6)</sup> 4900 Tiedeman Rd. 4th Floor Brooklyn, OH 44144	4,458,454	6.5%	—	—

- (1) The information in the table and this footnote is based on information provided to the Company by Miramar Services, Inc. and information contained in Amendment 9 (dated December 31, 2018) to a Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by descendants of Robert P. Scripps, descendants of John P. Scripps and certain trusts of which descendants of John P. Scripps or Robert P. Scripps are trustees or beneficiaries, all of whom or which are Signatories to the Scripps Family Agreement, which governs the voting of all Common Voting Shares held by them. Miramar Services, Inc. provides administrative services to certain members of the Scripps Family. The Signatories to the Scripps Family Agreement report shared voting power with each other with respect to the Common Voting Shares shown in the table. In addition to these Common Voting Shares, according to such Amendment to Schedule 13D, two of the Signatories act as co-trustees with respect to 534,666 Common Voting Shares on behalf of a minor descendant who is not a

party to the Scripps Family Agreement, and another Signatory acts as a trust advisor to trusts holding 267,333 Common Voting Shares for the benefit of certain minor descendants who are not party to the Scripps Family Agreement. Signatories of the Scripps Family Agreement also own 12,947,219. Class A Common Shares. Class A Common Shares are not subject to the Scripps Family Agreement. The two Signatories mentioned above who act as co-trustees on behalf of a minor descendant who is not a party to the Scripps Family Agreement may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of a total of 653,204 Class A Common Shares held for the benefit of such minor descendant. The Signatory referred to above who acts as a trust advisor to trusts for the benefit of certain other minor descendants who are not party to the Scripps Family Agreement may be deemed to beneficially own 326,601 Class A Common Shares as trust advisor for such minor descendants. No single individual or trust that is a Signatory beneficially owns 5% or more of the Company's outstanding Class A Common Shares. The following Signatories may be deemed to beneficially own, or share beneficial ownership with other Signatories of, more than 5% of the Common Voting Shares as a result of direct ownership or indirect ownership as trustees for various trusts or as co-guardians or advisors for the above-referenced minors: Barbara Victoria Scripps Evans (6.5%); Elizabeth A. Logan (6.7%); Mary McCabe Peirce (6.3%); Paul K. Scripps (6.3%); Peter R. La Dow (8.4%); Virginia S. Vasquez (6.4%); Charles E. Scripps, Jr. (5.2%); Eaton M. Scripps (5.2%); and Edward W. Scripps, Jr. (5.2%). See Related Party Transactions - Scripps Family Agreement below. The reporting parties filing the Schedule 13D are Virginia S. Vasquez, Rebecca Scripps Brickner, Edward W. Scripps, Jr., Corina S. Granado, Jimmy R. Scripps, Mary Ann S. Sanchez, Margaret Scripps Klenzing, William H. Scripps, Marilyn J. Scripps, Adam R. Scripps, William A. Scripps, Gerald J. Scripps, Charles E. Scripps, Jr., Eli W. Scripps, Jonathan L. Scripps, Molly E. McCabe, Barbara Victoria Scripps Evans, John P. Scripps Trust under agreement dated 2/10/77 FBO Peter M. Scripps, John P. Scripps Trust under agreement dated 2/10/77 FBO Paul K. Scripps, John P. Scripps Trust Exempt Trust under agreement dated 2/10/77, John P. Scripps Trust under agreement dated 2/10/77 FBO Barbara Scripps Evans, The Marital Trust of the La Dow Family Trust, Anne M. La Dow Trust under agreement dated 10/27/2011, The La Dow Family Trust under agreement dated 6/29/2004, John Peter Scripps 2013 Revocable Trust under agreement dated 12/20/13, John P. Scripps Trust FBO Ellen McRae Scripps under agreement dated 12/28/84, Ellen M. Scripps Kaheny Revocable Trust and agreement dated 4/17/14, Paul K. Scripps Family Revocable Trust under agreement dated 2/7/1994, Thomas S. Evans Irrevocable Trust under agreement dated 11/13/2012, Scripps Family 1992 Revocable Trust under agreement dated 6/9/92, Thomas S. Evans, Douglas A. Evans, Julia Scripps

Heidt, Paul K. Scripps, Charles Kyne McCabe, Peter R. La Dow, J. Sebastian Scripps, Anne M. La Dow, Wendy E. Scripps, Elizabeth A. Logan, Cynthia J. Scripps, John P. Scripps, Mary Peirce, Megan Scripps Tagliaferri, Eva Scripps Attal, Kathy Scripps, Eaton M. Scripps, Wesley W. Scripps, Ellen M. Scripps Kaheny, Cody Dubuc, Careen Cardin, Sam D. F. Scripps, R. Michael Scagliotti, William A. Scripps, Jr., Welland H. Scripps, Kendall S. Barmonde, Charles L. Barmonde, Manuel E. Granado, Geraldine Scripps Granado, Raymundo H. Granado, Jr., Anthony S. Granado, Ellen B. Granado, Crystal Vasquez Lozano, Elizabeth Scripps, James Bryce Vasquez, John Patrick Scripps, Keon Korey Vasquez, Peggy Scripps Evans, Samuel Joseph Logan, Maxwell Christopher Logan, Savannah Brickner, Monica Holcomb, Samantha J. Brickner, Nathaniel W. Heidt, Austin S. Heidt, Robert S. Heidt III, Jessica L. Scripps, Jenny Sue Scripps Mitchell, Vanessa L. Sanchez, Veronica E. Sanchez, Brittany Jean Scripps and Shannon Leigh Howard.

- (2) GAMCO Investors, Inc. filed Amendment No. 18 to Schedule 13D with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Company's Class A Common Shares on February 15, 2019. The information in the table is based on the information contained in such filing. Such report states that GAMCO Investors, Inc. and its affiliates have sole voting power over 9,581,852 shares and sole investment power over 10,008,154 shares.
- (3) Blackrock, Inc. filed Amendment No. 9 to Schedule 13G with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Company's Class A Common Shares on January 2, 2019. The information in the table is based on the information contained in such filing for the year ended 2018. Such report states that Blackrock, Inc. has sole voting power over 7,678,328 shares and sole investment power over 7,834,163 shares.
- (4) Dimensional Fund Advisors LP filed Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 13G with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Company's Class A Common Shares on February 8, 2019. The information in the table is based on the information contained in such filing for the year ended 2018. Such report states that Dimensional Funds Advisors LP has sole voting power over 5,675,514 shares and sole investment power over 5,829,164 shares.
- (5) The Vanguard Group filed Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13G with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Company's Class A Common Shares on February 11, 2019. The information in the table is based on the information contained in such filing for the year ended 2018. Such report states that The Vanguard Group has sole voting power over 47,007 shares, shared voting power over 7,400 shares, sole investment power over 5,519,574 shares and shared investment power over 49,446 shares.
- (6) Victory Capital Management, Inc. filed Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Company's Class A Common Shares on February 1, 2019. The information in the table is based on the information contained in such filing for the year ended 2018. Such report states that Victory Capital Management, Inc. has sole voting power over 4,374,854 shares and sole investment power over 4,458,454 shares.

**REPORT ON THE SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT**

The following information is set forth with respect to the Company's Class A Common Shares and Common Voting Shares beneficially owned as of January 31, 2019, by each director and each nominee for election as a director of the Company, by each named executive officer, and by all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. As of January 31, 2019, there were 68,731,963 Class A Common Shares outstanding and 11,932,722 Common Voting Shares outstanding. Unless otherwise indicated, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares shown therein as being beneficially owned by them.

Name of Individual or Number of Persons in Group	Class A Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	Restricted Share Units <sup>(2)</sup>	Total Class A Common Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	Percent of Class	Common Voting Shares	Percent of Class
Richard A. Boehne <sup>(5)</sup>	408,927	—	408,927	*	—	—
Charles L. Barmonde <sup>(4)</sup>	541,478	—	541,478	*	51,000	*
Kelly P. Conlin	17,935	—	17,935	*	—	—
Lauren Rich Fine	—	—	—	—	—	—
John W. Hayden <sup>(5)</sup>	65,042	—	65,042	*	—	—
Anne M. La Dow <sup>(4)(6)</sup>	21,119	—	21,119	*	39,552	*
Wonya Y. Lucas	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roger L. Ogden	105,223	—	105,223	*	—	—
R. Michael Scagliotti <sup>(4)</sup>	3,298	—	3,298	*	267,283	2.2%
Kim Williams <sup>(5)</sup>	143,203	—	143,203	*	—	—
William Appleton	124,419	22,609	147,028	*	—	—
Lisa A. Knutson	36,319	23,071	59,390	*	—	—
Brian G. Lawlor	101,571	—	101,571	*	—	—
Douglas F. Lyons	26,561	8,071	34,632	*	—	—
Adam P. Symson	60,942	—	60,942	*	—	—
Other officers not named individually <sup>(7)</sup>	3,858	—	3,858	*	—	—
All directors and executive officers as a group (16 persons)	1,659,895	53,751	1,713,646	2.5%	357,835	3.0%

\* Shares owned represent less than 1 percent of the outstanding shares of such class of stock.

- (1) The shares listed for each of the executive officers and directors represent his or her direct or indirect beneficial ownership of Class A Common Shares.
- (2) The shares listed for each of the executive officers and directors include Class A Common Shares underlying restricted share units that are convertible within 60 days of January 31, 2019, and have no additional vesting requirements.
- (3) None of the shares listed for any officer or director is pledged as security for any obligation.
- (4) Mr. Barmonde, Ms. La Dow and Mr. Scagliotti are Signatories to the Scripps Family Agreement. See Report on the Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners above and Related Party Transactions-Scripps Family Agreement below.
- (5) In addition to the shares listed, the director defers a portion of his or her director fees in a phantom shares account. These phantom shares have no voting or other rights. Mr. Hayden has 83,553 phantom shares and has chosen payment in cash rather than payment in Class A Common Shares. Mr. Boehne has 12,771 and Ms. Williams has 39,780 phantom shares and both have elected payment in Class A Common Shares.
- (6)

Includes shares held by the Anne M. La Dow Trust under agreement dated 10/27/2011, of which Ms. La Dow is trustee.

- (7) The shares listed include shares beneficially owned by one executive officer who is not named individually.  
8

## **REPORT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES**

### ***2018 Board Meetings***

During 2018, the Board held four regularly scheduled meetings and three telephonic meetings. All directors attended at least 75 percent of the meetings of the Board and of the committees on which they served during 2018.

### ***Executive Sessions of Directors***

During 2018, executive sessions of non-management directors were held regularly. The director who presided at these meetings was the lead independent director or another director selected by the Board at the time of such meeting.

### ***Standing Committees and Committee Charters***

The Company has standing executive, audit, compensation and nominating & governance committees. The charter for each such standing committee is available for review on the Company's website ([www.scripps.com](http://www.scripps.com)) by first clicking on "Investors" and then on Corporate Governance. Copies are available in print to any shareholder who requests a copy by contacting the Company's secretary at [secretary@scripps.com](mailto:secretary@scripps.com) or by mail at 312 Walnut Street, Suite 2800, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.

### ***Committees of the Board of Directors***

*Executive Committee.* Richard A. Boehne (chair), Charles L. Barmonde, John W. Hayden, Roger L. Ogden, Adam P. Symson and Kim Williams are the members of the executive committee. This committee may exercise all of the powers of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Company between Board meetings except the power to fill vacancies on the Board or its committees. The executive committee meets only as necessary. During 2018, the executive committee held one meeting.

*Audit Committee.* Kim Williams (chair), Lauren Rich Fine and John W. Hayden are the members of the audit committee. The purpose of the committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to (1) the integrity of the Company's financial statements and financial reporting process and the Company's systems of internal accounting and financial controls; (2) the performance of the internal audit services function; (3) the annual independent audit of the Company's financial statements, the engagement of the independent auditors and the evaluation of the independent auditors' qualifications, independence, performance and fees; (4) the compliance by the Company with legal and regulatory requirements, including the Company's disclosure controls and procedures; (5) the review of the Company's enterprise risk issues including, but not limited to, financial, cybersecurity, data privacy, legal and business continuity; and (6) the fulfillment of all other responsibilities as outlined in its charter. The internal and independent auditors have unrestricted access to the audit committee. The committee meets privately with each of the independent auditors, the internal auditors and management. During 2018, the audit committee held four meetings and one telephonic meeting.

*Compensation Committee.* Roger L. Ogden (chair), Kelly P. Conlin and Anne M. La Dow are the members of the compensation committee. The committee is appointed by the Board to discharge the Board's responsibilities relating to compensation of the Company's directors and officers. The committee reviews and approves the Company's compensation principles that apply generally to Company employees. It also reviews and approves the Company's goals and objectives relevant to compensation of the chief executive officer and executive officers with the title of senior vice president or higher (senior executives) and evaluates their performance in light of those goals and objectives. Annually, the compensation committee conducts a performance review of the chief executive officer, the results of which are shared with the entire Board. With respect to senior executives, the committee reviews and approves a peer group of companies against which it compares the Company's compensation programs and practices for senior executives and directors, and the chief executive officer makes recommendations to the committee



regarding the compensation elements of his direct reports in light of their goals and objectives. The committee reviews all of the components of the chief executive officer's and the senior executives' compensation, including goals and objectives, employment arrangements, severance arrangements or plans, incentive plans, employee benefit plans, perquisite arrangements, the Incentive Compensation Recoupment Policy ( claw-back policy ) and stock ownership guidelines, considers the chief executive officer's recommendations for his direct reports, and makes recommendations to the Board. The committee has the authority to administer the cash-based incentive plans, severance arrangements or plans and change in control arrangements or plans covering the chief executive officer and senior executives. The committee is also responsible for reviewing the result of any shareholder advisory vote regarding the compensation of the Company's named executive officers and making recommendations to the Board on how to respond to those votes as well as recommending to the Board whether to hold the shareholder advisory vote every one, two or three years. The committee oversees the annual review of the Company's compensation policies and practices for all employees, including non-senior executives, to determine whether they create financial risks. The committee may delegate any of its responsibilities to a subcommittee composed of one or more members of the committee, or to one or more other directors, in each case as it deems appropriate, other than in connection with any power or authority required by law, regulation or listing standard to be exercised by the committee as a whole.

With respect to any funded employee benefit plans covering employees of the Company subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the committee has the definitive authority to appoint and terminate the named fiduciary or named fiduciaries of such plan(s). The committee reviews succession planning relating to positions held by senior officers of the Company and reviews director compensation and makes recommendations with respect thereto to the Board. The committee has the authority to engage outside consultants to assist in determining appropriate compensation levels for the chief executive officer, other senior managers or directors. In 2018, the committee retained Exequity, LLC to assist it in developing and reviewing our executive and director compensation strategy and programs. The committee is also responsible for producing an annual report for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement and reviewing and approving the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and related compensation disclosures included in the Company's proxy statement. During 2018, the compensation committee held four meetings.

*Nominating & Governance Committee.* John W. Hayden (chair), Charles L. Barmonde, R. Michael Scagliotti and Kim Williams are the members of the nominating & governance committee. The purpose of the committee is (1) to assist the Board by identifying individuals qualified to become Board members and to recommend director nominees to the Board; (2) to recommend to the Board corporate governance principles that might be applicable to the Company; (3) to lead the Board and its committees in the annual review of the Board and its committees performance; (4) to oversee the Company's ethics and compliance programs; and (5) to recommend to the Board nominees for each committee of the Board. During 2018, the nominating & governance committee held four meetings.

## **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Company continues to build a sturdy, high-quality portfolio of businesses that provide a strong foundation for launching innovative new journalism and media business models - businesses we believe will create shareholder value for the future. At the Company, a sustainable approach to business means evolving to meet the changing needs of our advertisers and audiences and seizing opportunities to create shareholder value in the disruption of our industry while maintaining our long-term commitment to social responsibility.

The components of Corporate Social Responsibility for the Company include:

### ***Impactful Journalism***

The Company is dedicated to fulfilling our instrumental role as the Fourth Estate in American democracy. Our objective local news coverage empowers people to make informed decisions for their own lives and for their communities, and our investigative journalism plays a crucial watchdog role.

In our Local Media markets, we take pride in giving back to the places where we live and work through social service projects, shining light on important local issues such as domestic violence and homelessness, and sponsoring or emceeding important local philanthropic, civic and business events.

In both our local and national news and information organizations, we strive to earn and maintain the trust of the public and to be fearless in our pursuit of the truth. Our journalists adhere to the highest journalism ethics practices when gathering and reporting the news and welcome an open dialogue with the public about our news-gathering processes.

### ***Corporate Giving and The Scripps Howard Foundation***

The Company gives back at the corporate level to many organizations in our corporate hometown of Cincinnati, including the United Way of Greater Cincinnati and ArtsWave. We also encourage our employees to take a paid Volunteer Day away from work every year to spend time with an organization or cause about which they are passionate.

Since 1962, the Scripps Howard Foundation ("The Foundation") has further amplified the Company's charitable work. The Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Company, supports journalism education that produces fair-minded, thoughtful reporters and editors; literacy that promotes a more educated populace; and basic needs social service organizations in the communities where we do business.

### ***Diversity, Equity and Inclusion***

The Company is committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace that reflects the communities we serve. Our new chief diversity officer has begun developing plans to guide the Company in creating equitable and inclusive hiring practices, vendor selection and management philosophies.

### ***Wellbeing***

Our free employee wellbeing programs take a holistic approach, covering not just good physical health, but also mental and financial wellbeing. We encourage employees to participate in these programs through team-based behavior modification challenges and financial incentives such as contributions to their Health Savings Accounts.

### ***Environment***

As a media company, our carbon footprint is reasonably light. However, we all have a role to play in environmental sustainability, and the Company is taking an active approach to lighten its impact. The Company is transitioning the lighting in all its buildings to more efficient LED bulbs. Many of the Company's operations have undergone energy audits to identify more opportunity for efficiency. The Company uses cellular-based backpacks for transmitting video signals to local television stations, helping it avoid the need for fleets of less-fuel efficient trucks. The Company also runs recycling programs at many of its local and national media office locations.

For more information on the Company's Corporate Social Responsibility plan, please visit [www.scripps.com](http://www.scripps.com).

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Board is committed to good corporate governance, good business practices and transparency in financial reporting. The nominating & governance committee annually reviews the Company's corporate governance principles, a copy of which is available on the Company's website ([www.scripps.com](http://www.scripps.com)) by first clicking on "Investors" and then on

Corporate Governance. Copies are available in print to any shareholder who requests a copy by contacting the Company's secretary at [secretary@scripps.com](mailto:secretary@scripps.com) or at 312 Walnut Street, Suite 2800, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.

### ***Board Leadership***

Richard A. Boehne, the Company's former President and Chief Executive Officer, serves as chairman of the Board. Ms. Williams serves as the lead independent director.

### ***Charitable Contributions***

The Company has not made any charitable contributions, where the amount exceeded \$1 million, or 2 percent of such charity's consolidated gross revenues, to any charitable organization of which a director is an executive officer.

### ***Code of Conduct***

The Company demonstrates its commitment to operate at the highest ethical standards by enforcing the principles in its Code of Conduct, which is applicable to all employees. The Company's chief ethics officer is responsible for implementation and oversight of the ethics program and reports to the nominating & governance committee on quarterly activity. Additionally, the Company has in place a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Financial and Accounting Officers. It is the responsibility of the nominating & governance committee and the chief financial officer to make sure that this policy is operative and has effective reporting and enforcement mechanisms. Both the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Financial Officers and the Code of Conduct are available for review on the Company's website at [www.scripps.com](http://www.scripps.com) (click on "Investors" and then on Corporate Governance ) and to any shareholder who requests a printed copy from the Company's secretary at [secretary@scripps.com](mailto:secretary@scripps.com) or at 312 Walnut Street, Suite 2800, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

The Company believes it has an obligation to provide employees with the guidance and support needed to ensure that lawful and ethical choices are made at work. To support this commitment, the Company requires all employees to take an online code of conduct learning module annually to ensure that employees understand the Code of Conduct and the importance that the Company places on ethical behavior and compliance with the law. In addition, the Company has established a means for employees to submit confidential and anonymous reports of suspected or actual violations of the Company's Code of Ethics relating, among other things, to: accounting and auditing matters; antitrust activity; confidentiality and misappropriation; conflict of interest; discrimination or harassment; diverting of product or business activity; embezzlement; employee relations; falsification of contracts, reports or records; gifts or entertainment; improper supplier or contractor activity; leadership or management issues; securities law violations; sexual harassment; substance abuse; theft; or unsafe working conditions. To submit a report, an employee may call a toll-free number that is answered by a trained professional of EthicsPoint, an independent firm. This number (888-397-4911) is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Employees may also raise questions online through the Internet ([www.ethicspoint.com](http://www.ethicspoint.com)) or by a direct phone line to the Company's chief ethics officer.

### ***Communications with Directors***

Shareholders and other interested parties wishing to communicate with the Board may do so by addressing letters to the secretary of the Company at [secretary@scripps.com](mailto:secretary@scripps.com) or by mail at 312 Walnut Street, Suite 2800, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. The Board has instructed the secretary to review all communications so received (via e-mail or regular mail),

and to exercise her discretion not to forward to the directors correspondence that is not germane to the business affairs of the Company. Correspondence not forwarded will be retained for one year, and any director may request the secretary to forward any and all such communications to the directors.

***Communications with Shareholders***

The Company recognizes the importance of regular and transparent communication with our shareholders. Each year, we continually engage with a significant portion of shareholders that include our top institutional investors. In 2018, we held meetings and conference calls with investors representing approximately 88% of our outstanding shares. We engaged with these shareholders on a variety of topics, including strategy, corporate governance practices, board composition, executive compensation programs, and other matters of shareholder interest.

***Director Attendance at Annual Meeting of Shareholders***

The Company does not have a policy with regard to attendance by Board members at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. All Board members attended the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

### ***Director Education***

New directors attend an orientation session that introduces them to the Company's operations and to the members of management. In addition, each new committee member receives an orientation specific to the committee on which they will serve. Thereafter, directors are informed on a regular basis of various director educational programs offered by governance and director organizations. The Company pays for the continuing education of its directors. The director orientation policy is reviewed by the nominating & governance committee annually.

### ***Director Independence***

The Board has determined that, with the exception of Richard A. Boehne, former President and Chief Executive Officer, and Adam P. Symson, current President and Chief Executive Officer, all of the directors and nominees for director are independent under the standards established by Nasdaq. All of the members of the nominating & governance committee, audit committee and compensation committee are independent under such standards.

### ***Director Independence — Audit Committee***

The Board has determined that none of the current members of the audit committee has any relationship with the Company that could interfere with his or her exercise of independence from management and the Company. Each of the members satisfies the definitions of independence set forth in the rules promulgated under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and in the listing standards of Nasdaq. The Board determined that each member of the committee meets the experience and expertise requirements of Nasdaq and that Ms. Williams is an audit committee financial expert as defined in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules adopted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

### ***Director Independence — Controlled Company Status***

Nasdaq requires listed companies to have a majority of independent directors on their boards and to ensure that their audit committee, compensation committee and nominating & governance committee are composed entirely of independent directors as well. A company that qualifies as a controlled company does not have to comply with these independence rules so long as it discloses to shareholders that the company qualifies as a controlled company and that it is relying on this exemption in not having a majority of independent directors on the Board or not having audit, compensation, and nominating & governance committees comprised entirely of independent directors. A controlled company is a listed company of which more than 50 percent of the voting power is held by an individual, a group, or another company. The Signatories to the Scripps Family Agreement hold a majority of the Company's outstanding Common Voting Shares. As such, the Company qualifies as a controlled company and may rely on the Nasdaq exemption. The Company is not relying at present on that exemption.

### ***Director Nominations***

The nominating & governance committee will consider any candidate recommended by the shareholders of the Company in light of the committee's criteria for selection of new directors. If a shareholder wishes to recommend a candidate, he or she should send the recommendation, with a description of the candidate's qualifications, to: Chair, Nominating & Governance Committee, c/o Ms. Julie L. McGehee, The E.W. Scripps Company, 312 Walnut Street, Suite 2800, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 or at [secretary@scripps.com](mailto:secretary@scripps.com). In the past, the committee has hired an independent consultant to assist with the identification and evaluation of director nominees and may do so in the future.

### ***Director Qualifications and Diversity***

When selecting director nominees, the nominating & governance committee considers requirements of applicable law and listing standards, as well as the director qualification standards highlighted in the Company's corporate governance principles. The committee is responsible for reviewing with the Board the requisite skills and characteristics of Board

candidates as well as the diversity and composition of the Board as a whole. A person considered for nomination to the Board must be a person of high integrity. Other factors considered are independence, age, gender, skills, industry knowledge and experience in the context of the needs of the Board. The Board does not have a formal diversity policy. The nominating & governance committee makes recommendations to the Board regarding the selection of director nominees.

For each director nominated for election at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Board considered each of the factors highlighted in the preceding paragraph, and the nominees' biographical information and work experience and determined that, if elected, the nominees would enable the Board as a whole to perform its duties in an efficient and effective manner. Among other things, all of the nominees bring integrity and good business judgment to Board discussions. More specifically, Mr. Ogden, Ms. Williams, Mr. Boehne, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Symson, Ms. Fine and Ms. Lucas bring a working knowledge of the industry or have direct television or digital experience; Mr. Hayden is a retired chief executive officer; and Mr. Barmonde (Scripps family member), Ms. La Dow (Scripps family member and former employee of a subsidiary (from January 1989 to January 1995) of the Company) and Mr. Scagliotti (Scripps family member) bring to the Board institutional knowledge and a thorough understanding of the Company's history and vision.



The Company maintains a general retirement age for directors who are not signatories to the Scripps Family Agreement of 72 as of the nomination date with two optional, one-year extensions, with approval from the full Board.

### ***Board and Committee Self-Assessments***

Each year, the Board and the Board's audit, nominating & governance and compensation committees conduct self-assessments to evaluate their effectiveness and to identify opportunities for improvement. This self-assessment may be conducted in the form of written or oral questionnaires administered by Board members, management or third parties. Directors respond to questions designed to elicit information to be used in improving Board and committee effectiveness. The self-assessment is designed to gather suggestions to improve Board effectiveness and solicit additional feedback on Board operations, composition, and priority agenda topics. This process also allows the Board to identify opportunities for Board succession and skills.

The evaluation process was led by the nominating & governance committee in 2018 and will be led by a third-party firm in 2019 to bring an outside perspective to the evaluation process.

### ***Director Service on Other Audit Committees***

None of the Company's directors currently serves on the audit committees of more than three public companies.

### ***Risk Oversight — the Board's Role***

Risk oversight is a key responsibility of the Board, the fulfillment of which is of primary importance to the Company. Through its periodic review of the Company's business strategies, the Board assesses management's perception of and tolerance for risk and advises on the appropriate level of risk for the Company. The audit committee of the Board reviews and discusses the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies with management on a quarterly basis. The Company's governance, enterprise risk management and compliance (GRC) committee reports quarterly to the audit committee, and the committee's written risk management report is included in the Board's quarterly meeting materials. The GRC committee is chaired by the Company's General Counsel (chief compliance officer), who reports directly to the audit committee on compliance matters, and its members are division leaders and heads of key functional areas such as finance, human resources and information technology.

The Board monitors cybersecurity and technology risks through the audit committee. The audit committee receives quarterly updates on the status of the Company's cybersecurity program from the Chief Information Security Officer ("CISO") as well as intermittent updates when certain situations arise. Additionally, the CISO reviews the Company's cybersecurity strategy with the audit committee on an annual basis.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE MATTERS

### Responsibilities

The audit committee is comprised solely of independent directors and, among other things, is responsible for the following reviews, approvals and processes.

- The engagement of the Company's independent auditors.
- The determination as to the independence and performance of the independent auditors.
- The determination as to the performance of the internal auditors.
- Review of the scope of the independent audit and the internal audit plan.
- Pre-approval of audit and non-audit services.
- Review of disclosure controls and procedures.
- Review of management's annual report on internal controls over financial reporting.
- Review of annual and quarterly Securities and Exchange Commission filings.
- Review of communications required to be reported to the committee by the independent auditors.
- Review of certain regulatory and accounting matters with internal and independent auditors.
- Consultation with independent auditors.
- Preparation of its report for the proxy statement.
- Committee performance evaluation.
- Review of policies for employing former employees of the independent auditors.
- Review of financial whistleblowing complaints.
- Review of legal and regulatory compliance.
- Review of enterprise risk issues including, but not limited to, financial, cybersecurity, data privacy, legal and business continuity.
- Review of certain transactions with directors and related parties.

In discharging its oversight responsibility as to the audit process, the audit committee reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2018, with the Company's management, including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles; the reasonableness of significant judgments; and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements. The committee also discussed with the Company's internal auditor, and with Deloitte & Touche LLP, and its subsidiaries and affiliates (Deloitte), the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2018, the overall scope and plan for their respective audits. The committee meets with the internal auditor and Deloitte, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examination, their evaluation of the Company's internal controls, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

### *Independence of the External Auditors*

The audit committee has established a pre-approval policy and procedures for audit, audit-related and tax services that can be performed by the independent auditors without specific authorization from the committee subject to certain restrictions. The policy sets out the specific services pre-approved by the committee and the applicable limitations, while ensuring the independence of the independent auditors to audit the Company's financial statements is not impaired.

### *Service Fees Paid to the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm*

The following table sets forth fees for all professional services rendered by Deloitte to the Company for the years ended December 31, 2018, and December 31, 2017.

**2018**

**2017**

Edgar Filing: E.W. SCRIPPS Co - Form DEF 14A

Audit fees	\$	1,425,155	\$	1,506,005
Audit-related fees		2,028		89,778
Total audit and audit-related fees		1,427,183		1,595,783
Tax fees		—		—
Total fees	\$	1,427,183	\$	1,595,783

15

***Services Provided by Deloitte***

All services provided by Deloitte are permissible under applicable laws and regulations. The Company has adopted policies and procedures for pre-approval of services by Deloitte. The fees paid to Deloitte shown in the table above were all pre-approved in accordance with these procedures and include:

*Audit Fees* — These are fees for professional services performed by Deloitte for the audit of the Company and certain subsidiary companies, review of financial statements included in the Company's quarterly 10-Q filings, and services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

*Audit-Related Fees* — These are fees for assurance and related services performed by Deloitte that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements. This includes: employee benefit and compensation plan audits; due diligence related to mergers and acquisitions; audits and reviews associated with registration statements related to mergers and acquisitions; other attestations by Deloitte, including those that are required by statute, regulation or contract; and consulting on financial accounting/reporting standards and controls.

*Tax Fees* — These are fees for professional services performed by Deloitte with respect to tax compliance and tax returns. This includes review of original and amended tax returns for the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries; refund claims, payment planning/tax audit assistance; tax compliance for employee benefit plans; and tax work stemming from Audit-Related items.

These services are actively monitored (both spending level and work content) by the audit committee to maintain the appropriate objectivity and independence in Deloitte's core work, which is the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements. The committee concluded that Deloitte's provision of audit and non-audit services to the Company and its affiliates is compatible with Deloitte's independence.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In connection with the financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the audit committee has:

- (1) reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management; and
- (2) discussed with Deloitte the matters required to be discussed as pursuant to auditing standards adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; and received the written disclosures and letter from Deloitte required by applicable requirements of the
- (3) Public Accounting Oversight Board regarding Deloitte's communication with the audit committee concerning independence, and has discussed with Deloitte, Deloitte's independence.

Based upon these reviews and discussions, the audit committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

*The Audit Committee*

Kim Williams, Chair

Lauren Rich Fine

John W. Hayden

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Compensation Committee of the Company's Board (collectively, the Committee) has submitted the following report for inclusion in this Proxy Statement:

Our Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this Proxy Statement with management. Based on our Committee's review of and the discussions with management with respect to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, our Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The foregoing report is provided by the following directors, who constitute the Committee:

*The Compensation Committee*

Roger L. Ogden, Chair  
Kelly P. Conlin  
Anne M. La Dow

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis explains the Company's compensation program for our named executive officers. The Company's named executive officers for 2018 were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Adam P. Symson	President and Chief Executive Officer
Lisa A. Knutson	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Brian G. Lawlor	President, Local Media
William Appleton	Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Douglas F. Lyons	Senior Vice President/Controller and Treasurer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### 2018 Compensation Highlights

We operate in highly competitive and rapidly changing industries, serving audiences and businesses through a growing portfolio of local and national media brands. In light of the above, the Committee made the following changes to our executive compensation program during 2018:

#### Compensation Actions in 2018

**Base Salary** As part of the annual performance review process, the Committee authorized merit increases in base salary levels for Ms. Knutson and Mr. Lawlor of 2.5%. The Committee increased Mr. Symson's base salary by 8.0% and Mr. Appleton's base salary by 11.5% to better align their base salaries with market levels.

**Annual Incentive** The Committee did not make any adjustments to the target annual incentive opportunities for our named executive officers, as the opportunities were consistent with market levels. In 2018, we exceeded our free cash flow and revenue targets for the year and our named executive officers received a payout under the annual incentive plan between 123.5% and 125.25% of their target annual incentive opportunity.

**Long-Term Incentive Levels** As part of the annual performance review process, the Committee increased the long-term incentive opportunity levels for Mr. Symson by 133.3%, Ms. Knutson by 10.5%, Mr. Lawlor by 4.5%, and Mr. Appleton by 5.3% in order to better align their total direct compensation opportunities with market levels. The Committee increased Mr. Lyons' long-term incentive opportunity by 92.3% to reflect his increased responsibilities as Senior Vice President.

#### Objectives of our Compensation Program

## Our Compensation Policies and Practices

The Committee has implemented certain compensation policies and practices that are intended to promote the compensation objectives listed above and align our compensation with industry practices.

### What we do

- **Prohibit Hedging or Pledging Transactions.** Our insider trading policy prohibits our employees, officers and directors from engaging in any hedging or pledging transactions with our stock.
- **Maintain a Clawback Policy.** We maintain a clawback policy, under which we require the reimbursement of any incentive compensation if the payment was predicated upon financial results that were subsequently the subject of a restatement caused by the recipient's fraud or misconduct.
- **Impose Stock Ownership Guidelines.** Our stock ownership policy requires our executive officers to hold a minimum level of our Class A Common Shares so that each executive has personal wealth tied to the long-term success of the Company and, therefore, has interests that are aligned with those of our shareholders.
- **Minimize Compensation Risks.** We annually review our compensation program to confirm that our policies and practices are not creating excessive or inappropriate risks. We believe that our compensation program provides an appropriate balance between current and long-term performance objectives, cash and equity compensation, and risks and rewards associated with executive roles. Further, we provide annual incentive opportunities that are based on balanced performance metrics to promote disciplined progress toward advancing our business objectives. All payouts for named executive officers are capped at a pre-established percentage of base salary.
- **Review Share Utilization.** We annually review overhang levels (the dilutive impact of equity awards on our shareholders) and run rates (the aggregate shares awarded as a percentage of total outstanding shares).
- **Retain an Independent Consultant.** The Committee retains an independent consultant to provide advice in the development of our executive compensation strategy and program. The Committee, with the assistance of the independent consultant, regularly evaluates the compensation practices of our peer companies to confirm that our compensation programs are consistent with market practice.

### Variable and Equity Based Compensation

A meaningful portion of our named executive officers' compensation consists of short-term incentives ( STI ) and long-term incentives ( LTI ). Our STI opportunities are provided under an annual incentive program, the payout of which is dependent on corporate and/or divisional performance. In 2018, our LTI opportunities were provided through time-based and performance-based restricted share units ( RSUs ) that vest over four years.

The charts below illustrate the elements of the target total direct compensation opportunities provided to our named executive officers. As evidenced by the charts, a significant portion of our target total direct compensation consisted of STI and LTI opportunities.



**CORE COMPENSATION ELEMENTS**

The following is a brief summary of each element of the core compensation program for our named executive officers.

**Base Salary**

We provide competitive base salaries to attract and retain key executive talent. During the annual performance review process in 2018, base salaries for our named executive officers were increased, effective January 1, 2018, for the reasons set forth in the Executive Summary.

<b>Name</b>	<b>2017 Base Salary</b>	<b>2018 Base Salary</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	
Mr. Symson	\$ 880,000	\$ 950,000	8.0	%
Ms. Knutson	\$ 550,000	\$ 564,000	2.5	%
Mr. Lawlor	\$ 600,000	\$ 615,000	2.5	%
Mr. Appleton	\$ 426,000	\$ 475,000	11.5	%
Mr. Lyons	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	0.0	%

Mr. Lyons received a base salary increase in November 2017, therefore, the Committee elected not to adjust his base salary at its February 2018 meeting.

**Annual Incentive**

The Company maintains an annual incentive program, under which our named executive officers are eligible to receive annual cash payments based on the extent to which certain operational goals are achieved.

The 2018 target annual incentive opportunities for the named executives remained unchanged from 2017 levels.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Target Opportunity (as % of Base Salary)</b>	
Mr. Symson	95	%
Ms. Knutson	60	%
Mr. Lawlor	60	%
Mr. Appleton	60	%
Mr. Lyons	50	%

**2018 Annual Incentive Plan**

In February 2018, the Committee established an annual incentive program for the year for the named executive officers. This program was based on the free cash flow and revenue goals set forth in our business plan. Our free cash flow and revenue targets depend in part on anticipated advertising levels for the year. Advertising revenues increase significantly during even-numbered years when local, state and federal elections occur. In addition, every four years, political spending typically is elevated due to the presidential election. Because of these political election cycles, we usually see a significant difference in our operating results when comparing performance in even-numbered years to odd-numbered years.

Consistent with past practice, our free cash flow and revenue targets for 2018 (an even-numbered year) were set above actual results for 2017 (an odd-numbered year) to reflect the nature of political spending.

The following tables set forth the free cash flow and revenue targets for 2018 and the related achievement levels.

The 2018 annual incentive program payouts for the performance period for all named executives are calculated as follows:

<b>Free Cash Flow*</b> <i>(in millions)</i>	<b>Threshold</b> <b>(50% Payout)</b>	<b>Target</b> <b>(100% Payout)</b>	<b>Maximum</b> <b>(150% Payout)</b>	<b>Actual</b> <b>Results</b>	<b>Payout</b> <b>Level</b>
Company	\$ 134.1	\$ 191.5	\$ 249.0	\$ 221.7	126 %

\*Straight line interpolation is used for performance between threshold, target, and maximum levels.

<b>Revenue*</b> <i>(in millions)</i>	<b>Threshold</b> <b>(50% Payout)</b>	<b>Target</b> <b>(100% Payout)</b>	<b>Maximum</b> <b>(150% Payout)</b>	<b>Actual</b> <b>Results</b>	<b>Payout</b> <b>Level</b>
Company	\$ 1,081.6	\$ 1,201.8	\$ 1,322.0	\$ 1,257.7	123 %
Broadcast	\$ 1,005.8	\$ 1,117.5	\$ 1,229.3	\$ 1,152.6	116 %

\*Straight line interpolation is used for performance between threshold, target, and maximum levels.

<b>Performance Goal</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Company Free Cash Flow</b>	Consolidated operating income, as reported in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2018 ( Annual Report ), as adjusted to include similar amounts related to any discontinued operations, excluding depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, impairment charges for property, equipment or intangible assets, unanticipated and/or unplanned restructuring charges, expenses related to the defense against the activist investor, and expenses incurred in association with a business acquisition, less additions to property, plant and equipment from continuing and discontinued operations, and excluding any amounts recorded for annual and long-term incentives.
<b>Company Revenues</b>	Consolidated operating revenue, as reported in the Annual Report for the performance period, adjusted to include revenue from discontinued operations.
<b>Broadcast Revenues</b>	All revenues reported as Local Media segment revenues in the Annual Report, plus any revenues associated with the Local Media segment or radio station markets included in discontinued operations and all revenue associated with Katz Broadcasting included in the National Media segment.

Based on the performance results as outlined in the tables immediately above, the payout level for each named executive officer under the 2018 annual incentive program was as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Payout Level</b>	
Mr. Symson	125.25	%
Ms. Knutson	125.25	%
Mr. Lawlor	123.50	%
Mr. Appleton	125.25	%
Mr. Lyons	125.25	%

For more information on the 2018 annual incentive opportunities for our named executive officers, please refer to the 2018 Grants of Plan-Based Awards section of this Proxy Statement. The amount of the annual incentive earned for 2018 is set forth in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the 2018 Summary Compensation Table of this Proxy Statement.

### **Long-Term Incentive**

The Committee believes that a competitive long-term incentive program is an important component of total compensation because it: (i) enhances the retentive value of our compensation; (ii) rewards executives for increasing our stock price and developing long-term value; and (iii) provides executives with an opportunity for stock ownership to align their interests with those of our shareholders.

### ***Long-Term Incentive Opportunities***

In 2018, the long-term incentive opportunities for Mr. Symson, Ms. Knutson, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Appleton and Mr. Lyons were increased for the reasons set forth in the Executive Summary.

<b>Name</b>	<b><u>Target Long-Term Incentive Award</u></b>		<b>% Increase</b>	
	<b><u>Value</u></b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>		
Mr. Symson	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,400,000	133.3	%
Ms. Knutson	\$ 475,000	\$ 525,000	10.5	%
Mr. Lawlor	\$ 550,000	\$ 575,000	4.5	%
Mr. Appleton	\$ 475,000	\$ 500,000	5.3	%
Mr. Lyons	\$ 130,000	\$ 250,000	92.3	%

Under the 2018 long-term incentive program, the incentive opportunities were provided in the form of time-based RSUs and performance-based RSUs as follows:

The performance and payout scale for performance-based RSUs is the same as the scale used under the annual incentive program for Company-wide free cash flow. Our actual Company-wide free cash flow for 2018 was \$221.7 million (compared to a target of \$191.5 million) or a 116% achievement level, meaning that 126% of the performance-based restricted share units for our named executive officers were earned, subject to the applicable service-based vesting requirements.



The long-term incentive grants are intended to foster employee stock ownership, align the interests of management with those of our shareholders, and enhance our retention program. Moreover, the time-based awards, combined with the Company's stock ownership requirements, are intended to provide a direct incentive for our management to build sustained, long-term shareholder value.

***Equity Grant Practices***

The Committee typically approves annual equity awards at its February meeting, the date of which is usually set two years in advance. The annual equity awards for 2018 were granted on March 8, 2018.

In order to mitigate the impact of fluctuations in our stock price, award values are converted into a number of shares by dividing the applicable dollar value of the long-term incentive opportunity by the average of the closing per-share price of our Class A Common Shares for the 30 trading days immediately preceding and including the grant date of the equity award. The Committee does not grant equity compensation awards in anticipation of the release of material, nonpublic information. Similarly, the Company does not time the release of material, nonpublic information to coincide with equity award grant dates.

***Additional Information***

For more information on the equity awards granted to our named executive officers in 2018, please refer to the 2018 Grants of Plan-Based Awards table in this Proxy Statement. For information about the total number of equity awards outstanding as of the end of 2018 with respect to each named executive officer, please refer to the 2018 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End table of this Proxy Statement.

**ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

In addition to the core compensation program described above, we utilize several other compensation policies and practices that further our strategic objectives, promote sound governance practices, and deliver pay-for-performance.

**Incentive Compensation Recoupment Policy**

We have adopted a clawback policy in order to support the accuracy of our financial statements and align our executives' long-term interests with those of our shareholders. Under this policy, each officer must repay, as directed by the Board, any annual incentive or other performance-based award received by him or her, if (i) the payment of such compensation was based on the achievement of financial results that were later the subject of a restatement of our financial statements; and (ii) the Committee determines that the officer's fraud or misconduct caused or contributed to the need for the restatement.

**Stock Ownership Requirements**

The Committee maintains stock ownership targets for our named executive officers to achieve. For this purpose, the shares may be owned directly, in trust, or through any unvested time-based or earned performance-based restricted share units. The ownership guidelines were implemented to encourage named executive officers to maintain a meaningful equity interest in the Company and a shared commitment to value creation. We believe the equity ownership interests that result from our stock ownership guidelines will enhance the motivation of our executives. All of our named executive officers meet their required level of ownership.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ownership Guideline</b>	<b>Target Number of Shares</b>	<b>Actual Ownership</b>
-------------	----------------------------	--------------------------------	-------------------------

Edgar Filing: E.W. SCRIPPS Co - Form DEF 14A

	(multiple of base salary)	(based on 1/31/2019 price of \$18.78)	(as of 1/31/2019)
Mr. Symson	3x	151,757	198,710
Ms. Knutson	2x	60,064	102,975
Mr. Lawlor	2x	65,495	176,617
Mr. Appleton	2x	50,586	189,226
Mr. Lyons	2x	34,611	61,540

**Post-Employment Benefits**

The Committee believes it is important to provide the executive officers, including named executive officers, with benefits that are in addition to those generally provided to its employees. As a result:

- Named executive officers may defer specified portions of their compensation under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan and receive matching contributions, in each case in excess of what they are able to defer under our 401(k) plan due to Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) limitations. For more information about the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, please refer to the 2018 Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table of this Proxy Statement.

We supplement the pension plan for executives who began employment prior to July 1, 2008, and whose pay exceeded the IRS limitations, through the Scripps Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ( SERP ). The

- Company froze the accrual of credited service (but not vesting service) in the pension plan and SERP, effective June 30, 2009, and froze all compensation accruals after 2014. For more information on the pension plan and the SERP, please refer to the 2018 Pension Benefits table of this Proxy Statement. Under the Transition Credit Plan, excess age and service credits were made on behalf of named executive officers whose pension benefit was frozen. The Transition Credit Plan was effective from 2011 through 2015.
- For more information about the Transition Credit Plan, please refer to the 2018 Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation table of this Proxy Statement.

### **Health, Welfare and Other Personal Benefits**

The named executive officers are entitled to participate in all health, welfare, fringe benefit and other arrangements generally available to other employees. The Company may also provide its officers, including its named executive officers, with limited additional perquisites and other personal benefits. For example, named executive officers are provided a financial planning benefit. Additionally, the named executive officers are eligible for an annual executive physical. Typically, the majority of the cost associated with this benefit is covered under the established health care plans; however, if certain tests or procedures are not covered, the Company will pay the difference.

For more information about the perquisites provided in 2018 to each named executive officer, please refer to the All Other Compensation column of the 2018 Summary Compensation Table of this proxy statement.

### ***Employment Agreements, Executive Severance Plan and Change in Control Plan***

The Committee believes severance protections convey the Company's commitment to each named executive officer while offering flexibility for any potential changes in compensation or duties. Accordingly, the Company provides severance protections for named executive officers under an employment agreement (for Mr. Symson only), the Executive Severance Plan and the Change in Control Plan.

#### ***Employment Agreement***

We maintain an employment agreement with Mr. Symson that expires on August 8, 2020, subject to successive automatic one-year renewals unless notice of non-renewal is provided by either party. The term will be extended two years in the event of a change in control of the Company. The agreement provides for severance benefits in the event of an involuntary termination of employment without cause or a termination for good reason, death or disability, as more fully described in the Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control section of this Proxy Statement.

#### ***Executive Severance Plan***

Each of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Symson, participates in the Executive Severance Plan. Upon an involuntary termination without cause, the covered executives are entitled to: (i) a pro-rated annual incentive, based on actual performance for the entire year; (ii) a severance payment equal to one times base salary and target annual incentive; (iii) accelerated vesting of Company equity awards (with performance-based awards paying out based on actual performance results for the entire performance period); and (iv) continued payment of monthly health care premiums for up to one year (subject to reduction if the participant becomes re-employed). The Company may amend or terminate the plan at any time, without notice or participant consent.

#### ***Change in Control Plan***

Each of the named executive officers is provided change in control protections under the Senior Executive Change in Control Plan (the Change in Control Plan ). This plan provides benefits on a double trigger, meaning the cash



severance benefits are due only if the Company terminates the executive's employment without cause or the executive terminates his employment for good reason, in either case within a two-year period following a change in control. Participating named executive officers would be entitled to a tax gross-up for any excise taxes imposed on the severance benefits.

The Committee believes that the occurrence, or potential occurrence, of a change in control transaction will create uncertainty regarding the continued employment of our named executive officers. The Change in Control Plan allows our named executive officers to focus on the Company's business and objectively evaluate any proposals during potential change in control transactions without being distracted by potential job loss. It also enhances retention following a change in control, as the severance benefits are payable only if the executive incurs a qualifying termination within a certain period following a change in control, rather than merely as a result of the change in control.

All equity awards held by our named executive officers would immediately vest upon a change in control. Unlike the cash severance described above, the accelerated vesting is not contingent upon a qualifying termination of employment within a certain period following a change in control. This single trigger is appropriate because the Company's equity may change in the event of a change in control and the Committee believes our named executive officers should have the same opportunity to realize value in a change in control transaction as public shareholders.

### ***Additional Information***

Please refer to the Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control section of this proxy statement for information regarding potential payments and benefits, if any, that each named executive officer is entitled to receive upon certain terminations of employment or in connection with a change in control.

## **COMPENSATION CONSULTANT AND PEER GROUP**

### **Independent Compensation Consultant**

For purposes of developing and reviewing our 2018 executive compensation strategy and programs, the Committee directly retained Exequity, LLP (Exequity). Exequity reported directly to the Committee and served at the sole discretion of the Committee. It did not perform any other services for the Company. The Committee assessed the independence of Exequity pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission rules and concluded that no conflict of interest existed that would prevent Exequity from independently advising the Committee.

We believe that our compensation program should remain competitive in order to attract and retain key executive talent. Therefore, as part of its engagement, Exequity provided information to the Committee about the target market compensation levels, pay mix and overall design for the components of total direct compensation based on the pay practices of companies in our compensation peer group.

### **Compensation Peer Group**

Our compensation peer group consists of broadcast and other media companies identified through a quantitative analysis as being comparable across a range of operational and market-based performance measures. We review our compensation peer group annually based on the Company's current strategic direction, size and market for competitive talent. The 2018 peer group, used in conjunction with 2018 compensation decisions, consisted of the following companies:

## **COMPENSATION PEER GROUP**

*Revenue Comparison\**  
(in millions)

*\*Revenue values are based on 2016 revenues (most current annual revenue data available when 2018 compensation decisions were made).*

## **SAY-ON-PAY-VOTE**

As in previous years, our holders of Common Voting Shares continued to show strong support for our executive compensation program by approving the compensation of our named executive officers at our 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Committee views the support of our holders of Common Voting Shares as a strong endorsement of our compensation program and our emphasis on a pay-for-performance culture.

## **TAX IMPLICATIONS**

In structuring our executive compensation program, the Committee takes into account the tax treatment of our compensation arrangements. For example, the Committee reviews and considers the deductibility of executive compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code ( Section 162(m) ). Prior to 2018, Section 162(m) generally provided that the Company may not deduct compensation paid to a covered employee (generally our named executive officers serving on the last day of the year other than the chief financial officer) to the extent it exceeds \$1 million. Qualified performance-based compensation paid pursuant to shareholder approved plans generally was not subject to the \$1 million deduction limit, provided that certain requirements were satisfied.

In making compensation decisions in 2017 and prior years, the Committee often sought to structure our annual incentive program and performance-based restricted shares with the intention that they would be exempt from the \$1 million deduction limit as qualified performance-based compensation. However, the Committee has never adopted a policy that would require all compensation to be deductible, because the Committee wants to preserve the ability to pay compensation to our executives in appropriate circumstances, even if such compensation would not be deductible under Section 162(m).

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was enacted on December 22, 2017, includes a number of significant changes to Section 162(m), such as the repeal of the qualified performance-based compensation exemption and the expansion of the definition of covered employees (for example, by including the chief financial officer and certain former named executive officers as covered employees). As a result of these changes, except as otherwise provided in the transition relief provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, compensation paid to any of our covered employees generally will not be deductible in 2018 or future years, to the extent that it exceeds \$1 million.

**2018 Summary Compensation Table**

The following Summary Compensation Table provides information regarding the compensation earned in 2018, 2017 and 2016 by our named executive officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus \$( <sup>1</sup> )	Stock Awards \$( <sup>2</sup> )	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation \$( <sup>3</sup> )	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation	All Other Compensation \$( <sup>5</sup> )	Total (\$)
						Earnings \$( <sup>4</sup> )		
<b>Adam P. Symson</b>	2018	950,000	—	1,234,951	1,130,381	—	69,222	3,384,554
President & Chief	2017	701,231	—	634,168	527,760	51,915	47,081	1,962,155
Executive Officer	2016	444,519	—	1,230,435	188,875	25,213	34,687	1,923,729
<b>Lisa A. Knutson</b>	2018	564,000	—	463,097	423,846	—	40,369	1,491,312
Executive Vice President/ Chief Financial Officer	2017	486,538	—	502,040	264,748	33,899	32,155	1,319,380
	2016	420,000	—	1,197,775	131,775	17,302	33,711	1,800,563
<b>Brian G. Lawlor</b>	2018	615,000	—	507,203	455,715	—	9,625	1,587,543
President, Local Media	2017	562,558	—	581,294	308,360	207,750	13,813	1,673,775
	2016	533,000	—	1,530,089	200,675	101,292	16,592	2,381,648
<b>William Appleton</b>	2018	475,000	—	441,037	356,963	—	37,209	1,310,209
Executive Vice President/ General Counsel	2017	426,000	—	502,040	230,040	3,273	30,068	1,191,421
	2016	420,000	—	799,493	131,775	—	39,203	1,390,471
<b>Douglas F. Lyons</b>	2018	325,000	25,000	220,505	203,531	—	25,787	799,823
Senior Vice President	2017	312,486	—	450,634	117,144	149,366	24,033	1,053,663
Controller and Treasurer	2016	305,769	—	122,718	87,823	87,556	26,230	630,096

(1) Mr. Lyons received a discretionary cash incentive paid in 2018.

Represents the aggregate grant date fair value, as determined in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation — Stock Compensation ( FASB ASC Topic 718 ), of time-based restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units (based on the probable outcome of the performance condition as of the date of grant) in the applicable year, disregarding the impact of estimated forfeitures. See footnote 17 of the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 ( 2018 Annual Report ), for an explanation of the assumptions made in the valuation of the awards. The aggregate grant date fair value of the

(2) performance-based restricted share units granted in 2018, assuming the highest level of performance would be achieved, is as follows: Mr. Symson, \$740,971; Ms. Knutson, \$277,847; Mr. Lawlor, \$304,319; Mr. Appleton, \$264,612; and Mr. Lyons, \$132,293. The Company met the performance metrics necessary for a 126% payout of the performance-based restricted share units granted in 2018. The Company met the performance metrics necessary for a 97% payout of the performance-based restricted share units granted in 2017, therefore 3% of the performance-based restricted share units were forfeited. The Company did not meet the performance metrics necessary for payout of the performance-based restricted share units granted in 2016 and those awards were forfeited.

(3) Represents the annual incentive earned in the applicable year.

Represents the change in the present value of the accumulated benefits under the pension plan and the Scripps Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) for the applicable year. In 2018, the values in these plans decreased for Mr. Symson (\$39,126), Ms. Knutson (\$20,175), Mr. Lawlor (\$124,340), Mr. Appleton (\$7,618), and Mr. Lyons (\$51,629) due to an increase in discount rates and change in the mortality tables. Our named executive officers did not accrue any preferential or above-market earnings on nonqualified deferred compensation. The Company froze service accruals in the pension plan and SERP effective June 30, 2009, and froze all compensation accruals after 2014.

(4)

Represents the perquisites and other benefits earned in the applicable year. The benefits for 2018 are outlined in the table below. For more information about these benefits, please refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis ( CD&A ) section of this Proxy Statement.

(5)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Financial Planning</b> <b>(\$)<sup>(i)</sup></b>	<b>Charitable Contributions</b> <b>(\$)<sup>(ii)</sup></b>	<b>Executive Physical</b> <b>(\$)<sup>(iii)</sup></b>	<b>Matching Contribution</b> <b>(\$)<sup>(iv)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b> <b>(\$)</b>
Mr. Symson	15,000	2,500	—	51,722	69,222
Ms. Knutson	11,000	—	—	29,369	40,369
Mr. Lawlor	—	—	—	9,625	9,625
Mr. Appleton	11,000	2,500	—	23,709	37,209
Mr. Lyons	9,500	—	505	15,782	25,787

(i) Represents all amounts paid by the Company for financial planning services.

(ii) Scripps Howard Foundation matches on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$2,500 annually for charitable contributions made by the executives. This program is available to all employees.

(iii) Represents the cost of the senior executive physical, if any, that is in excess of the cost of a physical covered under the Company's general health plan.

(iv) Represents the amount of all matching contributions made under the Company's 401(k) plan and Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

28

## 2018 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth information for each named executive officer regarding annual incentive and restricted share unit awards granted during 2018.

Name	Grant Date	Approval Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(1)</sup>			Estimated Possible Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(2)</sup>			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units <sup>(3)</sup>	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards <sup>(4)</sup>
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (\$)		
Mr. Symson	Annual Incentive		451,250	902,500	1,353,750					
	3/8/2018	2/15/2018				18,754	37,508	56,262		493,980
Ms. Knutson	Annual Incentive		169,200	338,400	507,600					
	3/8/2018	2/14/2018				7,032	14,065	21,097		185,236
Mr. Lawlor	Annual Incentive		184,500	369,000	553,500					
	3/8/2018	2/14/2018				7,702	15,405	23,107		202,884
Mr. Appleton	Annual Incentive		142,500	285,000	427,500					
	3/8/2018	2/14/2018				6,697	13,395	20,092		176,412
Mr. Lyons	Annual Incentive		81,250	162,500	243,750					
	3/8/2018	2/14/2018				3,348	6,697	10,045		88,199

(1) Represents the annual incentive opportunities granted in 2018. The Threshold, Target and Maximum columns reflect the range of potential payouts when the performance goals were established. The threshold payout equals the percent of the target award that can be paid if all performance metrics are met at the threshold achievement level. The maximum equals 150 percent of the target award. The actual 2018 incentive award is set forth in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the 2018 Summary Compensation Table of this proxy statement.

(2) Represents the performance-based restricted share units granted in 2018 under the Long-Term Incentive Plan. The "Target" column reflects the payout when the performance goal was established; the threshold payout level is 50% of target and the maximum payout level is 150%. Any units earned would be subject to a four year vesting schedule. In 2018, the performance metric resulted in a payout of 126% of the target performance shares.

(3) Represents the time-based restricted share units granted in 2018 under the Long-Term Incentive Plan. The time-based restricted share units vest in four equal, annual installments for so long as the executive remains employed by the Company. Vesting accelerates upon the executive's termination without cause, death, disability, or retirement, or in the event of a change in control. The executives are entitled to dividend equivalents if and when dividends are paid on Class A Common Shares.

(4) Represents the grant date fair value (market price), as determined in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of each equity award listed in the table.

29

**2018 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following tables set forth information for each named executive officer with respect to each award of time-based restricted share units that had not vested and remained outstanding as of December 31, 2018.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Stock Awards</b>	
	<b>Number of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested (#)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Mr. Symson	137,768	2,167,091
Ms. Knutson	66,656	1,048,499
Mr. Lawlor	75,046	1,180,474
Mr. Appleton	64,807	1,019,414
Mr. Lyons	34,979	550,220

(1) Represents the number of time-based restricted share units for each named executive officer outstanding as of December 31, 2018. Vesting is accelerated upon a termination without cause, death, disability, retirement or change in control, with the exception of the retention grants where vesting only accelerates in the event of death, disability or change in control. The vesting dates for outstanding restricted share units are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grant Date</b>	<b>Total Number of Restricted Share Units Outstanding</b>	<b>Vesting Date</b>
Mr. Symson	5/26/2015	4,331	4,331 on 3/9/2019
	3/15/2016	9,322	4,661 on 3/9/2019; 4,661 on 3/9/2020
	3/14/2017	12,506	4,169 on 3/1/2019; 4,168 on 3/1/2020; 4,169 on 3/1/2021
	3/14/2017	8,087	2,696 on 3/1/2019; 2,695 on 3/1/2020; 2,696 on 3/1/2021
	3/8/2018	56,262	14,065 on 3/1/2019; 14,066 on 3/1/2020; 14,065 on 3/1/2021; 14,066 on 3/1/2022
	3/8/2018	47,260	11,815 on 3/1/2019; 11,815 on 3/1/2020; 11,815 on 3/1/2021; 11,815 on 3/1/2022
	Total	137,768	
Ms. Knutson	5/26/2015	4,331	4,331 on 3/9/2019
	3/15/2016	7,204	3,602 on 3/9/2019; 3,602 on 3/9/2020
	3/14/2017	9,900	3,300 on 3/1/2019; 3,300 on 3/1/2020; 3,300 on 3/1/2021
	3/14/2017	6,402	2,134 on 3/1/2019; 2,134 on 3/1/2020; 2,134 on 3/1/2021
	3/8/2018	21,098	5,274 on 3/1/2019; 5,275 on 3/1/2020; 5,274 on 3/1/2021; 5,275 on 3/1/2022
	3/8/2018	17,721	4,430 on 3/1/2019; 4,430 on 3/1/2020; 4,430 on 3/1/2021; 4,431 on 3/1/2022
	Total	66,656	



Edgar Filing: E.W. SCRIPPS Co - Form DEF 14A

Mr. Lawlor	5/26/2015	4,331	4,331 on 3/9/2019
	3/15/2016	9,322	4,661 on 3/9/2019; 4,661 on 3/9/2020
	3/14/2017	11,463	3,821 on 3/1/2019; 3,821 on 3/1/2020; 3,821 on 3/1/2021
	3/14/2017	7,413	2,471 on 3/1/2019; 2,471 on 3/1/2020; 2,471 on 3/1/2021
	3/8/2018	23,107	5,776 on 3/1/2019; 5,777 on 3/1/2020; 5,777 on 3/1/2021; 5,777 on 3/1/2022
	3/8/2018	19,410	4,852 on 3/1/2019; 4,853 on 3/1/2020; 4,852 on 3/1/2021; 4,853 on 3/1/2022
	Total	75,046	
Mr. Appleton	5/26/2015	4,331	4,331 on 3/9/2019
	3/15/2016	7,204	3,602 on 3/9/2019; 3,602 on 3/9/2020
	3/14/2017	9,900	3,300 on 3/1/2019; 3,300 on 3/1/2020; 3,300 on 3/1/2021
	3/14/2017	6,402	2,134 on 3/1/2019; 2,134 on 3/1/2020; 2,134 on 3/1/2021
	3/8/2018	20,093	5,023 on 3/1/2019; 5,023 on 3/1/2020; 5,023 on 3/1/2021; 5,024 on 3/1/2022
	3/8/2018	16,877	4,219 on 3/1/2019; 4,219 on 3/1/2020; 4,219 on 3/1/2021; 4,220 on 3/1/2022
	Total	64,807	
Mr. Lyons	3/15/2016	1,469	1,469 on 3/9/2019
	3/14/2017	2,408	1,204 on 3/1/2019; 1,204 on 3/1/2020
	3/14/2017	1,557	778 on 3/1/2019; 779 on 3/1/2020
	10/2/2017	11,061	5,530 on 10/1/2019; 5,531 on 10/1/2020
	3/8/2018	10,046	2,511 on 3/1/2019; 2,512 on 3/1/2020; 2,511 on 3/1/2021; 2,512 on 3/1/2022
	3/8/2018	8,438	2,109 on 3/1/2019; 2,110 on 3/1/2020; 2,109 on 3/1/2021; 2,110 on 3/1/2022
	Total	34,979	

(2) The value was calculated using the closing market price of our Class A Common Shares on December 31, 2018 (\$15.73 per share).

30

**2018 Stock Vested**

The following table sets forth information for each named executive officer with respect to the vesting of restricted share units during 2018.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Stock Awards</b>	
	<b>Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)</b>	<b>Value Realized on Vesting (\$)<sup>(1)</sup></b>
Mr. Symson	53,703	867,170
Ms. Knutson	55,373	907,967
Mr. Lawlor	67,732	1,118,613
Mr. Appleton	35,966	563,687
Mr. Lyons	10,606	157,123

(1) Represents the product of the number of shares of stock covered by the restricted share units that vested and the closing price per share of stock on the vesting date.

**2018 Pension Benefits**

The following table sets forth information regarding the pension benefits for each named executive officer.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Plan Name</b>	<b>Number of Years Credited Service (#)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)</b>
Mr. Symson	Scripps Pension Plan	7.33	145,164	—
	SERP	7.33	92,151	—
Ms. Knutson	Scripps Pension Plan	3.50	106,260	—
	SERP	3.50	96,780	—
Mr. Lawlor	Scripps Pension Plan	15.83	433,946	—
	SERP	15.83	734,772	—
Mr. Appleton	Scripps Pension Plan	1.17	37,685	—
	SERP	1.17	40,339	—
Mr. Lyons	Scripps Pension Plan	23.92	980,961	—
	SERP	23.92	414,666	—

(1) The number of years of credited service and the present value of accumulated benefit are calculated as of December 31, 2018. The present value of accumulated benefit was calculated using the same assumptions included in the 2018 Annual Report, except that (i) no pre-retirement decrements were assumed, and (ii) a single retirement age of 62 was used instead of retirement decrements (except for Mr. Appleton who has an assumed mid-year retirement for the value in the table). The Company froze the accrual of credited service (but not vesting service) in the pension plan and SERP effective June 30, 2009, and froze all compensation

accruals after 2014. All of the eligible named executive officers are fully vested in their benefits.

***Description of Retirement Plans***

*Pension Plan*

The Scripps Pension Plan (the Pension Plan ) is a tax-qualified pension plan covering substantially all eligible non-union employees that began employment prior to July 1, 2008 (the majority of our defined benefit plans were frozen June 30, 2009). The material terms and conditions of the Pension Plan as they pertain to the named executive officers include the following:

*Benefit Formula:* Subject to applicable Internal Revenue Code limits on benefits, the monthly normal retirement benefit is equal to 1 percent of the participant's average monthly compensation up to an integration level plus 1.25 percent of the participant's average monthly compensation in excess of the integration level, multiplied by the participant's months and years of service. The integration level is the average of the Social Security taxable wage bases for the 35 years prior to the participant's termination (or disability, if applicable), but not later than 2014. Average monthly compensation is the monthly average of the compensation earned during the five consecutive years in the 11 years before termination for which the participant's compensation was the highest. In 2009, we amended the pension plan to freeze service accruals as of June 30, 2009, and to freeze compensation accruals after a five-year transition period ending December 31, 2014.

*Compensation:* Subject to the applicable Internal Revenue Code limit, compensation included salary, bonuses earned during the year and paid by March 15 of the following calendar year, and amounts deferred pursuant to the Scripps Retirement and Investment Plan and the Scripps Choice Plan.

*Normal Retirement:* A participant is eligible for a normal retirement benefit based on the benefit formula described above if his or her employment terminates on or after age 65.

*Early Retirement:* A participant is eligible for an early retirement benefit if his or her employment terminates on or after age 55 and he or she has completed 10 years of service. The early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit described above, reduced by 0.4167 percent for each month the benefit commences before age 62. The Company does not grant extra years of service to any named executive officer under the Pension Plan.

*Deferred Vested Benefits:* A participant who is not eligible for a normal or early retirement benefit, but has completed five years of service is eligible for a deferred retirement benefit following termination of employment, beginning at age 55, subject to a reduction of 0.5 percent for each month the benefit commences before age 65.

*Form of Benefit Payment:* The benefit formula calculates the amount of benefit payable in the form of a monthly life annuity (which is the normal form of benefit for an unmarried participant). The normal form of payment for a married participant is a joint and 100 percent survivor annuity, which provides a reduced monthly amount for the participant's life with the surviving spouse receiving 100 percent of the reduced monthly amount for life. Married participants with spousal consent can elect any optional form. Optional forms of benefits include a straight life annuity, a joint and 50 percent or 100 percent survivor annuity (which provides a reduced monthly amount for the participant's life with the designated beneficiary receiving 50 percent or 100 percent of the monthly amount for life), or a monthly life annuity with a 10-year certain or five-year certain guarantee (which provides a reduced monthly amount for the participant's life and, if the participant dies within 10 or five years of benefit commencement, equal payments to a designated beneficiary for the remainder of the 10-year or five-year certain period, as applicable).

All forms of benefit payment are the actuarially equivalent of the monthly life annuity form.

#### *SERP*

The Scripps Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ( SERP ) is intended to retain executive talent by supplementing benefits payable under the Pension Plan. The material terms and conditions of the SERP as they pertain to the named executive officers include the following:

*Eligibility:* An executive generally is eligible to participate in the SERP if he or she qualifies for a Pension Plan benefit that was limited by application of Internal Revenue Code limits on compensation and benefits under tax-qualified retirement plans. In 2009, we amended the SERP to freeze participation.

*Benefit Formula:* The SERP benefit is equal to the difference between the Pension Plan benefit calculated using the SERP definition of compensation and the actual Pension Plan benefit, plus a 2.9 percent gross-up for the combined employer/employee Medicare tax. Compensation includes all compensation included under the Pension Plan (without application of the IRS limit described under the Pension Plan), plus bonuses paid if earned more than one year prior to the payment date and certain deferred compensation and executive compensation payments designated by the Pension Board. In 2009, we amended the SERP to freeze service accruals as of June 30, 2009, and to freeze compensation accruals after a five-year transition period ending December 31, 2014.

*Benefit Entitlement:* A vested participant becomes entitled to a SERP benefit when he or she terminates employment. The benefit is paid in a single lump sum.

**2018 Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

The following table sets forth information regarding the nonqualified deferred compensation for each named executive officer as of December 31, 2018.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Executive Contributions in Last Fiscal Year (\$)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Company Contributions in Last Fiscal Year (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Aggregate Earnings (Losses) in Last Fiscal Year (\$)</b>	<b>Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)</b>	<b>Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year End (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>
Mr. Symson	126,666	42,097	(17,059 )	—	352,595
Ms. Knutson	282,088	19,381	(91,679 )	—	1,464,820
Mr. Lawlor	—	—	(14,650 )	—	312,012
Mr. Appleton	242,040	15,051	(41,580 )	—	571,613
Mr. Lyons	10,029	5,850	(5,225 )	—	134,413

(1) Represents the base salary and annual incentive deferred by each named executive officer during 2018. The deferrals are included in the amounts reflected in the "Salary" and "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" columns of the "2018 Summary Compensation Table."

(2) Represents the matching contributions made under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. The matching contribution and transition credits are included in the "All Other Compensation" column of the "2018 Summary Compensation Table."

(3) The aggregate balance as of December 31, 2018, for each named executive officer includes the following amounts that were previously earned and reported as compensation in the summary compensation table for the years 2006 through 2017:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Base Deferred (\$)</b>	<b>Bonus Deferred (\$)</b>	<b>Matching Contributions (\$)</b>
Mr. Symson	97,994	30,113	48,918
Ms. Knutson	504,366	476,029	75,756
Mr. Lawlor	12,900	367,281	49,081
Mr. Appleton	56,992	133,056	83,346
Mr. Lyons	6,818	20,128	19,532

**Description of Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan**

Our named executive officers are eligible to defer up to 50 percent of their pre-tax base salary and up to 100 percent of their pre-tax annual incentive compensation under the terms of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. The plan is available to a select group of highly compensated employees and is unfunded and unsecured. Our named executive officers are also entitled to a matching credit on base salary deferrals equal to 100 percent on the first 1 percent of base salary (in excess of the applicable Internal Revenue Code limit) and annual incentive deferrals, plus 50 percent on the next 5 percent of those deferrals. Under the Transition Credit Plan, excess age and service credits were made on behalf of named executive officers whose pension benefit service was frozen.

Payments from the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan are made in cash at certain future dates specified by participants or upon earlier termination of employment or death. Payments are made in the form of a lump sum or in monthly installments of five, 10 or 15 years, as elected by the participants. Payments are automatically accelerated and paid in a lump sum in the event of a termination of employment within two years following a change in control of the Company. Payments from the Transition Credit Plan, which was in effect from 2011 to 2015, are made in cash as

a single lump sum six months following termination of employment.

The deferred compensation is credited with earnings, gains and losses in accordance with deemed investment elections made by participants from among various crediting options established by the Company from time to time. Participants are permitted to change their deemed investment elections daily. For 2018, the investment options tracked returns under publicly available and externally managed investment funds such as mutual funds.

**Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control**

The Company has entered into agreements and maintains plans and arrangements that require it to pay or provide compensation and benefits to the named executive officers in the event of certain terminations of employment or a change in control. The estimated amount payable or provided to each of these executives in each situation is summarized below. These estimates are based on the assumption that the various triggering events occurred on the last day of 2018, along with other material assumptions noted below. The actual amounts that would be paid to these executives upon termination or a change in control can only be determined at the time the actual triggering event occurs.

The amount of compensation and benefits described below does not take into account compensation and benefits that a named executive officer has earned prior to the applicable triggering event, such as the 2018 annual incentive payouts, equity awards that had previously vested in accordance with their terms, or vested benefits otherwise payable under the retirement plans and programs (unless those benefits are enhanced or accelerated). Please refer to the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the 2018 Summary Compensation Table for the amount of the 2018 annual incentive payout, the 2018 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End table for a summary of each named executive officer's vested equity awards, the 2018 Pension Benefits table for a summary of each named executive officer's vested pension benefit, and the 2018 Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table for a summary of each named executive officer's deferred compensation balance.

<b>Name and Triggering Event</b>	<b>Cash Severance Payment (\$)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Incremental Retirement Plan Benefit (\$)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Welfare and Other Benefits (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Stock Awards (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>Total (\$)<sup>(5)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Symson</b>					
• Voluntary termination	—	—	—	—	—
• Involuntary termination without cause	3,705,000	—	35,956	2,167,091	5,908,047
• CIC	—	—	—	2,167,091	2,167,091
• Involuntary or good reason termination after a CIC	3,705,000	—	1,817,763	—	5,522,763
• Death	950,000	—	35,956	2,167,091	3,153,047
• Disability	950,000	—	35,956	2,167,091	3,153,047
<b>Ms. Knutson</b>					
• Voluntary termination <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	—	1,048,499	1,048,499
• Involuntary termination without cause	902,400	—	16,868	1,048,499	1,967,767
• CIC	—	—	—	1,048,499	1,048,499
• Involuntary or good reason termination after a CIC	1,804,800	—	33,734	—	1,838,534
• Death	564,000	—	—	1,048,499	1,612,499
• Disability	564,000	—	—	1,048,499	1,612,499
<b>Mr. Lawlor</b>					
• Voluntary termination	—	—	—	—	—
• Involuntary termination without cause	984,000	—	12,895	1,180,474	2,177,369

• CIC	—	—	—	1,180,474	1,180,474
Involuntary or good reason					
• termination after a CIC	1,968,000	—	25,791	—	1,993,791
• Death	615,000	—	—	1,180,474	1,795,474
• Disability	615,000	—	—	1,180,474	1,795,474
<b>Mr. Appleton</b>					
• Voluntary termination <sup>(6)</sup>	—	2,908	—	1,019,414	1,022,322
Involuntary termination					
• without cause	760,000	2,908	13,512	1,019,414	1,795,834
• CIC	—	—	—	1,019,414	1,019,414
Involuntary or good reason					
• termination after a CIC	1,520,000	4,494	27,025	—	1,551,519
• Death	475,000	—	—	1,019,414	1,494,414
• Disability	475,000	2,908	—	1,019,414	1,497,322
<b>Mr. Lyons</b>					
• Voluntary termination	—	—	—	376,230	376,230
Involuntary termination					
• without cause	487,500	—	12,895	550,220	1,050,615
• CIC	—	—	—	550,220	550,220
Involuntary or good reason					
• termination after a CIC	975,000	26,438	25,791	—	1,027,229
• Death	325,000	35,005	—	550,220	910,225
• Disability	325,000	—	—	550,220	875,220

(1) Amounts listed under Cash Severance Payment are payable in a lump sum under the terms of the named executive officer's employment agreement (Mr. Symson only), the Executive Severance Plan or the Senior Executive Change in Control Plan, as applicable.



- (2) Represents the actuarial present value of continued pension benefits, calculated using the pension plan's provisions for a lump sum payment on January 1, 2019, a discount rate of 4.38 percent for the qualified plan and 4.36 percent for the nonqualified plan and the IRS's required funding mortality. Amounts listed under Welfare and Other Benefits include: (a) the amount that represents the premiums for continued medical, dental and vision insurance; and (b) the tax gross-up, if any, for the 280G excise and related taxes, as required under the terms of the arrangements described below. There would not have been a tax gross-up for any of our named executive officers, except for Mr. Symson, upon a change in control on December 31, 2018.
- (3) Represents the product of (i) the number of restricted share units outstanding as of December 31, 2018, multiplied by (ii) \$15.73 (i.e., the closing market price on December 31, 2018). For Mr. Lyons, all retention grants were not included in the voluntary termination and retirement scenarios as those grants are not eligible for accelerated vesting due to being retirement eligible. Please refer to 2018 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End table for more detail.
- (4) Represents the total payout under each termination category.
- (5) Equity awards vest in full on retirement, except for those granted as retention grants. Ms. Knutson, Mr. Appleton and Mr. Lyons are retirement eligible.

### **Summary of Various Plans and Arrangements**

#### *Employment Agreement for Mr. Symson*

Under Mr. Symson's employment agreement, if his employment were terminated without cause (including as a result of the non-renewal of the employment agreement by the Company, but not including termination as a result of death or disability), or if Mr. Symson terminated his employment for good reason, he would be entitled to receive: (i) a cash severance payment equal to 2 times his annual base salary and target annual incentive, (ii) a pro-rated annual incentive bonus based on actual performance, (iii) continued medical and dental coverage for two years, (iv) reimbursement of up to \$15,000 in financial planning expenses for one year, and (v) accelerated vesting of outstanding equity awards.

If Mr. Symson provides timely written notice of his intention not to renew the employment agreement and terminates his employment at the expiration of the term, he will be entitled to receive: (i) a cash severance payment equal to one-half of his annual base salary and target annual incentive, (ii) a pro-rated annual incentive bonus based on actual performance, (iii) continued medical and dental coverage for six months, and (iv) reimbursement of up to \$15,000 in financial planning expenses for one year.

If Mr. Symson's employment terminates as a result of his death or disability, he (or his estate) will be entitled to receive: (i) a cash severance payment equal to one year of his annual base salary, (ii) a pro-rated annual incentive bonus based on actual performance, and (iii) continued medical and dental coverage for two years.

However, if any termination of employment described above occurs within two years after a change in control, Mr. Symson's rights to severance benefits will be governed by the terms of the Company's Senior Executive Change in Control Plan (described below).

Mr. Symson must sign a release of claims against the Company prior to receiving the benefits described above. In exchange, Mr. Symson agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Company's confidential and trade secret information, and agrees not to compete with the Company or solicit its employees for 18 months thereafter (or for six months after a termination due to Mr. Symson's timely notice of non-renewal of the of the employment agreement).

For purposes of his employment agreement, cause generally means a conviction of (or plea of nolo contendere to) a felony (other than traffic-related citations) or other crime involving dishonesty; the willful and material unauthorized disclosure of confidential information; gross misconduct or gross neglect in the performance of his duties; the willful failure to cooperate with a bona fide investigation; or the willful and material violation of the Company's written conduct policies. Good reason generally means a reduction in Mr. Symson's title, duties, responsibilities or reporting

relationship, a reduction of his base salary or target annual incentive opportunity (other than certain across-the-board reductions); a failure to nominate him for re-election or to elect him as a member of the Board; or a breach by the Company of his employment agreement.

*Executive Severance Plan*

Each named executive officer other than Mr. Symson participates in the Executive Severance Plan. Upon an involuntary termination without cause, the severance benefit equals: (i) a cash severance payment equal to 1 times his or her annual base salary and target annual incentive, (ii) a pro-rated annual incentive bonus based on actual performance, (iii) a lump-sum payment for health care premiums for up to one year, and (iv) accelerated vesting of outstanding equity awards. Participants must sign a release of claims against the Company prior to receiving these severance benefits. The term cause generally has the same meaning as provided in Mr. Symson's employment agreement.

Upon a termination due to death or disability, each covered participant would be entitled to a pro-rated annual incentive, based on actual performance for the entire year, and 12 months of base salary.

### *Long-Term Incentive Plan*

Under the terms of the Long-Term Incentive Plan, all outstanding equity awards held by the named executive officers will vest upon a change in control. A change in control generally means (i) the acquisition of a majority of the Company's voting common shares by someone other than a party to the Scripps Family Agreement; (ii) the disposition of assets accounting for 90 percent or more of the Company's revenues, unless the parties to the Scripps Family Agreement have a direct or indirect controlling interest in the acquiring entity, or (iii) a change in the membership of the Company's Board, such that the current incumbents and their approved successors no longer constitute a majority.

If a named executive officer dies, becomes disabled or retires, then any equity awards issued under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan will become fully vested.

In August 2015, the Committee approved a special retention incentive for Ms. Knutson in recognition of her many contributions to the success of the Company. Under this retention incentive, if Ms. Knutson remains employed with the Company and its affiliates through October 9, 2018, she will be deemed to have satisfied the definition of "retirement" upon any subsequent voluntary resignation of her employment for purposes of determining the vesting treatment of her equity awards.

### *Executive Annual Incentive Plan*

Under the Executive Annual Incentive Plan, in the event that a participant's employment terminates within one year of a change in control, the Company or its successor would be required to pay a lump sum amount to the participant equal to the target annual incentive opportunity for the performance period in which the termination occurs.

### *Senior Executive Change in Control Plan*

Each named executive officer participates in the Senior Executive Change in Control Plan. Under this plan, if the executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for "cause," death or disability, or if the executive resigns for "good reason," within two years after a change in control, then the Company or its successor will be obligated to pay or provide the following benefits:

- A lump sum payment equal to two times the executive's annual base salary and annual incentive. For this purpose, base salary generally means the highest base salary in effect at any time during the prior three years, and annual incentive generally means the greater of (i) target in the year of termination or (ii) the highest annual incentive earned in the prior three years.
- Continued medical, dental, vision, disability, life and accidental death insurance coverage for 24 months.
- A lump sum payment equal to the actuarial value of the additional benefits under the Company's qualified and supplemental defined benefit plans that the executive would have received if his or her age (but not years of service) at the time of termination were increased by two years.
- A tax gross up for any excise tax imposed on excess golden parachute payments under Section 280G of the tax code.

Under the Change in Control Plan, the term "cause" generally includes a commission of a felony or an act that impairs the Company's reputation; willful failure to perform duties; or breach of any material term, provision or condition of employment. The term "good reason" generally includes a reduction in compensation or duties; relocation outside of Cincinnati; or a material breach of the employment terms by the Company. A change in control generally means (i) the acquisition of a majority of the Company's voting common shares by someone other than a party to the Scripps Family Agreement; (ii) the disposition of assets accounting for 90 percent or more of the Company's revenues, unless the parties to the Scripps Family Agreement have a direct or indirect controlling interest in the acquiring entity.

### *CEO Pay Ratio*

As required by Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 and Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information with respect to our last completed fiscal year. The pay ratio information provided below is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K.

For our 2018 fiscal year:

- The median of the annual total compensation of all of our employees, excluding the Chief Executive Officer, was estimated to be \$56,216;
- The annual total compensation of our Chief Executive Officer was \$3,384,554, which, as described below, represents the sum of the compensation earned by Mr. Symson for the year; and
- The ratio of the annual total compensation of our Chief Executive Officer to the median of the annual total compensation of all other employees was estimated to be 60.21 to 1.

In determining the pay ratio information provided above, we first identified our median employee for the 2018 fiscal year by using the following methodology, assumptions, adjustments and estimates, as permitted by Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K:

- We selected December 1, 2018 as the date upon which we would identify our median employee, and, from our tax and payroll records, we compiled a list of all full-time, part-time, temporary and seasonal employees who were employed on that date, excluding employees working outside of the U.S.
- We used total cash compensation during the 2018 fiscal year as a consistently applied compensation measure to identify our median employee from the employees on the list. For this purpose, we define total cash compensation as the sum of base wages and annual incentives payable in cash during the fiscal year. We did not annualize the total cash compensation of any permanent employees who were employed for less than the full 2018 fiscal year.

Once our median employee was identified in the manner described above, we calculated the annual total compensation of the median employee using the same methodology that we used to determine the annual total compensation of our named executive officers, as reported in the 2018 Summary Compensation Table .

The estimated \$56,216 annual total compensation of our median employee, as reported above, includes \$54,101 in base wages and \$2,115 in all other compensation (consisting of all matching contributions made under the Company's 401(k) plan) provided to the median employee with respect to fiscal year 2018, all determined in accordance with methodology we used to determine the annual total compensation of our named executive officers, as reported in the 2018 Summary Compensation Table .

It should be noted that the pay ratio disclosure rules of Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K provide reporting companies with a great deal of flexibility in determining the methodology used to identify the median employee, to calculate the median employee's annual total compensation and to estimate the ratio of the annual total compensation of the Chief Executive Officer to the median of the annual total compensation of all other employees. As such, our methodology may differ materially from the methodology used by other companies to prepare their pay ratio disclosures, which may contribute to a lack of comparability between our pay ratio and the pay ratio reported by other companies, including those within our industry.

**2018 Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth information regarding the compensation earned in 2018 by non-employee directors.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)</b>	<b>Stock Awards (\$)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Charles L. Barmonde	66,000	80,111	146,111
Richard A. Boehne	178,750	80,111	258,861
Kelly P. Conlin	66,000	80,111	146,111
Lauren Rich Fine	46,750	80,111	126,861
John W. Hayden	83,000	80,111	163,111
Anne M. La Dow	65,000	80,111	145,111
Roger L. Ogden	78,000	80,111	158,111
J. Marvin Quin <sup>(2)</sup>	42,083	—	42,083
R. Michael Scagliotti	65,000	80,111	145,111
Peter B. Thompson <sup>(3)</sup>	31,500	—	31,500
Kim Williams	107,417	80,111	187,528

(1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted share unit awards granted in 2018, as determined in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. See footnote 17 of our 2018 Annual Report for the assumptions used in the valuation of these awards.

(2) Mr. Quin retired from the Board effective May 10, 2018.

(3) Mr. Thompson resigned from the Board effective May 10, 2018.

The following is a summary of the outstanding restricted share unit awards held by each non-employee director as of December 31, 2018.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Aggregate Number of Restricted Share Unit Awards (#)</b>
Mr. Barmonde	6,471
Mr. Boehne	6,471
Mr. Conlin	6,471
Ms. Fine	6,471
Mr. Hayden	6,471
Ms. La Dow	6,471
Mr. Ogden	6,471
Mr. Scagliotti	6,471
Ms. Williams	6,471

**Description of Director Compensation Program**

The Company's director compensation program is designed to enhance its ability to attract and retain highly qualified directors and to align their interests with the long-term interests of its shareholders. The program includes a cash component, which is designed to compensate non-employee directors for their service on the Board and an equity

component, which is designed to align the interests of non-employee directors and shareholders. The Company also provides certain other benefits to non-employee directors, which are described below. Directors who are employees of the Company receive no additional compensation for their service on the Board.

The Compensation Committee annually reviews compensation paid to our non-employee directors and makes recommendations for adjustments, as appropriate, to the full Board. As part of this annual review, the Compensation Committee considers the significant time commitment and skill level required by each non-employee director in serving on the Board and its various committees. The Committee seeks to maintain a market competitive director compensation program and, with the assistance of its independent compensation consultant, benchmarks our director compensation program against the peer group we use to evaluate our executive compensation program.

**Cash Compensation**

Each non-employee director is entitled to receive an annual cash retainer of \$45,000. Committee chairs also receive an annual retainer as described in the table below. The retainers are paid in equal quarterly installments. Each non-employee director is also entitled to receive a fee for each Board meeting and committee meeting attended, as follows:

**Meeting Fees**

Board	\$	2,500
Executive, Compensation and Nominating & Governance Committees	\$	2,000
Audit Committee	\$	2,500
Telephonic meeting fees	\$	1,000

**Annual Chair Fees**

Chairman	\$	120,000
Lead Director	\$	25,000
Executive Committee	\$	3,000
Audit Committee	\$	15,000
Compensation Committee	\$	12,000
Nominating & Governance Committee	\$	6,000

**Equity Compensation**

In May 2018, non-employee directors serving as of the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders received a restricted share unit award equal to \$75,000. The Committee, after receiving advice from its independent consultant, attempted to target the equity compensation award to be comparable to the median value of equity compensation granted to directors of our compensation peer group. The restricted share units are paid on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of grant, at termination of the director's service on the Board or a change in control. The restricted share unit award may be forfeited upon removal from the Board for cause.

The Board established stock ownership guidelines for our non-employee directors. Under these guidelines, each non-employee director must own a number of Class A Common Shares with a value equal to three times his or her annual cash retainer by the fifth anniversary of the date elected to the Board. For this purpose, the shares may be owned directly, in trust, or through any unvested restricted share units. The following table shows the actual ownership of each non-employee nominee for election to the Board.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ownership Guidelines by Target Date</b>	<b>Target Number of Shares (based on 1/31/2019 price of \$18.78)</b>	<b>Actual Ownership as of 1/31/2019</b>
Mr. Barmonde	3 x Retainer	7,188	547,949
Mr. Boehne	3 x Retainer	7,188	415,398
Mr. Conlin	3 x Retainer	7,188	24,406
Ms. Fine <sup>(1)</sup>	3 x Retainer	7,188	6,471
Mr. Hayden	3 x Retainer	7,188	71,513
Ms. La Dow	3 x Retainer	7,188	27,590
Ms. Lucas <sup>(2)</sup>	3 x Retainer	7,188	—
Mr. Ogden	3 x Retainer	7,188	111,694
Mr. Scagliotti	3 x Retainer	7,188	9,769

Edgar Filing: E.W. SCRIPPS Co - Form DEF 14A

Ms. Williams	3 x Retainer	7,188	149,674
(1)	Ms. Fine has until May 10, 2023, to meet the ownership requirement.		
(2)	Ms. Lucas is a nominee, and if elected, will have until May 6, 2024, to meet the ownership requirement.		

39



***Other Benefits***

In addition to the above compensation, the Scripps Howard Foundation, an affiliate of the Company, matches, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to \$2,500 annually of charitable contributions made by non-employee directors to qualifying organizations. This program also is available to all Scripps employees. None of our non-employee directors elected to use the matching contribution in 2018.

***1997 Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors***

A non-employee director may elect to defer payment of all or a designated percentage of the cash compensation received as a director under the Company's 1997 Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors. The director may allocate the deferrals between a phantom stock account that credits earnings including dividends, based on the Company's Class A Common Shares, or to a fixed-income account that credits interest based on the 12-month average of the 10-year treasury rate (as of November of each year), plus 1 percent. The deferred amounts (as adjusted for earnings, interest and losses) are paid to the director at the time he or she ceases to serve as a director or upon a date predetermined by the director, either in a lump sum or annual installments over a specified number of years (not to exceed 15) as elected by the director. Payments generally are made in the form of cash, except that the director may elect to receive all or a portion of the amounts credited to his or her phantom stock account in the form of Class A Common Shares.

\* \* \* \* \*

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

No member of the Company's compensation committee (Mr. Ogden, chair, Mr. Conlin and Ms. La Dow) is a current or former employee of the Company. None of our executive officers served as a member of the compensation committee or a director of another company where such company's executive officers served on our Board or compensation committee.

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### *Related Party Transactions*

Under its charter, the audit committee of the Board is responsible for reviewing any proposed related party transaction. The audit committee has approved a Statement of Policy With Respect to Related Party Transactions which recognizes that related party transactions can present a heightened risk of conflicts of interest and/or improper valuation (or the perception thereof). This policy requires that a related party transaction be consummated or continued only if (i) the audit committee has approved or ratified the transaction, (ii) the transaction is on terms comparable to those that could be obtained in arm's length dealings with an unrelated third party, (iii) in the case of compensation payable to an executive officer, such compensation has been approved or recommended to the Board for approval by the compensation committee, and (iv) the transaction is also approved by the Board if the transaction involves the chairman of the Board or the chief executive officer of the Company. There were no related party transactions in 2018.

### *Scripps Family Agreement*

The provisions of the Amended and Restated Scripps Family Agreement, dated May 19, 2015 (the Scripps Family Agreement) govern the transfer and voting of Common Voting Shares held by the signatories to such agreement (the Signatories). The Edward W. Scripps Trust (the Trust), the former controlling shareholder of the Company, ended on October 18, 2012, upon the death of Robert P. Scripps, a grandson of the founder. He was the last of Edward W. Scripps' grandchildren upon whom the duration of the Trust was based. In March and September of 2013, the Trust distributed its Class A Common Shares and Common Voting Shares to the beneficiaries of the Trust, some of whom were minors at the time of distribution (each, a Minor). The beneficiaries (other than the Minors), their descendants, members of the John P. Scripps family and trusts for their benefit are Signatories. Common Voting Shares are held on behalf of the Minors in trust arrangements, of which certain Signatories serve as trustees or trust advisors, but such shares are not subject to the Scripps Family Agreement. The Minors may or may not become parties in the future.

*Transfer Restrictions.* No Signatory to the Scripps Family Agreement may dispose of any Common Voting Shares (except as otherwise summarized below) without first giving other Signatories and the Company the opportunity to purchase such shares. Signatories may not convert Common Voting Shares into Class A Common Shares except for a limited period of time after giving other Signatories and the Company the opportunity to purchase such shares, and except in certain other limited circumstances.

Signatories may transfer Common Voting Shares (1) to lineal descendants or (2) by gift or testamentary transfer to (a) lineal descendants of Robert Paine Scripps or John P. Scripps, (b) any trust for the benefit of such descendant, the spouse of such descendant or a charitable organization controlled, directly or indirectly, by such descendants, or for which the power to vote and dispose of the Common Voting Shares is directed by family descendant, or (c) any entity or charitable organizations controlled, directly or indirectly, by such descendants, or for which the power to vote and dispose of the Common Voting Shares is directed by family descendants. However, such transfers are valid only if each recipient (including, when applicable, the trustees and other persons with voting and dispositive power with respect to any trust, charitable organization or entity into which such shares are transferred) becomes party to the Scripps Family Agreement effective upon receipt of the shares. Additionally, Signatories may transfer Common Voting Shares by testamentary transfer or through family trusts to their spouses provided such shares are converted to

Class A Common Shares, and may pledge such shares as collateral security provided that the pledgee agrees to be bound by the terms of the Scripps Family Agreement. If title to any such shares subject to any trust is transferred to anyone other than a descendant of Robert Paine Scripps or John P. Scripps, or if a person who is a descendant of Robert Paine Scripps or John P. Scripps acquires outright any such shares held in trust but is not or does not become a party to the Scripps Family Agreement, such shares shall be deemed to be offered for sale pursuant to the Scripps Family Agreement and trigger the purchase rights of the other Signatories and the Company described above. Any valid transfer of Common Voting Shares made by Signatories without compliance with the Scripps Family Agreement will result in automatic conversion of such shares to Class A Common Shares.

*Voting Provisions.* The Scripps Family Agreement provides that the Company will call a meeting of the Signatories prior to each annual or special meeting of the shareholders of the Company. At each of these meetings, the Company will submit to the Signatories each matter, including election of directors, that the Company will submit to its shareholders at the annual meeting or special meeting with respect to which the meeting under the Scripps Family Agreement has been called. Each Signatory is entitled, either in person or by proxy, to cast one vote for each Common Voting Share owned of record or beneficially by him or her on each such matter brought for a vote at the family meeting. Each Signatory is bound by the decision reached by majority vote with respect to each such matter and, at the related annual or special meeting of the shareholders of the Company, each Signatory must vote his

or her Common Voting Shares in accordance with the decisions reached at the family meeting. In furtherance of this obligation, the Signatories have irrevocably appointed each other as their attorneys and proxies to vote their Common Voting Shares at any such annual or special meeting. As a result, any one Signatory may vote all the Common Voting Shares held by all the Signatories.

*Duration of the Scripps Family Agreement.* The provisions restricting transfer of Common Voting Shares under the Scripps Family Agreement will continue until 21 years after the death of the last survivor of the descendants of Robert Paine Scripps and John P. Scripps alive when the Trust terminated. The provisions of the Scripps Family Agreement governing the voting of Common Voting Shares are effective for a 10-year period (October 18, 2012, to October 18, 2022) and may be renewed for additional 10-year periods.

## PROPOSAL 2

### ADVISORY (NON-BINDING) VOTE TO APPROVE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

#### (Item 2 on Proxy Card for Vote by Common Voting Shares only)

At the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the holders of Common Voting Shares approved the Company's recommendation to have an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve named executive officer compensation (a so-called "say-on-pay" vote) on an annual basis. The advisory vote is a non-binding vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, the tabular disclosure regarding such compensation, and the accompanying narrative disclosure, set forth in this Proxy Statement.

The vote under this Proposal 2 is advisory, and therefore not binding on the Company, the Board or our compensation committee. However, our Board, including our compensation committee, values the opinions of our shareholders and, to the extent there is any significant vote against the executive officer compensation as disclosed in this Proxy Statement, will consider our shareholders' concerns and evaluate what actions may be appropriate to address those concerns.

Holders of Common Voting Shares will be asked at the Annual Meeting to approve the following resolution pursuant to this Proposal 2:

RESOLVED, that the holders of the Common Voting Shares of the Company approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as such compensation is described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, the tabular disclosure regarding such compensation, and the accompanying narrative disclosure and related material, set forth in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting.

Approval of this Proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy of the Common Voting Shares represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. **The Board recommends that holders of such shares vote FOR the approval of Proposal 2.** Proxies for Common Voting Shares solicited by the Board will be voted FOR Proposal 2 unless shareholders specify a contrary choice in their proxies. Broker non-votes will not be treated as votes cast and will not have a positive or negative effect on the outcome of Proposal 2. Abstentions will be treated as votes cast and, consequently, will have the same effect as votes against Proposal 2.

## **PROPOSAL 3**

### **TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY 2010 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN**

**(Item 3 on Proxy Card for Vote by Common Voting Shares only)**

#### ***Introduction***

The Company is asking the holders of our Common Voting Shares to approve an amendment to The E.W. Scripps Company 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the *Plan* ), in order to increase the number of Class A Common Shares (the *Shares* ) available for equity awards under the Plan by 3 million Shares.

The proposed amendment to the Plan also:

- extends the term of the Plan through May 5, 2024,
- imposes a minimum one-year vesting requirement on awards, subject to certain exceptions,
- provides for the continued administration of the Company's employee stock purchase plan under the Plan, and
- limits the aggregate grant date fair value of all awards granted to any non-employee director during any single calendar year (excluding awards made at the election of the director in lieu of all or a portion of annual and committee cash retainers), taken together with any cash fees paid during such calendar year, to \$300,000 with respect to any director who is serving in a capacity other than non-executive Chairman, and \$500,000 with respect to a non-executive Chairman.

A summary of the material terms of the Plan is provided below and the complete text of the Plan is attached as an Appendix to this proxy statement. The following summary of the Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to said Appendix.

#### ***Background***

The Plan was initially approved by the holders of our Common Voting Shares on May 13, 2010. At that time, 3 million Shares were reserved for issuance under the Plan. The Plan was subsequently amended and restated by the Board as of February 24, 2015, and approved by the holders of the Common Voting Shares on May 4, 2015, to among other things, reserve an additional 1 million Shares for issuance under the Plan. The Plan is scheduled to expire at the end of the day on May 12, 2020.

As of January 31, 2019 and excluding the proposed Share increase, there were 2,944,861 Shares available for issuance under the Plan pursuant to future awards. The Board of Directors (the *Board* ) believes that the future success of the Company depends, in large part, upon our ability to effectively attract, motivate and retain high caliber key employees and directors. The Board believes that the issuance of equity awards is a key element of our ability to attract, motivate and retain these employees and directors and align their interests with those of our shareholders. Based on our historical grant practices and our projected recruiting and retention needs, we anticipate that the Company will be unable to continue granting equity awards under the Plan beyond 2020 unless we extend the term of the plan and increase the number of Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan.

#### ***Shares Available for Future Awards***

To meet our future equity compensation needs, the Board approved and adopted an amendment to the Plan on February 26, 2019 (the *Amendment* ), subject to approval by the holders of our Common Voting Shares at the Annual Meeting. The Amendment will become effective upon receiving shareholder approval at the Annual Meeting. By extending the term of the Plan and reserving an additional 3 million Shares for issuance under the Plan, a total of

5,944,861 Shares will be available for future issuance. We expect that the Shares authorized for issuance under the Plan will meet the Company's equity compensation needs, including for its employee stock purchase program, for approximately three to four years.

***Reasons for Voting for the Proposal***

Our Board recommends that our shareholders approve the Amendment. As noted above, we do not expect to meet our anticipated equity compensation needs beyond 2020 absent an extension of the term and increase in the Share reserve. As discussed in the Compensation Discussion & Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, we rely on equity compensation to attract, motivate and retain key employees and directors, link compensation with key business objectives and share price, and align the interests of shareholders, employees, and directors. Approval of the Amendment would further these objectives by allowing us to continue to grant equity awards to key employees and directors. In addition, approval of the Amendment would extend the term of the Plan through May 5, 2024, provide for the continued administration of the Company's employee stock purchase plan under the Plan, impose minimum vesting requirements on certain awards, and place an overall annual limit on equity and cash compensation paid to our non-employee directors.

If shareholders do not approve the Amendment, our ability to attract, motivate and retain key employees and directors necessary to compete in our industry could be seriously harmed. In turn, this would negatively impact our long-term success.

In determining the number of additional Shares to reserve for issuance under the Plan, our Board considered the number of Shares available for future awards, the potential dilution resulting from the proposed increase, equity plan guidelines established by certain proxy advisory firms, and advice provided by the Compensation Committee's compensation consultant.

### *Dilution and Overhang*

We measure the dilutive impact of our equity program (the so-called overhang) by dividing the number of Shares subject to outstanding equity awards plus the number of Shares available to be granted (the Numerator), by the total Shares outstanding plus Shares included in the Numerator. As of January 31, 2019, our fully diluted overhang was approximately 5.2 percent. The 3 million additional Shares being requested under the Plan would bring our fully diluted overhang to approximately 8.9 percent.

### *Plan Highlights*

Some of the key features of the Plan are highlighted below and are more fully described below under the heading Summary of the Plan.

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Annual Limit on Awards to Directors</b>	The Plan limits the aggregate grant date fair value of all awards granted to any non-employee director during any single calendar year for services as a director (excluding awards made at the election of the director in lieu of all or a portion of annual and committee cash retainers), taken together with any cash fees paid during such calendar year, to \$300,000 with respect to any director who is serving in a capacity other than non-executive Chairman, and \$500,000 with respect to a non-executive Chairman.
<b>Responsible Share Counting Provisions</b>	The Plan does not permit liberal share counting, which means that only awards that are forfeited, terminated, or which are settled in cash can be added back to the Plan's Share reserve.
<b>Minimum Vesting Requirements</b>	Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, equity-based awards granted under the Plan will be subject to a minimum vesting period of at least one year, with an exception for awards covering up to five percent (5%) of the Shares available for issuance as of the Annual Meeting.
<b>No Discounted Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights ( SARs )</b>	The Plan does not permit the use of discounted stock options or SARs, which means that such awards may not have an exercise or base price less than the fair market value of a Share on the date of grant.
<b>No Re-Pricing of Stock Options or SARs</b>	The Plan does not permit, without shareholder approval, the repricing of stock options and SARs.
<b>Clawback and Forfeiture Provisions</b>	Awards granted under the Plan will be subject to forfeiture as provided by the Compensation Committee if a



participant engages in detrimental activity (such as a breach of a non-compete, non-solicitation, or confidentiality covenant). Awards granted under the Plan are also subject to recoupment under any compensation recovery policy adopted by the Company.

**No Dividends or Dividend Equivalents on Unvested Performance Awards**

To the extent dividends or dividend equivalents are paid with respect to awards that vest based on the achievement of performance goals, those amounts will be accumulated until such award is earned, and the dividends or dividend equivalents shall not be paid if the performance goals are not satisfied.

**Administered by an Independent Committee**

The Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee, each member of which qualifies as an independent director under the listing standards of the Nasdaq.

## *Summary of the Plan*

### *Purpose*

The purpose of the Plan is to attract, motivate and retain directors, officers and other key employees of the Company and its subsidiaries and to provide to such persons incentives and rewards for superior performance. The Board continues to believe that awards granted under the Plan promote the growth and continued success of the Company and are thus of substantial benefit to the Company and its shareholders.

### *Eligibility*

The Plan provides that awards may be granted to employees (including employees of subsidiaries) and non-employee directors, except that incentive stock options may be granted only to employees. Approximately 300 employees are eligible to receive awards under the Plan, including all of the Company's executive officers. There are ten non-employee directors eligible to receive awards under the Plan. As of January 31, 2019, equity awards under the Plan were held by a total of 335 current and former employees.

### *Shares Available Under the Plan*

Subject to adjustment as provided in the Plan, 3 million Shares were initially reserved for issuance under the Plan, plus (i) any Shares that remained available for issuance or delivery under The E.W. Scripps Company 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Prior Plan"), and (ii) any Shares that were subject to awards granted under the Prior Plan that are forfeited, terminated, settled in cash or used to satisfy tax withholding obligations. An additional 1 million Shares were authorized by the holders of our Common Voting Shares on May 4, 2015. Of the total Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan, 2,944,861 Shares remained available for issuance as of January 31, 2019. If the Amendment is approved, an additional 3 million Shares will be reserved for issuance for an aggregate of 5,944,861 Shares available for future issuance under the Plan. In order to comply with the rules applicable to incentive stock options, the Plan provides that the aggregate number of Shares actually issued or delivered upon the exercise of an incentive stock option may not exceed 4 million Shares.

The Shares may include authorized but unissued Shares, treasury Shares, or a combination of the foregoing. Shares covering awards under the Plan that terminate or are forfeited will again be available for issuance or delivery under the Plan, and upon payment in cash of the benefit provided by any award granted under the Plan, any Shares that were covered by that award will be available for issue or delivery under the Plan. Shares surrendered for the payment of the exercise price under stock options, repurchased by us with option proceeds, or withheld for taxes upon exercise or vesting of an award granted under the Plan, will not again be available for issuance or delivery under the Plan. In addition, when an SAR is exercised and settled in Shares, all of the Shares underlying the SAR will be counted against the Plan limit regardless of the number of Shares used to settle the SAR.

### *Maximum Awards*

In order to comply with the performance-based exception from Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (Section 162(m)), the Plan imposes the following additional individual sub-limits on awards intended to satisfy the exception:

the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be subject to stock options or SARs granted in any calendar year to any one participant will be 2,000,000 Shares;

the maximum aggregate number of restricted Shares and Shares subject to restricted share units, performance Shares and other stock-based awards granted in any calendar year to any one participant will be 1,500,000 Shares;

the maximum aggregate compensation that can be paid pursuant to performance units or other cash-based awards granted in any calendar year to any one participant will be \$3,000,000 or a number of Shares having an aggregate fair market value not in excess of such amount, and

the maximum dividend equivalents that may be paid in any calendar year to any one Participant shall be \$300,000 or a number of Shares having an aggregate fair market value not in excess of such amount.

Although the Tax Reform and Jobs Act of 2017 generally eliminated the ability to deduct compensation qualifying for the performance-based compensation exemption to Section 162(m) for tax years commencing after December 31, 2017, these provisions remain intact in the proposed amended Plan. We therefore, will not make future awards under the Plan that are intended to qualify for this exemption.

Additionally, the Plan limits the aggregate grant date fair value of all awards granted to any non-employee director during any single calendar year for services as a director (excluding awards made at the election of the director in lieu of all or a portion of annual and committee cash retainers), taken together with any cash fees paid to such person during such calendar year, to \$300,000 with respect to any director who is serving in a capacity other than non-executive Chairman, and \$500,000 with respect to a non-executive Chairman.

#### *Administration*

The Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee and the Committee will have full and final authority in its discretion to take all actions determined by the Compensation Committee to be necessary in the administration of the Plan. The Board may reserve to itself any or all of the authority and responsibility of the Compensation Committee under the Plan or may act as administrator of the Plan for any and all purposes. In addition, the Board or Compensation Committee may expressly delegate to a special committee, consisting of one or more directors who are also officers of the Company, some or all of the Compensation Committee's authority, within specified parameters, to grant awards to eligible participants who, at the time of grant, are not officers.

#### *Types of Awards Under the Plan*

The following types of awards may be granted under the Plan:

**Stock Options.** Stock options provide the right to purchase Shares at a price not less than the fair market value on the date of grant. Stock options may consist of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options or any combination of the foregoing awards. The option price is payable at the time of exercise in cash, by tendering unrestricted Shares, with any other legal consideration that the Compensation Committee may deem appropriate (including broker-assisted or net exercise), or by any combination of the foregoing. No stock options may be exercised more than ten (10) years from the date of grant. The closing price of a Share as reported on the Nasdaq on January 31, 2019 was \$18.78 per Share. The award agreement will provide the vesting and post-termination exercise periods applicable to each award of stock options.

**SARs.** SARs provide the right to receive payment of the sum of the excess of the fair market value per Share on the date of exercise over the grant price. The grant price for each SAR will be determined by the Compensation Committee, in its discretion, and will be at least equal to the fair market value of a Share on the date of grant. Each grant will specify whether the payment will be in cash, Shares of equivalent value, or in some combination thereof. No SAR may be exercised more than ten (10) years from the date of grant. The award agreement will provide the vesting and post-termination exercise periods applicable to each award of SARs.

**Restricted Shares.** An award of restricted Shares constitutes an immediate transfer of ownership of a specified number of Shares to the recipient in consideration of the performance of services. Unless otherwise provided by the Compensation Committee, the participant is entitled immediately to voting, dividend and other ownership rights in the Shares. Restricted Shares must be subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture based on continued service, the achievement of performance objectives, or upon the occurrence of other events as determined by the Compensation Committee, at its discretion. In order to enforce these forfeiture provisions, the transferability of restricted Shares will be prohibited or restricted in the manner prescribed by the Compensation Committee on the date of grant for the period during which such forfeiture provisions are to continue.

**Restricted Share Units.** Restricted share units constitute an agreement to issue or deliver Shares or cash to the recipient in the future at the end of a restriction period and subject to the fulfillment of such conditions as the Compensation Committee may specify. During the restriction period the participant has no right to transfer any rights under his or her award and no right to vote or receive dividends on the Shares covered by the restricted share units, but the Compensation Committee may authorize the payment of dividend equivalents with respect to the restricted share units.

**Performance Shares and Performance Units.** A performance share is the equivalent of one Share. A performance unit is the equivalent of a dollar value established at the time of the award. The participant will be required to meet one or more performance objectives (as described above) within a specified period. To the extent earned, the participant will receive payment of the performance Shares or performance units at the time and in the manner determined by the Compensation Committee in cash, Shares, restricted Shares, restricted share units or any combination thereof. The participant has no right to transfer any rights under his or her award and no right to vote or receive dividends on the Shares covered by the performance Shares, but the Compensation Committee may authorize the payment of dividend equivalents with respect to the performance Shares.

**Other Awards.** The Compensation Committee may, at any time and from time to time, grant or sell other awards that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or

related to, Shares or factors that may influence the value of such Shares. The Compensation Committee will determine the terms and conditions of these awards. The Compensation Committee may also grant cash awards as an element of or supplement to any other award granted under the Plan. The Compensation Committee may also grant Shares as a bonus, or may grant other awards in lieu of obligations of the Company or a subsidiary to pay cash or deliver other property under the Plan or under other plans or compensatory arrangements, subject to such terms as are determined by the Compensation Committee.

**Purchase Rights.** The Compensation Committee may, at any time and from time to time, grant rights to purchase Shares in accordance with the terms of the employee stock purchase sub-plan ( ESPP ) attached as Exhibit A to the Plan. The E.W. Scripps Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which was approved by the holders of our Common Voting Shares on June 13, 2008, expired in accordance with its terms on June 12, 2018. Our stock purchase program has since been administered as other awards under the Plan. The Plan, as proposed to be amended, formalizes this administrative structure as set forth below. Purchases of Shares under the ESPP will count against the overall share reserve of the Plan.

- i. *Administration.* The ESPP will be administered by the Vice President, Human Resource Operations, or similar position. The Administrator is responsible for the administration of all matters under the ESPP and has full discretionary authority to construe, interpret and apply the terms of the ESPP, to determine eligibility, and to adjudicate all disputed claims filed under the ESPP. The Compensation Committee may reserve to itself any or all of the authority and responsibility of the Administrator under the ESPP, or may act as administrator of the ESPP for any and all purposes. A third party recordkeeper will maintain an investment account for each participant with a record of the Shares purchased by such participant.
- ii. *Eligibility.* Any person who is employed by the Company or any subsidiary, who is regularly scheduled to work at least twenty (20) hours per week, is customarily employed for at least five (5) months each calendar year, is not a member of a collective bargaining unit (unless the collective bargaining agreement covering such person specifically provides for eligibility to participate in the ESPP), and is not designated as ineligible to participate in the ESPP by the Administrator is generally eligible to participate in the ESPP.
- iii. *Special Limitations.* The ESPP imposes certain limitations upon a participant's rights to acquire Shares, including the following limitations: (i) purchase rights granted to a participant may not permit such individual to purchase more than \$25,000 worth of Shares (valued at the time each purchase right is granted) for each calendar year those purchase rights are outstanding; and (ii) purchase rights may not be granted to any individual if such individual would, immediately after the grant, own or hold outstanding options or other rights to purchase stock possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or any of its affiliates.
- iv. *Participation and Payroll Deductions.* Eligible employees may purchase Shares at below-market prices through payroll deductions during each quarterly offering period, with amounts accumulated during each offering period. The amount of the payroll deduction must be a whole percentage amount of the employee's compensation (before withholding or other deductions) paid during the offering period by the company or any of its subsidiaries, and may be neither less than one percent (1%) nor more than ten percent (10%) of the employee's compensation. Total payroll deductions for a calendar year may not exceed \$22,500.
- v. *Deduction Changes and Withdrawal.* Employees may change their rate of payroll deduction at any time during the enrollment period for each quarterly offering period, which is the one-month period ending on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the calendar month preceding a quarterly offering period. A participant may withdraw from participation in the ESPP at any time by filing a notice of withdrawal. Upon a participant's withdrawal, the amount credited to his or her share purchase account will be applied to the purchase of Shares on the next purchase date, which occurs on the last business day of each quarter. A participant who

withdraws from the ESPP may again become a participant by filing a new enrollment form in accordance with the procedures described above.

- vi. *Purchase of Shares.* Funds held in a participant's account on the last business day of each quarterly offering period will be used to purchase Shares for the participant at a price equal to ninety percent (90%) of the Shares' closing price on (1) the first trading day of each offering period, or (2) the last trading day of each offering period - whichever is lower.

- vii. *Dividends.* Cash dividends and other cash distributions will be paid to the participant as soon as administratively feasible, unless the participant makes an election to reinvest the cash dividends or other cash distributions in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator.
- viii. *Sale of Shares.* Subject to applicable securities laws, a participant may at any time, and without withdrawing from the ESPP, sell Shares purchased under the ESPP by giving notice to the recordkeeper and directing the recordkeeper to sell all or part of the Shares held on behalf of the participant.

*Description of Business Criteria*

The Compensation Committee may grant awards under the Plan that vest based on the achievement of performance objectives.

Performance objectives for such awards will be based on criteria established by the Compensation Committee including one or more of the following criteria: earnings per share; segment profit; gross margin; operating or other expenses; earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT); earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA); free cash flow; net income; return on investment (determined with reference to one or more categories of income or cash flow and one or more categories of assets, capital or equity); stock price appreciation; viewer ratings or impressions; online revenue; online segment profit; website traffic; circulation/readership; market share; and revenue.

Performance objectives may be described in terms of either Company-wide objectives or objectives that are related to the performance of the individual participant or the performance of the Company or one or more of its subsidiaries, divisions, departments, units, functions, partnerships, joint ventures or minority investments, or product lines or products. The performance objectives may be relative to the performance of a group of comparable companies, a published or special index that the Compensation Committee, in its discretion, deems appropriate, or we may also select performance objectives as compared to various stock market indices.

*Minimum Vesting Requirements*

Awards granted under the Plan shall vest no earlier than the first anniversary of the date the award is granted (excluding, for this purpose, any (i) awards granted pursuant to the ESPP, (ii) Shares delivered in lieu of fully vested cash awards or deferred compensation obligations related to director fees, (iii) awards assumed in certain mergers and acquisitions, and (iv) awards to directors that vest on the earlier of the one (1) year anniversary of the date of grant or the next annual meeting of shareholders (provided that such vesting period may not be less than fifty (50) weeks after grant)). However, the Compensation Committee may grant awards without regard to the foregoing minimum vesting requirement with respect to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total number of Shares remaining available for issuance under the Plan, as amended, and the foregoing restriction does not apply to the Compensation Committee's discretion to provide for accelerated exercisability or vesting of any Award, including in cases of retirement, death, disability, other termination of employment or a change in control, in the terms of the award or otherwise.

*Duration and Amendment of the Plan*

The Plan will terminate at the end of the day on May 5, 2024, or such earlier date as the Board may determine. The Plan will remain in effect for outstanding awards until no awards remain outstanding. The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time, but shareholder approval is required for any amendment to the extent necessary to comply with the Nasdaq rules or applicable laws. An amendment of the Plan or any award may not adversely affect any outstanding award without the consent of the affected participant, provided that the Compensation Committee may amend the plan or any award without a participant's consent to the extent the Compensation Committee deems necessary to comply with applicable law.



*Acceleration of Awards*

The Compensation Committee may in its discretion determine at any time that: (i) all or a portion of a participant's stock options, SARs and other awards in the nature of rights that may be exercised will become fully or partially exercisable; (ii) all or a part of the time-based vesting restrictions on all or a portion of the outstanding awards will lapse; (iii) any performance-based criteria with respect to any awards will be deemed to be wholly or partially satisfied; and/or (iv) any other limitation or requirement under any such award will be waived, in each case, as of such date as the Compensation Committee, in its discretion, declares. Any such decisions by the Compensation Committee need not be uniform among all participants or awards.

The Compensation Committee will not make any adjustment that would cause an award that is otherwise exempt from Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code ( " Section 409A " ) to become subject to Section 409A or that would cause an award that is subject to Section 409A to fail to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A.

*Change in Control*

If the Company experiences a change in control, unless otherwise provided under applicable laws or an award agreement: (i) outstanding stock options and SARs shall become fully vested and exercisable and shall remain exercisable for their full terms;

(ii) outstanding restricted Shares, restricted share units and other stock-based awards shall become fully vested; and (iii) outstanding performance Shares, performance units and other performance-based awards shall vest the target level. Further, the Compensation Committee may, in its sole discretion, provide for cash payments in termination of outstanding award upon a change in control, with the cash payments equal to the difference between the fair market value of the covered Shares and the exercise price or grant price of the awards, if any.

A change in control generally means any of the following: (i) the acquisition of a majority of the Company's Common Voting Shares by someone other than a party to the Scripps Family Agreement; (ii) a change in the membership of the Board, so that the current incumbents and their approved successors no longer constitute a majority; or (iii) the disposition of assets accounting for ninety percent (90%) or more of our revenues, unless the parties to the Scripps Family Agreement have a direct or indirect controlling interest in the acquiring entity.

#### *Forfeiture and Repayment of Awards*

If the Compensation Committee determines a participant has engaged in any detrimental activity, either during service with the Company or a subsidiary or after termination of such service, then, promptly upon receiving notice of the Compensation Committee's determination, the participant shall:

- (i) forfeit all awards granted under the Plan to the extent then held by the participant; return to the Company or the subsidiary all Shares that the participant has not disposed of that had been acquired within two (2) years prior to the date of the participant's initial commencement of the detrimental activity, in exchange for payment by the Company or the subsidiary of any amount actually paid therefor by the Participant; and (iii) with respect to any Shares acquired within two (2)
- (ii) years prior to the date of the participant's initial commencement of the detrimental activity pursuant to awards granted under the Plan that were disposed of, pay to the Company or the subsidiary, in cash, the excess, if any, of: (A) the fair market value of the Shares on the date acquired, over (B) any amount actually paid by the participant for the Shares.

Detrimental activity generally means violations of any non-compete, non-solicitation, confidentiality, or ownership of works covenants, each as set forth in any agreement between the participant and the Company or a subsidiary, including, but not limited to, the award agreement or any severance plan maintained by the Company or a subsidiary that covers the participant. Detrimental activity also includes: (i) participant's commission of any act of fraud, misappropriation or embezzlement against or in connection with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or (ii) a conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere of participant for any crime involving dishonesty or for any felony.

Awards may also be subject to forfeiture or repayment pursuant to the terms of our compensation recovery policy, including any such policy that may be adopted to comply with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or any rules or regulations issued by the SEC or the Nasdaq.

#### *Transferability*

Except as the Board or Compensation Committee otherwise determines, awards granted under the Plan will not be transferable by a participant other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. Except as otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, stock options and SARs will be exercisable during a participant's lifetime only by him or her or, in the event of the participant's legal incapacity to do so, by his or her guardian or legal representative. Any award made under the Plan may provide that any Shares issued or delivered as a result of the award will be subject to further restrictions upon transfer.

#### *Adjustments*

In the event of any equity restructuring, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spinoff, rights offering or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, the Compensation Committee will adjust the number and kind of Shares

that may be issued or delivered under the Plan, the individual award limits, and, with respect to outstanding awards, the number and kind of Shares subject to outstanding awards, the exercise price, and the grant price or other price of Shares subject to outstanding awards, to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights. In the event of any other change in corporate capitalization, such as a merger, consolidation or liquidation, the Compensation Committee may, in its discretion, cause there to be such equitable adjustment as described in the foregoing sentence, to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights. However, unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, the Company will always round down to a whole number of Shares subject to any award. Any such adjustment will be made by the Compensation Committee, whose determination will be conclusive.

*Prohibition on Re-Pricing*

Subject to adjustment as described under *Adjustments* immediately above, the Plan does not permit, without the approval of the Common Voting shareholders, what is commonly known as the *re-pricing* of stock options or SARs, including:

- (i) an amendment to reduce the exercise price of any outstanding stock option or base price of any outstanding SAR;

50

- (ii) the cancellation of an outstanding stock option or SAR and replacement with a stock option having a lower exercise price or with a SAR having a lower base price; and
- (iii) the cancellation of an outstanding stock option or SAR and replacement with another award under the Plan.

### ***Federal Income Tax Consequences***

The following discussion is limited to a summary of the U.S. federal income tax provisions relating to the grant, exercise and vesting of awards under the Plan. The tax consequences of awards may vary according to country of participation. Also, the tax consequences of the grant, exercise or vesting of awards vary depending upon the particular circumstances, and it should be noted that income tax laws, regulations and interpretations change frequently. Participants should rely upon their own tax advisors for advice concerning the specific tax consequences applicable to them, including the applicability and effect of state, local and foreign tax laws.

### ***Tax Consequences to Participants***

**Nonqualified Stock Options.** In general, (i) a participant will not recognize income at the time a nonqualified option is granted; (ii) a participant will recognize ordinary income at the time of exercise in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the Shares on the date of exercise over the option price paid for the Shares; and (iii) at the time of sale of Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of the nonqualified option, appreciation (or depreciation) in value of the Shares after the date of exercise will be treated as either short-term or long-term capital gain (or loss) depending on how long the Shares have been held.

**Incentive Stock Options.** A participant will not recognize income at the time an incentive stock option is granted or exercised. However, the excess of the fair market value of the Shares on the date of exercise over the option price paid may constitute a preference item for the alternative minimum tax. If Shares are issued or delivered to the optionee pursuant to the exercise of an incentive stock option, and if no disqualifying disposition of such Shares is made by such optionee within two (2) years after the date of the grant or within one (1) year after the issuance or delivery of such Shares to the optionee, then upon sale of such Shares, any amount realized in excess of the option price will be taxed to the optionee as a long-term capital gain and any loss sustained will be a long-term capital loss. If Shares acquired upon the exercise of an incentive stock option are disposed of prior to the expiration of either holding period described above, the optionee generally will recognize ordinary income in the year of disposition in an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the fair market value of such Shares as of the time of exercise (or, if less, the amount realized on the disposition of such Shares if a sale or exchange) over the option price paid for such Shares. Any further gain (or loss) realized by the participant generally will be taxed as short-term or long-term capital gain (or loss) depending on the holding period.

**SARs.** A participant will not recognize income upon the grant of a SAR. The participant generally will recognize ordinary income when the SAR is exercised in an amount equal to the cash and the fair market value of any unrestricted Shares received on the exercise.

**Restricted Shares.** A participant will not be subject to tax until the restricted Shares are no longer subject to forfeiture or restrictions on transfer for purposes of Section 83 of the Internal Revenue Code. At that time, the participant will be subject to tax at ordinary income rates on the fair market value of the restricted Shares (reduced by any amount paid by the participant for such restricted Shares). However, a participant who so elects under Section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code ( Section 83(b) ) within thirty (30) days of the date of transfer of the Shares will have taxable ordinary income on the date of transfer of the Shares equal to the excess of the fair market value of such Shares over the purchase price, if any, of such restricted Shares. Any appreciation (or depreciation) realized upon a later disposition of such Shares will be treated as long-term or short-term capital gain depending upon how long the Shares have been held. If a Section 83(b) election has not been made, any dividends received with respect to restricted Shares that are subject to forfeiture and restrictions on transfer generally will be treated as compensation that is taxable as ordinary income to the participant.

Unrestricted Bonus Stock. A participant will recognize ordinary income upon the grant of an unrestricted bonus stock award equal to the fair market value of the Shares received by the participant.

Restricted Share Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units. A participant will not recognize income upon the grant of restricted share units, performance Shares or performance units. Upon payment of the awards, the participant generally will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the cash and the fair market value of any unrestricted Shares received.

ESPP. In general, (i) no income will be recognized by a participant at the time a purchase right is granted; (ii) at the time of exercise of the purchase right, ordinary income will be recognized by the participant in an amount

equal to the difference between the price paid for the Shares and the fair market value of the Shares on the date of purchase; and (iii) at the time of sale of Shares acquired pursuant to the purchase right, appreciation (or depreciation) in value of the Shares after the date of purchase will be treated as either short-term or long-term capital gain (or loss) depending on how long the Shares have been held.

Dividend Equivalents. Any dividend equivalents awarded with respect to awards granted under the Plan and paid in cash or unrestricted Shares will be taxed to the participant at ordinary income rates when received by the participant.

Section 409A. The Plan permits the grant of various types of awards that may or may not be exempt from Section 409A. If an award is subject to Section 409A, and if the requirements of Section 409A are not met, the taxable events as described above could apply earlier than described, and could result in the imposition of additional taxes and penalties. Restricted share awards, unrestricted share awards, stock options and stock appreciation rights that comply with the terms of the Plan are designed to be exempt from the application of Section 409A. Restricted share units, performance Shares, performance units and dividend equivalents granted under the Plan will be subject to Section 409A unless they are designed to satisfy the short-term deferral exemption (or another applicable exception). If not exempt, those awards will be designed to meet the requirements of Section 409A in order to avoid early taxation and penalties.

#### *Tax Consequences to the Company*

To the extent that a participant recognizes ordinary income in the circumstances described above, the Company, or a subsidiary for which the participant performs services, will be entitled to a corresponding compensation deduction provided that, among other things, the compensation meets the test of reasonableness, is an ordinary and necessary business expense, is not an excess parachute payment within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code, and is not disallowed by the \$1 million limitation on executive compensation under Section 162(m).

#### *Plan Benefits*

Because the Compensation Committee has discretion to determine which employees and non-employee directors will receive awards under the Plan and the amount and type of those awards, future benefits to be received by a person or group under the Plan are not determinable at this time.

#### *Registration with the SEC*

The Company intends to file a Registration Statement on Form S-8 relating to the issuance of additional Shares under the Plan with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, after approval of the Plan, as amended and restated, by the holders of Common Voting Shares.

#### *Vote Requirement*

Approval of this Proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy by the holders of the Common Voting Shares represented and entitled to vote at the meeting. **The Board recommends that holders of such Shares vote FOR the approval of Proposal 3.** Proxies for Common Voting Shares solicited by the Board will be voted FOR Proposal 3 unless shareholders specify a contrary choice in their proxies. Broker non-votes will not be treated as votes cast and will not have a positive or negative effect on the actions of Proposal 3. Abstentions will be treated as votes cast and, consequently will have the same effect as votes against Proposal 3.

*Equity Compensation Plan Information*

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2018, about our equity compensation plans under which awards are currently outstanding.

<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)</b>	<b>Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,298,885 <sup>(1)(3)(4)</sup>	\$ —	2,986,604 <sup>(2)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	\$ —	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,298,885</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>2,986,604</b>

(1) Includes the following plans: Long-Term Incentive Plan ( LTIP ), which encompasses the issuance of stock options, restricted Shares, performance-based restricted Shares, restricted stock units; ESPP; and Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors ( DCSPD ). This amount does not include additional Shares to be authorized under Proposal 3.

(2) Represents the maximum number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to awards other than stock options under the LTIP.

(3) Includes 902,779 time-based restricted share units and 343,555 performance-based restricted share units. The performance-based restricted share units were earned at 126% of target. The actual number of restricted share units delivered under the LTIP was determined on February 25, 2019, and is set forth in the Number of Shares or Units of Stock that have Not Vested column of the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End table of this proxy statement. These Shares are not included in the weighted average exercise price. The executives have no rights to vote with respect to the underlying restricted share units until the date on which the actual number of Shares are determined and issued to the executive. The executives are entitled to dividend equivalents if and when dividends are paid on Shares.

(4) Includes 52,551 phantom Shares credited to the accounts of directors under the DCSPD that will be paid in Shares. These Shares are not included in the weighted average exercise price. Under the DCSPD, a non-employee director may elect to defer payment of the cash compensation received as a director. The director may allocate the deferrals between a phantom stock account that credits earnings including dividends, based on the Company's Shares, or to a fixed income. The deferrals are paid to the director at the time he or she ceases to serve as a director or upon a date predetermined by the director. Payments may be made in cash, Shares, or a combination of cash and Shares.

## **SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's directors and executive officers, and owners of more than 10 percent of the Company's Class A Common Shares (10 percent shareholders), to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the NYSE initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Class A Common Shares and other equity securities of the Company. Officers, directors and 10 percent shareholders are required by Securities and Exchange Commission regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all forms they file pursuant to Section 16(a).

To the Company's knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of reports furnished to the Company and written representations from directors and officers that no other reports are required for the year ended December 31, 2018, all Section 16(a) requirements applicable to the Company's executive officers, directors and 10 percent shareholders were complied with in a timely manner during 2018.

## **ENGAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

At its February 25, 2019 meeting, the audit committee of the Board approved the appointment of Deloitte as independent registered public accountants for the Company for the year ending December 31, 2019. A representative of Deloitte, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm during 2018, is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires and respond to appropriate questions.

## **SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

Any shareholder proposals intended to be presented at the Company's 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders must be received by the Company at 312 Walnut Street, Suite 2800, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202, on or before November 15, 2019, and must otherwise comply with the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules, to be considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for the Company's 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Such proposals should be submitted by certified mail, return receipt requested.

If a shareholder intends to raise a proposal at the Company's 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders that he or she does not seek to have included in the Company's proxy materials, the shareholder must notify the Company of the proposal on or before February 12, 2020. If the shareholder fails to notify the Company, the Company's proxies will be permitted to use their discretionary voting authority with respect to such proposal when and if raised at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, whether or not there is any discussion of such proposal in the 2020 proxy statement.



## OTHER MATTERS

This Proxy Statement, the Company's 2018 Annual Report and other materials will be mailed to shareholders of record beginning on or about March 22, 2019. Copies of these documents, as well as the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 may be obtained free of charge either on our website or by contacting the Corporate Secretary at: The E.W. Scripps Company, 312 Walnut Street, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

Only one copy of this Proxy Statement is being delivered to shareholders that reside at the same address and share the same last name, unless such shareholders have notified the Company of their desire to receive multiple copies of this Proxy Statement. This procedure is designed to reduce duplicate mailings and save significant printing and postage costs as well as natural resources. The Company will promptly deliver, upon oral or written request, a separate copy of this Proxy Statement to any shareholder residing at an address to which only one copy was mailed. Requests for additional copies should be directed to the Corporate Secretary at: The E.W. Scripps Company, 312 Walnut Street, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, Attention: Corporate Secretary. Shareholders residing at the same address and currently receiving multiple copies of this Proxy Statement may contact the Corporate Secretary at: The E.W. Scripps Company, 312 Walnut Street, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, Attention: Corporate Secretary to request that a single copy of a proxy statement be mailed in the future.

The presence of any shareholder at the Annual Meeting will not operate to revoke his or her proxy. A proxy may be revoked at any time, insofar as it has not been exercised, by submitting a new proxy with a later date, notifying the Company's secretary in writing before the Annual Meeting, or voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

The persons named in the enclosed proxy, or their substitutes, will vote the shares represented by such proxy at the Annual Meeting. The forms of proxy for the two classes of shares permit specification of a vote for persons nominated for election as directors by each such class of stock, as set forth under "Election of Directors" above, and the withholding of authority to vote in the election of such directors or the withholding of authority to vote for one or more specified nominees. Where a choice has been specified in the proxy, the shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with such specification. If no specification is made, such shares will be voted to elect directors as set forth under "Election of Directors."

With respect to Proposal 2 and Proposal 3 upon which the holders of the Common Voting Shares will vote, where a choice has been specified in the proxy, the shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with such specification. If no specification is made with respect to the proposal, such shares will be voted in favor of such proposal.

Director nominees who receive the greatest number of affirmative votes will be elected directors. The proposal to approve executive compensation and the proposal to approve an amendment to The E.W. Scripps Company 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the Company's Common Voting Shares cast at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy. All other matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting require for approval the favorable vote of a majority of the Common Voting Shares cast at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy. If any other matter properly comes before the Annual Meeting or at any postponement or adjournment thereof, the persons named in the proxy will vote thereon in accordance with their judgment to the extent authorized by Rule 14a-4(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company does not know of any other matter that will be presented for action at the Annual Meeting, and the Company has not received any timely notice that any of the Company's shareholders intend to present a proposal at the Annual Meeting.

The Signatories to the Scripps Family Agreement have informed the Company that at a meeting of the Signatories held pursuant to the Scripps Family Agreement on March 13, 2019, the Signatories approved election of the eight nominees for the Director positions elected by the holders of Common Voting Shares and approved Proposal 2 and Proposal 3. Accordingly, based on such approval, the Signatories will vote the Common Voting Shares held of record

by them in favor of such nominees, in favor of Proposal 2, and in favor of Proposal 3 at the Annual Meeting.

By order of the Board,

Julie L. McGehee, Esq.

*Secretary and Vice President*

March 22, 2019

55

## APPENDIX

### THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY 2010 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN (Amended and Restated as of May 6, 2019)

#### 1. Establishment, Purpose, Duration.

(a) The E.W. Scripps Company, an Ohio corporation (the Company ), established The E. W. Scripps Company 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Plan ), effective as of May 13, 2010 (the Effective Date ). The Plan permits the granting of Nonqualified Stock Options, Incentive Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Other Stock-Based Awards, Purchase Rights and Dividend Equivalents. Definitions of capitalized terms used in the Plan are contained in Section 2 of the Plan. The Plan, as previously amended and restated as of February 24, 2015, is hereby amended and restated, as set forth herein, as of May 6, 2019 (the 2019 Restatement Date ) subject to the approval by holders of the common voting shares of the Company.

(b) The purpose of the Plan is to attract and retain Directors, officers and other key employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries and to provide to such persons incentives and rewards for superior performance.

(c) No Award may be granted under the Plan after the day immediately preceding the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the 2019 Restatement Date, or such earlier date as the Board shall determine. The Plan will remain in effect with respect to outstanding Awards until no Awards remain outstanding.

(d) The E. W. Scripps Company 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (the 1997 Plan ) terminated in its entirety effective immediately after the Effective Date; provided that all outstanding awards under the 1997 Plan as of the date of the Effective Date shall remain outstanding and shall be administered and settled in accordance with the provisions of the 1997 Plan.

**2. Definitions.** As used in the Plan, the following definitions shall apply.

1997 Plan has the meaning given such term in Section 1(a) of the Plan.

Affiliate means any Person controlling or under common control with the Company or any Person of which the Company directly or indirectly has Beneficial Ownership of securities having a majority of the voting power.

Applicable Laws means the applicable requirements relating to the administration of equity-based compensation plans under U.S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, the Code, any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Shares are listed or quoted and the applicable laws of any other country or jurisdiction where Awards are granted under the Plan.

Award means a Nonqualified Stock Option, Incentive Stock Option, SAR, Restricted Shares Award, Restricted Share Unit, Performance Share, Performance Unit, Other Stock-Based Award, Purchase Right, or Dividend Equivalent granted pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

Award Agreement means either: (a) an agreement, either in written or electronic format, entered into by the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to an Award granted under the Plan; or (b) a statement, either in written or electronic format, issued by the Company to a Participant describing the terms and provisions of such Award, which need not be signed by the Participant.

Beneficial Ownership and Beneficial Owner have the meanings given such terms in Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act.

Board means the Board of Directors of the Company.

Cause as a reason for a Participant's termination of employment or service shall have the meaning assigned such term in (a) the employment agreement, if any, between the Participant and the Company or Subsidiary, or (b) if during the applicable severance protection period, the severance plan, or if applicable the change in control severance plan, covering the Participant and the Company or Subsidiary. If the Participant is not a party to an employment agreement or severance plan with the Company or a Subsidiary in which such term is defined, then unless otherwise defined in the applicable Award Agreement, Cause shall mean: (x) commission of a felony or an act or series of acts that results in material injury to the business or reputation of the Company or any Subsidiary; (y) willful failure to perform duties of employment or service, if such failure has not been cured in all material respects within twenty (20) days after the Company or any Subsidiary, as applicable, gives notice thereof; or (z) breach of any material term, provision or condition of employment or service, which breach has not been cured in all material respects within twenty (20) days after the Company or any Subsidiary, as applicable, gives notice thereof.

Change in Control occurs when (except as may be otherwise prescribed by the Committee in an Award Agreement): (a) any Person becomes a Beneficial Owner of a majority of the outstanding common voting shares, \$0.01 par value, of the

Company (or shares of capital stock of the Company with comparable or unlimited voting rights), excluding, however, any person that is or becomes a party to the Scripps Family Agreement, dated October 15, 1992, as amended currently and as it may be amended from time to time in the future (the Family Agreement ); (b) the majority of the Board consists of individuals other than Incumbent Directors; or (c) assets of the Company accounting for 90% or more of the Company's revenues (hereinafter referred to as substantially all of the Company's assets ) are disposed of pursuant to a merger, consolidation, sale, or plan of liquidation and dissolution (unless the parties to the Family Agreement have Beneficial Ownership of, directly or indirectly, a controlling interest (defined as owning a majority of the voting power) in the entity surviving such merger or consolidation or acquiring such assets upon such sale or in connection with such plan of liquidation and dissolution).

Code means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Committee means the Committee, as specified in Section 4(a) of the Plan, appointed by the Board to administer the Plan.

Company has the meaning given such term in Section 1(a) of the Plan and any successor thereto.

Date of Grant means the date as of which an Award is determined to be effective and designated in a resolution by the Committee and is granted pursuant to the Plan. The Date of Grant shall not be earlier than the date of the resolution and action therein by the Committee. In no event shall the Date of Grant be earlier than the Effective Date.

Detrimental Activity except as may be otherwise specified in a Participant's Award Agreement, means: (a) engaging in any activity of competition, as specified in any covenant not to compete set forth in any agreement between a Participant and the Company or a Subsidiary, including, but not limited to, the Participant's Award Agreement or any severance plan maintained by the Company or a Subsidiary that covers the Participant, during the period of restriction specified in the agreement or plan prohibiting the Participant from engaging in such activity; (b) engaging in any activity of solicitation, as specified in any covenant not to solicit set forth in any agreement between a Participant and the Company or a Subsidiary, including, but not limited to, the Participant's Award Agreement or any severance plan maintained by the Company or a Subsidiary that covers the Participant, during the period of restriction specified in the agreement or plan prohibiting the Participant from engaging in such activity; (c) the disclosure of confidential information to anyone outside the Company or a Subsidiary, or the use in other than the Company's or a Subsidiary's business in violation of any covenant not to disclose set forth in any agreement between a Participant and the Company or a Subsidiary, including, but not limited to, the Participant's Award Agreement or any severance plan maintained by the Company or a Subsidiary that covers the Participant, during the period of restriction specified in the agreement or plan prohibiting the Participant from engaging in such activity; (d) the violation of any development and inventions, ownership of works, or similar provision set forth in any agreement between a Participant and the Company or a Subsidiary, including, but not limited to, the Participant's Award Agreement or any severance plan maintained by the Company or a Subsidiary that covers the Participant; (e) Participant's commission of any act of fraud, misappropriation or embezzlement against or in connection with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or their respective businesses or operations, or (f) a conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere of Participant for any crime involving dishonesty or for any felony.

Director means any individual who is a member of the Board who is not an Employee.

Dividend Equivalents means the equivalent value (in cash or Shares) of dividends that would otherwise be paid on the Shares subject to an Award but that have not been issued or delivered, as described in Section 13 of the Plan.

Effective Date has the meaning given such term in Section 1(a) of the Plan.

Employee means any employee of the Company or a Subsidiary; provided, however, that for purposes of determining whether any person may be a Participant for purposes of any grant of Incentive Stock Options, the term Employee has

the meaning given to such term in Section 3401(c) of the Code, as interpreted by the regulations thereunder and Applicable Law.

Exchange Act means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder, as such law, rules and regulations may be amended from time to time.

Exercise Price means the price at which a Share may be purchased by a Participant pursuant to a Stock Option.

Fair Market Value means, as of any date, the value of a Share determined as follows: (a) the closing sale price per Share as reported on the Nasdaq, or if there are no sales on such day, on the immediately preceding trading day during which a sale occurred; and (b) in the absence of such markets for the Shares, the Fair Market Value shall be determined by the Committee in good faith (which determination shall, to the extent applicable, be made in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code), and such determination shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes.

Grant Price means the price established at the time of grant of an SAR pursuant to Section 7 of the Plan, used to determine whether there is any payment due upon exercise of the SAR.

Incentive Stock Option or ISO means a Stock Option that is designated as an Incentive Stock Option and that is intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Code.

Nonqualified Stock Option means a Stock Option that is not intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Code or otherwise does not meet such requirements.

Other Stock-Based Awards means an equity-based or equity-related Award not otherwise described by the terms of the Plan, granted in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 11 of the Plan.

Participant means any eligible individual as set forth in Section 5 of the Plan who holds one or more outstanding Awards.

Performance-Based Exception means the performance-based exception from the tax deductibility limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code.

Performance Objectives means the measurable performance objective or objectives established by the Committee pursuant to the Plan. Any Performance Objectives may relate to the performance of the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries, divisions, departments, units, functions, partnerships, joint ventures or minority investments, product lines or products, or the performance of the individual Participant. The Performance Objectives may be made relative to the performance of a group of comparable companies, or published or special index that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate, or the Company may select Performance Objectives as compared to various stock market indices. Performance Objectives may be stated as a combination of the listed factors.

Performance Period means the period during which a Performance Objective must be met.

Performance Share means a bookkeeping entry that records the equivalent of one Share awarded pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan.

Performance Unit means a bookkeeping entry that records a unit awarded pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan.

Period of Restriction means the period during which Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units or Other Stock-Based Awards are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (based on the passage of time, the achievement of Performance Objectives, or upon the occurrence of other events as determined by the Committee, at its discretion), as provided in Sections 8, 9 and 11 herein.

Person has the meaning given such term in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act, and as used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, including a group (as defined in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act).

Plan means The E.W. Scripps Company 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

Purchase Right means the grant of a right to purchase Shares pursuant to Section 12 of the Plan.

Restricted Shares means Shares granted or sold pursuant to Section 8 of the Plan as to which neither the substantial risk of forfeiture nor the prohibition on transfers referred to in such Section 8 has expired.

Restricted Share Units means a grant of the right to receive Shares or cash at the end of a specified Period of Restriction made pursuant to Section 9 of the Plan.

SEC means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Share means a Class A Common Share of the Company, \$0.01 par value per share, or any security into which such Share may be changed by reason of any transaction or event of the type referred to in Section 18 of the Plan.

Stock Appreciation Right or SAR means a right granted pursuant to Section 7 of the Plan.

Stock Option means a right to purchase a Share granted to a Participant under the Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 6 of the Plan. Stock Options may be either Incentive Stock Options or Nonqualified Stock Options.

Subsidiary means a corporation, company or other entity (a) more than fifty percent (50%) of whose outstanding shares or securities (representing the right to vote for the election of directors or other managing authority) are now or hereafter, owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company, or (b) which does not have outstanding shares or securities (as may be the case in a partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or unincorporated association), but more than fifty percent (50%) of whose ownership interest representing the right generally to make decisions for such other entity is now or hereafter, owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company; provided, however, that for purposes of determining whether any person may be a Participant for purposes of any grant of Incentive Stock Options, the term Subsidiary has the meaning given to such term in Section 424(f) of the Code, as interpreted by the regulations thereunder and Applicable Law.



Substitute Awards means Awards that are granted in assumption of, or in substitution or exchange for, outstanding awards previously granted by an entity acquired directly or indirectly by the Company or with which the Company directly or indirectly combines.

Ten Percent Shareholder shall mean any Participant who owns more than ten percent (10%) of the combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company, within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.

### **3. Shares Available Under the Plan.**

(a) The maximum number of Shares that may be issued or delivered pursuant to Awards under the Plan shall be 7 million, plus the number of Shares described in Section 3(b) of the Plan. The aggregate number of Shares available for issuance or delivery under the Plan shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 18 of the Plan. Shares issued or delivered pursuant to an Award may be authorized but unissued Shares, treasury Shares, including Shares purchased in the open market, or a combination of the foregoing.

(b) Any Shares remaining available for issuance under the 1997 Plan as of the Effective Date shall be added to the number of Shares that may be issued or delivery pursuant to the Plan as provided in Section 3(a) of the Plan and shall be available for issuance or delivery pursuant to grants of Awards under the Plan. If, on or after the Effective Date any outstanding award granted pursuant to the 1997 Plan terminates or is forfeited without having been exercised in full, or if any award granted pursuant to the 1997 Plan is settled (or can be paid only) in cash, or Shares underlying any outstanding award granted pursuant to the 1997 Plan are withheld by the Company or any Subsidiary to satisfy a tax withholding obligation, then the underlying Shares, to the extent of any such forfeiture, termination, cash settlement or withholding, shall be added to the number of Shares that may be issued or delivery pursuant to the Plan as provided in Section 3(a) of the Plan and shall be available for issuance or delivery pursuant to grants of Awards under the Plan.

(c) If any Award granted pursuant to the Plan terminates or is forfeited without having been exercised in full, or if any Award granted pursuant to the Plan is settled (or can be paid only) in cash, then the underlying Shares, to the extent of any such forfeiture, termination or cash settlement, again shall be available for grant under the Plan and credited toward the Plan limit as set forth in Section 3(a) of the Plan. Except as may be required by reason of Section 422 and related provisions of the Code, Shares issued or delivered under the Plan as a Substitute Award or in settlement of a Substitute Award shall not reduce or be counted against the Shares available for Awards under the Plan and will not count against the Plan limit as set forth in Section 3(a) of the Plan to the extent that the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other trading market on which the Shares are listed or traded provide an exemption from shareholder approval for assumption, substitution, conversion, adjustment, or replacement of outstanding awards in connection with mergers, acquisitions, or other corporate combinations.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the following Shares shall not again be available for grant as described above: (i) Shares tendered in payment of the Exercise Price of a Stock Option, (ii) Shares withheld by the Company or any Subsidiary to satisfy a tax withholding obligation, and (iii) Shares that are repurchased by the Company with Stock Option proceeds. Moreover, all Shares covered by a SAR, to the extent that it is exercised and settled in Shares, and whether or not Shares are actually issued or delivered to the Participant upon exercise of the right, shall be considered issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan for purposes of Section 3(a) of the Plan.

(e) Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 18 of the Plan, up to 4,000,000 Shares may be issued or delivered with respect to ISOs.

(f) Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 18 of the Plan, the following limits shall apply with respect to Awards that are intended to qualify for the Performance-Based Exception:

(i) The maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be subject to Stock Options or SARs granted in any calendar year to any one Participant shall be 2,000,000 Shares.

(ii) The maximum aggregate number of Restricted Shares and Shares issuable or deliverable under Performance Shares, Restricted Share Units and Other Stock-Based Awards granted in any calendar year to any one Participant shall be 1,500,000 Shares.

(iii) The maximum aggregate compensation that can be paid pursuant to Performance Units or cash-based Awards under Section 11 of the Plan granted in any calendar year to any one Participant shall be \$3,000,000 or a number of Shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value not in excess of such amount.

(iv) The maximum Dividend Equivalents that may be paid in any calendar year to any one Participant shall be \$300,000 or a number of shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value not in excess of such amount.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, the aggregate grant date fair value (determined in accordance with applicable financial accounting rules) of all Awards granted to any Director during any single calendar year for services as a Director (excluding Awards made at the election of the Director in lieu of all or a portion of annual and committee cash retainers), taken together with any cash fees paid to such person during such calendar year, shall not exceed \$300,000 with respect to any Director who is serving in a capacity other than non-executive Chairman, and \$500,000 with respect to any Director who is serving as non-executive Chairman.

#### **4. Administration of the Plan.**

(a) The Plan shall be administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee (the Committee ) as the Board shall select consisting of two or more members of the Board each of whom is a non-employee director within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 (or any successor rule) of the Exchange Act, an outside director under regulations promulgated under Section 162(m) of the Code, and an independent director under the Nasdaq rules. The members of the Committee shall be appointed from time to time by, and shall serve at the discretion of, the Board.

(b) Subject to Applicable Laws and the provisions of the Plan (including any other powers given to the Committee hereunder), and except as otherwise provided by the Board, the Committee shall have full and final authority in its discretion to take all actions determined by the Committee to be necessary in the administration of the Plan, including, without limitation, discretion to: select Award recipients; determine the sizes and types of Awards; determine the terms and conditions of Awards in a manner consistent with the Plan; grant waivers of terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations applicable to any Award, or accelerate the vesting or exercisability of any Award, in a manner consistent with the Plan; construe and interpret the Plan and any Award Agreement or other agreement or instrument entered into under the Plan; establish, amend, or waive rules and regulations for the Plan's administration; and take such other action, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Committee deems appropriate.

(c) The Board may reserve to itself any or all of the authority and responsibility of the Committee under the Plan or may act as administrator of the Plan for any and all purposes. To the extent the Board has reserved any authority and responsibility or during any time that the Board is acting as administrator of the Plan, it shall have all the powers of the Committee hereunder, and any reference herein to the Committee (other than in this Section 4(c)) shall include the Board. To the extent any action of the Board under the Plan conflicts with actions taken by the Committee, the actions of the Board shall control.

(d) To the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, the Committee may, in its discretion, delegate to one or more Directors or Employees any of the Committee's authority under the Plan. The acts of any such delegates shall be treated hereunder as acts of the Committee with respect to any matters so delegated.

(e) The Committee shall have no obligation to treat Participants or eligible Participants uniformly, and the Committee may make determinations under the Plan selectively among Participants who receive, or Employees or Directors who are eligible to receive, Awards (whether or not such Participants or eligible Employees or Directors are similarly situated). All determinations and decisions made by the Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Plan and all related orders and resolutions of the Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons, including the Company, its Subsidiaries, its shareholders, Directors, Employees, and their estates and beneficiaries.

#### **5. Eligibility and Participation.**

(a) Each Employee and Director is eligible to participate in the Plan.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee may, from time to time, select from all eligible Employees and Directors those to whom Awards shall be granted and shall determine, in its sole discretion, the nature of any and all terms permissible by Applicable Law and the amount of each Award.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5, Incentive Stock Options may be granted only to eligible Participants who are Employees of the Company (or a parent or subsidiary as defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the Code). Eligible Participants who are Employees of a Subsidiary may be granted Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights under the Plan only if the Subsidiary qualifies as an eligible issuer of service recipient stock within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

60

**6. Stock Options.** Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Stock Options to Participants in such number as the Committee shall determine. Each Stock Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement and shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) The Award Agreement shall separately designate whether the Stock Options are intended to be Incentive Stock Options or Nonqualified Stock Options. Any Incentive Stock Option granted under the Plan shall contain such terms and conditions, consistent with the Plan, as the Committee may determine to be necessary to comply with Section 422 of the Code.

(b) The Award Agreement shall specify an Exercise Price for each grant of a Stock Option, which shall be at least equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Date of Grant. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Shareholder, the Exercise Price for each grant of a Stock Option shall be at least equal to one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Date of Grant.

(c) The Award Agreement shall specify the expiration date for each Stock Option; provided, however, that no Stock Option shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of its Date of Grant. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Shareholder, the Incentive Stock Option shall not be exercisable later than the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of its Date of Grant.

(d) Subject to Section 14 of the Plan, the Award Agreement shall specify the period or periods of continuous service by the Participant with the Company or any Subsidiary that is necessary, the Performance Objectives that must be achieved, or any other conditions that must be satisfied, before the Stock Option or installments thereof will become exercisable.

(e) The Award Agreement shall specify whether the Exercise Price shall be payable to the Company: (i) in cash or its equivalent; (ii) subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as the Committee may prescribe, by tendering (either by actual delivery or attestation) unencumbered Shares previously acquired by the Participant exercising such Stock Option having an aggregate Fair Market Value at the time of exercise equal to the total Exercise Price; (iii) by a cashless exercise (including by withholding Shares deliverable upon exercise and through a broker-assisted arrangement to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws); (iv) by any other method approved or accepted by the Committee in its sole discretion; or (v) by a combination of the foregoing methods. The Committee may limit any method of payment for administrative convenience, to comply with Applicable Laws, or otherwise.

(f) The Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to exercise the Stock Option following termination of the Participant's employment or provision of services to the Company and/or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be.

(g) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 6 to the contrary, Stock Options designated as ISOs shall not be eligible for treatment under the Code as ISOs, and shall instead be treated as Nonqualified Stock Options, to the extent that either (i) the aggregate Fair Market Value of Shares (determined as of the Date of Grant) with respect to which such Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by the Participant during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company and any Subsidiary) exceeds \$100,000, taking Stock Options into account in the order in which they were granted; or (ii) such Stock Options otherwise remain exercisable but are not exercised within three (3) months after termination of employment (or such other period of time provided in Section 422 of the Code).

**7. Stock Appreciation Rights.** Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant SARs to Participants in such number as the Committee shall determine. Each SAR grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement and shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) The Award Agreement shall specify a Grant Price for each grant of a SAR. The Grant Price for a SAR shall be at least equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Date of Grant.

(b) The Award Agreement shall set forth the expiration date for each SAR; provided, however, that no SAR shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of its Date of Grant.

(c) Subject to Section 14 of the Plan, the Award Agreement for a SAR shall specify the period or periods of continuous service by the Participant with the Company or any Subsidiary that is necessary, the Performance Objectives that must be achieved, or any other conditions that must be satisfied, before the SAR or installments thereof will become exercisable.

(d) Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount determined by multiplying: (i) the excess of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise over the Grant

Price, by (ii) the number of Shares with respect to which the SAR is exercised. The payment upon the SAR exercise shall be in cash, Shares of equivalent value, or in some combination thereof, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. The determination of the Committee with respect to the form of payout of SARs shall be set forth in the Award Agreement pertaining to the grant of the Award.

(e) The Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to exercise the SAR following termination of the Participant's employment with or provision of services to the Company and/or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be.

**8. Restricted Shares.** Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant or sell Restricted Shares to Participants in such number as the Committee shall determine. Each grant or sale of Restricted Shares shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement and shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) Each grant or sale of Restricted Shares shall constitute an immediate transfer of the ownership of Shares to the Participant in consideration of the performance of services, subject to the substantial risk of forfeiture and restrictions on transfer as provided in this Section 8.

(b) Each such grant or sale may be made without additional consideration or in consideration of a payment by such Participant that is less than the Fair Market Value per Share at the Date of Grant.

(c) Subject to Section 14 of the Plan, the Award Agreement shall specify the Period of Restriction for each Restricted Shares grant.

(d) During the applicable Period of Restriction, the transferability of the Restricted Shares shall be prohibited or restricted in the manner and to the extent prescribed by the Committee and set forth in the Award Agreement (which restrictions may include, without limitation, rights of repurchase or first refusal in the Company or provisions subjecting the Restricted Shares to a continuing substantial risk of forfeiture in the hands of any transferee).

(e) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in its sole discretion and set forth in the Award Agreement, to the extent permitted or required by Applicable Law, as determined by the Committee, Participants holding Restricted Shares may be granted the right to exercise full voting rights with respect to those Shares during the Period of Restriction.

(f) Any such grant or sale of Restricted Shares may require that any or all dividends or other distributions paid thereon during the period of such restrictions be automatically deferred and reinvested in additional Restricted Shares, which may be subject to the same restrictions as the underlying Award.

(g) Unless otherwise directed by the Committee, (i) all certificates representing Restricted Shares will be held in custody by the Company until all restrictions thereon have lapsed, together with a stock power or powers executed by the Participant in whose name such certificates are registered, endorsed in blank and covering such Shares, or (ii) all uncertificated Restricted Shares will be in book entry form with appropriate restrictions entered into the records of the Company's transfer agent relating to the transfer of such Restricted Shares, and any required notice shall be provided.

(h) The Committee may provide in an Award Agreement that the Award of Restricted Shares is conditioned upon the Participant making or refraining from making an election with respect to the Award under Section 83(b) of the Code. If a Participant makes an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code concerning a Restricted Shares Award, the Participant shall be required to file promptly a copy of such election with the Company.

**9. Restricted Share Units.** Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant or sell Restricted Share Units to Participants in such number as the Committee shall

determine. Each grant or sale of Restricted Share Units shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement and shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) Each such grant or sale of Restricted Share Units shall constitute the agreement by the Company to issue or deliver Shares to the Participant following the end of the Period of Restriction in consideration of the performance of services.
- (b) Each such grant or sale of Restricted Share Units may be made without additional consideration or in consideration of a payment by such Participant that is less than the Fair Market Value per Share at the Date of Grant.
- (c) Subject to Section 14 of the Plan, the Award Agreement shall specify the Period of Restriction for each Restricted Share Unit grant.
- (d) Each Award Agreement shall set forth the payment date for the Restricted Share Units, which date shall not be earlier than the end of the applicable Period of Restriction.



(e) The Award Agreement shall specify whether the Company shall pay earned Restricted Share Units by issuance or delivery of Shares or by payment in cash of an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of such Shares (or a combination thereof).

**10. Performance Shares and Performance Units.** Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Performance Shares or Performance Units to Participants in such number as the Committee shall determine. Each grant of Performance Shares or Performance Units shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement and shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) Each Performance Unit shall have an initial dollar value determined by the Committee. Each Performance Share shall have an initial value equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Date of Grant. The Committee shall set Performance Objectives in its sole discretion which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the value and/or number of Performance Units or Performance Shares that will be paid to the Participant.

(b) Subject to Section 14 of the Plan, the Award Agreement shall specify the Performance Period for each grant of Performance Shares and Performance Units.

(c) Subject to the terms of the Plan, after the applicable Performance Period has ended, the holder of Performance Units or Performance Shares shall be entitled to receive payout on the value and number of Performance Units or Performance Shares earned by the Participant over the Performance Period, based on the extent to which the corresponding Performance Objectives have been achieved.

(d) Each Award Agreement shall set forth the date for settlement of the Performance Shares and Performance Units, which date shall not be earlier than the end of the Performance Period and following the Committee's determination of the achievement of applicable Performance Objectives and related goals established by the Committee.

(e) The Award Agreement shall specify whether the earned Performance Shares and earned Performance Units shall be paid by the Company by issuance or delivery of Shares, Restricted Shares or Restricted Share Units or by payment in cash of an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of such Shares (or a combination thereof).

**11. Other Stock-Based Awards.**

(a) Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant or sell Other Stock-Based Awards that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Shares or factors that may influence the value of Shares, including, without limitation, convertible or exchangeable debt securities, other rights convertible or exchangeable into Shares, purchase rights for Shares, awards with value and payment contingent upon performance of the Company or business units thereof or any other factors designated by the Committee, and awards valued by reference to the book value of Shares or the value of securities of, or the performance of specified Subsidiaries or affiliates or other business units of, the Company. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such awards, including the Period of Restriction, if applicable. Shares issued or delivered pursuant to an award in the nature of a purchase right granted under this Section 11 shall be purchased for such consideration, paid for at such times, by such methods, and in such forms, including, without limitation, cash, Shares, other awards, notes or other property, as the Committee shall determine.

(b) Cash awards, as an element of or supplement to any other Award granted under the Plan, may also be granted pursuant to this Section 11.

(c) Subject to Section 14 of the Plan, the Committee is authorized to grant Shares purely as a bonus and not subject to any restrictions or conditions, or to grant Shares or other Awards in lieu of obligations of the Company or a Subsidiary to pay cash or deliver other property under the Plan or under other plans or compensatory arrangements,

subject to such terms as shall be determined by the Committee.

**12. Employee Stock Purchase Sub-Plan.** Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee may, at any time and from time to time, grant Purchase Rights on the terms, and subject to the conditions, of the Employee Stock Purchase Sub-Plan attached as Exhibit A.

**13. Dividend Equivalents.** At the discretion of the Committee, Awards granted pursuant to the Plan may provide Participants with the right to receive Dividend Equivalents, which may be paid currently or credited to an account for the Participants, and may be settled in cash and/or Shares, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, subject in each case to such terms and conditions as the Committee shall establish. No Dividend Equivalents shall relate to Shares underlying a Stock Option or SAR unless such Dividend Equivalent rights are explicitly set forth as a separate arrangement and do not cause any such Stock Option or SAR to be subject to Section 409A of the Code. Except as provided by the Committee in connection with a Change in Control or the

termination of a Participant's employment or service with the Company or a Subsidiary, any Dividend Equivalents with respect to any Award that vest based on the achievement of Performance Objectives shall be accumulated until such Award is earned, and such Dividend Equivalents shall not be paid if the Performance Objectives are not satisfied.

**14. Minimum Vesting Requirements.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, Awards granted under the Plan shall vest no earlier than the first anniversary of the date the Award is granted (excluding, for this purpose, any (i) Awards granted pursuant to Section 12 of the Plan, (ii) Shares delivered in lieu of fully vested cash Awards or deferred compensation obligations related to Director fees, (iii) Substitute Awards, and (iv) Awards to Directors that vest on the earlier of the one year anniversary of the date of grant or the next annual meeting of shareholders (provided that such vesting period may not be less than fifty (50) weeks after grant)); provided, however, that the Committee may grant Awards without regard to the foregoing minimum vesting requirement with respect to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total number of Shares remaining available for issuance under the Plan under Section 3(b) as of the Restatement Date (subject to adjustment under Section 18); and, provided further, for the avoidance of doubt, that the foregoing restriction does not apply to the Committee's discretion to provide for accelerated exercisability or vesting of any Award, including in cases of retirement, death, disability, other termination of employment or a Change in Control, in the terms of the Award or otherwise.

**15. Compliance with Section 409A.** Awards granted under the Plan shall be designed and administered in such a manner that they are either exempt from the application of, or comply with, the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. To the extent that the Committee determines that any award granted under the Plan is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Award Agreement shall incorporate the terms and conditions necessary to avoid the imposition of an additional tax under Section 409A of the Code upon a Participant. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement (unless the Award Agreement provides otherwise with specific reference to this Section 15): (a) an Award shall not be granted, deferred, accelerated, extended, paid out, settled, substituted or modified under the Plan in a manner that would result in the imposition of an additional tax under Section 409A of the Code upon a Participant; and (b) if an Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, and if the Participant holding the award is a specified employee (as defined in Section 409A of the Code, with such classification to be determined in accordance with the methodology established by the Company), no distribution or payment of any amount shall be made before a date that is six (6) months following the date of such Participant's separation from service (as defined in Section 409A of the Code) or, if earlier, the date of the Participant's death. Although the Company intends to administer the Plan so that Awards will be exempt from, or will comply with, the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, the Company does not warrant that any Award under the Plan will qualify for favorable tax treatment under Section 409A of the Code or any other provision of federal, state, local, or non-United States law. The Company shall not be liable to any Participant for any tax, interest, or penalties the Participant might owe as a result of the grant, holding, vesting, exercise, or payment of any Award under the Plan.

**16. Compliance with Section 162(m).**

(a) The Committee may specify that the granting, vesting or payment of an Award will be conditioned upon the degree of attainment of one or more Performance Objectives. If the Award is intended to qualify for the Performance-Based Exception, then the Performance Objectives shall be based on specified levels of or growth in one or more of the following criteria and the Performance Objectives with respect to other Awards shall be based on such criteria as determined by the Committee in its discretion, which may include (but shall not be limited to) the following criteria: earnings per share; segment profit; gross margin; operating or other expenses; earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT), earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; free cash flow; net income; return on investment (determined with reference to one or more categories of income or cash flow and one or more categories of assets, capital or equity); stock price appreciation; viewer ratings or impressions; online revenue; online segment profit; website traffic; market share; and revenue.

(b) The Performance Period for any Award that is intended to qualify for the Performance-Based Exception shall be specified in the Award Agreement. The Performance Objectives shall be established not later than ninety (90) days

after the beginning of the Performance Period or, if earlier, by the date which is no later than the date that twenty five percent (25%) of the applicable Performance Period has elapsed.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, payment or vesting of any Award that is intended to qualify for the Performance-Based Exception shall not be made until the Committee certifies in writing that the applicable Performance Objectives and any other material terms of such Award were in fact satisfied in a manner conforming to applicable regulations under Section 162(m) of the Code. The Committee shall not have discretion to increase the amount of compensation that is payable upon achievement of the designated Performance Objectives for an Award intended to qualify for the Performance-Based Exception, but the Committee may reduce the amount of compensation that is payable upon achievement of the designated Performance Objectives.

**17. Transferability.**

(a) Except as otherwise determined by the Committee pursuant to the provisions of Section 17(c) of the Plan, no Award or Dividend Equivalents paid with respect to an Award made under the Plan shall be transferable by the Participant except by will or the laws of descent and distribution; provided, that if so determined by the Committee, each Participant may, in a manner established by the Board or the Committee, designate a beneficiary to exercise the rights of the Participant with respect to any Award upon the death of the Participant and to receive Shares or other property issued or delivered under such Award. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, Stock Options and SARs will be exercisable during a Participant's lifetime only by him or her or, in the event of the Participant's legal incapacity to do so, by his or her guardian or legal representative acting on behalf of the Participant in a fiduciary capacity under state law and/or court supervision.

(b) The Committee may specify in an Award Agreement that part or all of the Shares that are to be issued or delivered by the Company upon the exercise of Stock Options or SARs, upon the termination of the Period of Restriction applicable to Restricted Shares or Restricted Share Units or upon payment under any grant of Performance Shares or Performance Units will be subject to further restrictions on transfer.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 17(a) of the Plan, the Committee may determine that Awards (other than Incentive Stock Options) may be transferable by a Participant, without payment of consideration therefor by the transferee, only to any one or more family members (as defined in the General Instructions to Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, or any successor provision) of the Participant; provided, however, that (i) no such transfer shall be effective unless reasonable prior notice (as specified by the Committee and set forth in the Award Agreement) thereof is delivered to the Company and such transfer is thereafter effected in accordance with any terms and conditions that shall have been made applicable thereto by the Board or the Committee, and (ii) any such transferee shall be subject to the same terms and conditions hereunder as the Participant.

**18. Adjustments.** In the event of any equity restructuring (within the meaning of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation - Stock Compensation), such as a stock dividend, stock split, spinoff, rights offering, or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, the Committee shall cause there to be an equitable adjustment in the numbers of Shares specified in Section 3 of the Plan and, with respect to outstanding Awards, in the number and kind of Shares subject to outstanding Awards, the Exercise Price, Grant Price or other price of Shares subject to outstanding Awards, in each case to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of Participants. In the event of any other change in corporate capitalization, or in the event of a merger, consolidation, liquidation, or similar transaction, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, cause there to be an equitable adjustment as described in the foregoing sentence, to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights; provided, however, that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the number of Shares subject to any Award shall always be rounded down to a whole number. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee shall not make any adjustment pursuant to this Section 18 that would (a) cause any Stock Option intended to qualify as an ISO to fail to so qualify; (b) cause an Award that is otherwise exempt from Section 409A of the Code to become subject to Section 409A, or (c) cause an Award that is subject to Section 409A of the Code to fail to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A. The determination of the Committee as to the foregoing adjustments, if any, shall be conclusive and binding on Participants under the Plan.

**19. Fractional Shares.** The Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any fractional Shares pursuant to the Plan and, unless otherwise provided by the Committee, fractional shares shall be settled in cash.

**20. Withholding Taxes.** To the extent required by Applicable Law, a Participant shall be required to satisfy, in a manner satisfactory to the Company or Subsidiary, as applicable, any withholding tax obligations that arise by reason of a Stock Option or SAR exercise, the vesting of or settlement of Shares under an Award, an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code or otherwise with respect to an Award. The Company and its Subsidiaries shall not be required to issue or deliver Shares, make any payment or to recognize the transfer or disposition of Shares until such

obligations are satisfied. The Committee may permit or require these obligations to be satisfied by having the Company withhold a portion of the Shares that otherwise would be issued or delivered to a Participant upon exercise of the Stock Option or SAR or upon the vesting or settlement of an Award, or by tendering Shares previously acquired, in each case having a Fair Market Value equal to the minimum amount required to be withheld or paid (or, if permitted by the Company, such higher amount that will not result in adverse accounting consequences for the Company or a Subsidiary). Any such elections are subject to such conditions or procedures as may be established by the Committee and may be subject to disapproval by the Committee.

**21. Foreign Employees.** In order to facilitate the making of any Award or combination of Awards under the Plan, the Committee may provide for such special terms for Awards to Participants who are foreign nationals or who are employed by the Company or any Subsidiary outside of the United States of America as the Committee may consider necessary or appropriate to accommodate differences in local law, tax policy or custom. Moreover, the Committee may approve such supplements to or amendments, restatements or alternative versions of the Plan as it may consider necessary or appropriate for such purposes, without thereby affecting the terms of the Plan as in effect for any other purpose, and the Corporate Secretary or other appropriate officer of the

Company may certify any such document as having been approved and adopted in the same manner as the Plan. No such special terms, supplements, amendments or restatements, however, shall include any provisions that are inconsistent with the terms of the Plan as then in effect unless the Plan could have been amended to eliminate such inconsistency without further approval by the shareholders of the Company.

## **22. Change in Control.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in a Participant's Award Agreement or pursuant to Section 22(b) of the Plan, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, unless otherwise specifically prohibited under Applicable Laws:

(i) any and all outstanding Stock Options and SARs granted hereunder shall become immediately vested and exercisable and shall remain exercisable for the full duration of their term;

(ii) any Period of Restriction or other restriction imposed on Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, and Other Stock-Based Awards shall immediately lapse; and

(iii) any and all Performance Shares, Performance Units and other Awards (if performance-based) shall immediately vest in full at the target level.

(b) In connection with a Change in Control, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, either by the terms of the Award Agreement applicable to any Award or by resolution adopted prior to the occurrence of the Change in Control, provide that any outstanding Award (or a portion thereof) shall, upon the occurrence of such Change in Control, be cancelled in exchange for a payment in cash in an amount based on the Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to the Award (less any Exercise Price or Grant Price), which amount may be zero (0) if applicable.

## **23. Detrimental Activity; Forfeiture and Recoupment.**

(a) If the Committee determines a Participant has engaged in any Detrimental Activity, either during service with the Company or a Subsidiary or after termination of such service, then, promptly upon receiving notice of the Committee's determination, the Participant shall:

(i) forfeit all Awards granted under the Plan to the extent then held by the Participant;

(ii) return to the Company or the Subsidiary all Shares that the Participant has not disposed of that had been acquired within two (2) years prior to the date of the Participant's initial commencement of the Detrimental Activity, in exchange for payment by the Company or the Subsidiary of any amount actually paid therefor by the Participant; and

(iii) with respect to any Shares acquired within two (2) years prior to the date of the Participant's initial commencement of the Detrimental Activity pursuant to Awards granted under the Plan that were disposed of, pay to the Company or the Subsidiary, in cash, the excess, if any, of: (A) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date acquired, over (B) any amount actually paid by the Participant for the Shares.

(b) To the extent that such amounts are not immediately returned or paid to the Company as provided herein, the Company may, to the extent permitted by law, seek other remedies, including a set-off of the amounts so payable to it against any amounts that may be owing from time to time by the Company or a Subsidiary to the Participant for any reason, including, without limitation, wages, or vacation pay or other benefits; provided, however, that, except to the extent permitted by Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(j)(4), such set-off shall not apply to amounts that are deferred compensation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

(c) Any Award granted to a Participant shall be subject to forfeiture or repayment pursuant to the terms of any applicable compensation recovery policy adopted by the Company, including any such policy that may be adopted to

comply with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or any rules or regulations issued by the SEC or applicable securities exchange.

**24. Amendment, Modification and Termination.**

(a) The Board may at any time and from time to time, alter, amend, suspend or terminate the Plan in whole or in part; provided, however, that no alteration or amendment that requires shareholder approval in order for the Plan to continue to comply with the Nasdaq rules or any rule promulgated by the SEC or any other securities exchange on which Shares are listed or any other Applicable Laws shall be effective unless such amendment shall be approved by the requisite vote of shareholders of the Company entitled to vote thereon within the time period required under such applicable listing standard or rule.

(b) The Committee may in its sole discretion at any time (i) provide that all or a portion of a Participant's Stock Options, SARs, and other Awards in the nature of rights that may be exercised become fully or partially exercisable;



(ii) provide that all or a part of the Period of Restriction or other time-based vesting restrictions on all or a portion of the outstanding Awards shall lapse, and/or that any Performance Objectives or other performance-based criteria with respect to any Awards shall be deemed to be wholly or partially satisfied; or (iii) waive any other limitation or requirement under any such Award, in each case, as of such date as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, declare. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, any such adjustment that is made with respect to an Award that is intended to qualify for the Performance-Based Exception shall be made at such times and in such manner as will not cause such Awards to fail to qualify under the Performance-Based Exception. Additionally, the Committee shall not make any adjustment pursuant to this Section 24(b) that would cause an Award that is otherwise exempt from Section 409A of the Code to become subject to Section 409A; or that would cause an Award that is subject to Section 409A of the Code to fail to satisfy the requirements of Section 409A.

(c) Except for adjustments made pursuant to Section 18 of the Plan, the Board or the Committee will not, without the further approval of the shareholders of the Company, authorize the amendment of any outstanding Stock Option or SAR to reduce the Exercise Price or Grant Price, respectively. No Stock Option or SAR will be cancelled and replaced with awards having a lower Exercise Price or Grant Price, respectively, or for another Award, or for cash without further approval of the shareholders of the Company, except as provided in Section 18 of the Plan. Furthermore, no Stock Option or SAR will provide for the payment, at the time of exercise, of a cash bonus or grant or sale of another Award without further approval of the shareholders of the Company. This Section 24(c) is intended to prohibit the repricing of underwater Stock Options or SARs without shareholder approval and will not be construed to prohibit the adjustments provided for in Section 18 of the Plan.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary (other than Sections 18, 22(b) and 24(e) of the Plan), no termination, amendment, suspension, or modification of the Plan or an Award Agreement shall adversely affect in any material way any Award previously granted under the Plan, without the written consent of the Participant holding such Award. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any ISO granted under the Plan may be modified by the Committee to disqualify such Stock Option from treatment as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Code.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Committee shall be authorized to make minor or administrative amendments to the Plan and may amend the Plan or an Award Agreement, to take effect retroactively or otherwise, as deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of conforming the Plan or an Award Agreement to any present or future Applicable Law (including, but not limited to, Section 409A of the Code), and to the administrative regulations and rulings promulgated there under.

**25. Applicable Laws.** The obligations of the Company with respect to Awards under the Plan shall be subject to all Applicable Laws and such approvals by any governmental agencies as the Committee determines may be required. The Plan and each Award Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of the Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction. Unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement, Participants are deemed to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the state courts of Hamilton County, Ohio and the federal courts in the Southern District of Ohio, to resolve any and all issues that may arise out of or relate to the Plan or any related Award Agreement.

**26. Substitute Awards for Awards Granted by Other Entities.** Substitute Awards may be granted under the Plan for grants or awards held by employees of a company or entity who become Employees or Directors of the Company or a Subsidiary as a result of the acquisition, merger or consolidation of the employer company by or with the Company or a Subsidiary. Except as otherwise provided by Applicable Law and notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the terms, provisions and benefits of the Substitute Awards so granted may vary from those set forth in or required or authorized by the Plan to such extent as the Committee at the time of the grant may deem appropriate to conform, in whole or part, to the terms, provisions and benefits of grants or awards in substitution for which they are granted.

**27. Miscellaneous.**

(a) Except with respect to Stock Options and SARs, the Committee may permit Participants to elect to defer the issuance or delivery of Shares or the settlement of Awards in cash under the Plan pursuant to such rules, procedures or programs as it may establish for purposes of the Plan. The Committee also may provide that deferred issuances and settlements include the payment or crediting of Dividend Equivalents or interest on the deferral amounts. All elections and deferrals permitted under this provision shall comply with Section 409A of the Code, including setting forth the time and manner of the election (including a compliant time and form of payment), the date on which the election is irrevocable, and whether the election can be changed until the date it is irrevocable.

- (b) The Plan shall not confer upon any Participant any right with respect to continuance of employment or other service with the Company or any Subsidiary, nor shall it interfere in any way with any right the Company or any Subsidiary would otherwise have to terminate such Participant's employment or other service at any time. No Employee or Director shall have the right to be selected to receive an Award under the Plan, or, having been so selected, to be selected to receive future Awards.
- (c) Neither a Participant nor any other person shall, by reason of participation in the Plan, acquire any right or title to any assets, funds or property of the Company or any Subsidiary, including without limitation, any specific funds, assets or other property which the Company or any Subsidiary may set aside in anticipation of any liability under the Plan. A Participant shall have only a contractual right to an Award or the amounts, if any, payable under the Plan, unsecured by any assets of the Company or any Subsidiary, and nothing contained in the Plan shall constitute a guarantee that the assets of the Company or any Subsidiary shall be sufficient to pay any benefits to any person.
- (d) If any provision of the Plan is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended or limited in scope to conform to Applicable Laws or, in the discretion of the Committee, it shall be stricken and the remainder of the Plan shall remain in full force and effect.
- (e) By accepting any benefit under the Plan, each Participant and each person claiming under or through any such Participant shall be conclusively deemed to have indicated their acceptance and ratification of, and consent to, all of the terms and conditions of the Plan and any action taken under the Plan by the Committee, the Board or the Company, in any case in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan.
- (f) No Participant or any eligible Employee or Director shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan. No Participant shall have any rights as a shareholder with respect to any Shares subject to Awards granted to him or her under the Plan prior to the date as of which he or she is actually recorded as the holder of such Shares upon the stock records of the Company.
- (g) No payment under the Plan shall be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare or benefit plan of the Company or any Subsidiary unless provided otherwise in such other plan.
- (h) All obligations of the Company under the Plan and with respect to Awards shall be binding on any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation, or other event, or a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company and references to the Company herein and in any Award agreements shall be deemed to refer to such successors.

\* \* \* \* \*

**EXHIBIT A**

**EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE SUB-PLAN**

**1. Purpose and Effective Date.** The E.W. Scripps Company Employee Stock Purchase Sub-Plan (Sub-Plan) is adopted and established by the Company as a sub-plan under The E.W. Scripps Company 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Plan) and shall at all times be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan. The purpose of the Sub-Plan is to facilitate the purchase of Shares by Eligible Employees through Purchase Rights upon the terms, and subject to the conditions, set forth below and in the Plan.

**2. Definitions.** Capitalized terms used in the Sub-Plan but not defined herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Plan. In addition to those terms and the terms defined in Section 1 of the Sub-Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter set forth, unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context:

Account shall mean the individual account established by the Agent for each Sub-Plan Participant for purposes of accounting for and/or holding each Sub-Plan Participant's Shares, dividends and distributions, and shall include any amounts credited to the Sub-Plan Participant's Account under The E.W. Scripps Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan dated as of May 8, 2008, which previously expired pursuant to its terms.

Act shall mean the Securities Act of 1933.

Administrator shall mean the Vice President, Human Resource Operations or equivalent title of the Company, subject to the general control of, and superseding action by, the Committee.

Agent shall mean the bank, brokerage firm, financial institution, or other entity or person(s) engaged, retained or appointed to act as the agent of the Employer and of the Sub-Plan Participants.

Closing Value shall mean, as of a particular date, the value of a Share determined by the closing sales price for such Share (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported) as quoted on the Nasdaq for the last market trading day prior to the date of determination, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable.

Compensation shall mean regular base salary or wages, shift differential, commissions (as paid) and draw actually received as of a particular pay date, including any amounts not paid to an Employee pursuant to an election under Code Sections 125 and 401(k). Compensation shall not include any deferred compensation, bonuses, overtime, severance or dismissal pay, cost-of-living allowances, or any extraordinary pay, or any compensation after an Employee's last day of work except for purposes of Section 6(b) of the Sub-Plan.

Designated Subsidiaries shall mean each Subsidiary, unless specifically excluded from participation in the Sub-Plan by the Board.

Eligible Employee means any Employee who (1) is regularly scheduled to work at least twenty (20) hours per week, (2) is customarily employed for at least five (5) months each calendar year, (3) is not a member of a collective bargaining unit unless the collective bargaining agreement covering such person specifically provides for eligibility to participate in this Sub-Plan, and (4) is not designated as ineligible to participate in the Sub-Plan by the Administrator.

Employee means any person who performs services as a common law employee of the Employer, and does not include leased employees, as that term is defined under Section 414(n) of the Code, or other individuals providing services to the Employer in a capacity as an independent contractor.

Employer means, individually and collectively, the Company and the Designated Subsidiaries.

Enrollment Period shall mean the one (1) month period ending on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month preceding an Offering Period during which Eligible Employees may elect to participate in the Sub-Plan with respect to such Offering Period, *i.e.*, for the first quarter of a year, the Enrollment Period would be November 15 through December 15.

Offering Period shall mean the one (1) calendar quarter period during which Sub-Plan Participants authorize payroll deductions to fund the purchase of Shares on their behalf under the Sub-Plan. The first Offering Period shall commence on the date specified by the Committee in its sole discretion.

Plan Year shall mean the calendar year.

Purchase Price shall mean, for each Share purchased in accordance with Section 4 of the Sub-Plan, an amount equal to the lesser of (1) ninety percent (90%) of the Closing Value of a Share on the first Trading Day of each Offering Period, or the earliest date thereafter as is administratively feasible (which for Sub-Plan purposes shall be deemed to be the date the Purchase Right was

granted to each Eligible Employee who is, or elects to become, a Sub-Plan Participant); or (2) ninety percent (90%) of the Closing Value of such Share on the last Trading Day of the Offering Period, or the earliest date thereafter as is administratively feasible (which for Sub-Plan purposes shall be deemed to be the date each Purchase Right was exercised).

Sub-Plan shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.

Sub-Plan Participant means any Eligible Employee who has elected to participate in the Sub-Plan for an Offering Period by authorizing payroll deductions and entering into a written subscription agreement with an Employer or the Administrator during the Enrollment Period for such Offering Period.

Trading Day shall mean a day on which national stock exchanges and the Nasdaq are open for trading.

### **3. Eligible Employees**

a. In General. Participation in the Sub-Plan is voluntary. All Eligible Employees of an Employer are eligible to participate in the Sub-Plan as of a date specified by the Administrator or the Committee. Each Eligible Employee who is a Sub-Plan Participant shall have the same rights and privileges as every other Eligible Employee who is a Sub-Plan Participant, and only Eligible Employees of an Employer satisfying the applicable requirements of the Sub-Plan will be entitled to be a Sub-Plan Participant.

b. Limitations on Purchase Rights. An Employee who otherwise is an Eligible Employee shall not be entitled to purchase Shares under the Sub-Plan if (1) such purchase would cause such Eligible Employee to own Shares (including any Shares which would be owned if such Eligible Employee purchased all of the Shares made available for purchase by such Eligible Employee under all Purchase Rights then held by such Eligible Employee, whether or not then exercisable) representing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of each class of stock of the Company or any Subsidiary; or (2) such purchase would cause such Eligible Employee to have rights to purchase more than \$25,000 of Shares under the Sub-Plan (and under all employee stock purchase plans of the Company and its Subsidiary corporations which qualify for treatment under Section 423 of the Code) for any calendar year in which Purchase Rights are outstanding (based on the Closing Value of such Shares, determined as of the date such rights are granted and can first be exercised hereunder). For purposes of clause (1) of this paragraph (b), the attribution rules set forth in Section 424(d) of the Code and related regulations shall apply. For purposes of applying the \$25,000 limitation, the number of Shares covered by one Purchase Right may not be carried over to any other Purchase Right.

### **4. Enrollment and Offering Periods**

a. Enrolling in the Sub-Plan. To participate in the Sub-Plan, an Eligible Employee must enroll in the Sub-Plan in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator. Enrollment for a given Offering Period will take place during the Enrollment Period for such Offering Period.

b. The Three-Month Offering Period. Any Employee who is an Eligible Employee and who desires to purchase Shares hereunder must file with the Administrator or Employer an authorization for payroll deduction and a subscription agreement during an Enrollment Period. Such authorization shall be effective for the Offering Period immediately following such Enrollment Period. Each Offering Period shall last for three (3) calendar months, commencing on the first day (or the First Trading Day) of the calendar quarter and ending on the last day (or the last Trading Day) of the calendar quarter. There shall be four (4) Offering Periods each Sub-Plan Year during the term of this Sub-Plan. On the first day (or the First Trading Day) of each Offering Period each Sub-Plan Participant shall be granted a Purchase Right under the Sub-Plan and such right shall last only for three (3) months, *i.e.*, it shall expire at the end of the Offering Period for which it was granted.

c. Changing Enrollment. The offering of Shares pursuant to the Sub-Plan shall occur only during an Offering Period and shall be made only to Sub-Plan Participants. Once enrolled, a Sub-Plan Participant shall continue to participate in the Sub-Plan for each succeeding Offering Period until he or she terminates his or her participation by revoking his or her payroll deduction authorization or ceases to be an Eligible Employee. Once a Sub-Plan Participant has elected to participate under the Sub-Plan, that Sub-Plan Participant's payroll deduction authorization and subscription agreement shall apply to all subsequent Offering Periods unless and until the Sub-Plan Participant ceases to be an Eligible Employee, modifies or terminates said authorization and/or agreement or withdraws from the Sub-Plan. If a Sub-Plan Participant desires to change his or her rate of contribution, he or she may do so effective for the next Offering Period by filing a new authorization for payroll deduction and/or subscription agreement with the Administrator or Employer during the Enrollment Period immediately preceding such Offering Period, in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Administrator.

**5. Use of Funds.** All payroll deductions received or held by an Employer under the Sub-Plan may be used by the Employer for any corporate purpose, and the Employer shall not be obligated to segregate such payroll deductions. Any amounts held by an Employer or other party holding amounts in connection with or as a result of payroll withholding made pursuant to the Sub-Plan and pending the purchase of Shares hereunder shall be considered a non-interest-bearing, unsecured indebtedness extended to the Employer or other party by the Sub-Plan Participants.

## **6. Amount of Contribution; Method of Payment**

a. Payroll Withholding. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Purchase Price will be payable by each Sub-Plan Participant by means of payroll withholding. The withholding shall be in increments of one percent (1%). The minimum withholding permitted shall be an amount equal to one percent (1%) of a Sub-Plan Participant's Compensation and the maximum withholding shall be an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of a Sub-Plan Participant's Compensation. In any event, the total withholding permitted to be made by any Sub-Plan Participant for a Plan Year shall be limited to the sum of \$22,500. The actual percentage of Compensation to be deducted shall be specified by a Sub-Plan Participant in his or her authorization for payroll withholding. Sub-Plan Participants may not deposit any separate cash payments into their Accounts.

b. Application of Withholding Rules. Payroll withholding will commence with the first paycheck issued during the Offering Period and will continue with each paycheck throughout the entire Offering Period, except for pay periods for which such Sub-Plan Participant receives no compensation (*e.g.*, uncompensated personal leave, leave of absence, etc.). A pay period which overlaps Offering Periods will be credited in its entirety to the Offering Period in which it is paid. Payroll withholding shall be retained by the Employer or other party responsible for making such payment to the Sub-Plan Participant, until applied to the purchase of Shares as described in Section 7 of the Sub-Plan and the satisfaction of any related federal, state or local withholding obligations (including any employment tax obligations), or until returned to such Sub-Plan Participant in connection with a withdrawal from the Sub-Plan or a revocation of authorization described in Section 11 of the Sub-Plan.

At the time the Shares are purchased, or at the time some or all of the Shares issued under the Sub-Plan are disposed of, Sub-Plan Participants must make adequate provision for the Employer's federal, state, local or other tax withholding obligations (including employment taxes), if any, which arise upon the purchase or disposition of the Shares. At any time, the Employer may, but shall not be obligated to, withhold from each Sub-Plan Participant's Compensation the amount necessary for the Employer to meet applicable withholding obligations, including any withholding required to make available to the Employer any tax deductions or benefits attributable to the sale or early disposition of Shares by the Sub-Plan Participant. Each Sub-Plan Participant, as a condition of participating under the Sub-Plan, shall agree to bear responsibility for all federal, state, and local income taxes required to be withheld from his or her Compensation as well as the Sub-Plan Participant's portion of FICA (both the OASDI and Medicare components) with respect to any Compensation arising on account of the purchase or disposition of Shares. The Employer may increase income and/or employment tax withholding on a Sub-Plan Participant's Compensation after the purchase or disposition of Shares in order to comply with federal, state and local tax laws, and each Sub-Plan Participant shall agree to sign any and all appropriate documents to facilitate such withholding.

## **7. Purchasing, Transferring Shares**

a. Maintenance of Account. Upon enrollment in the Sub-Plan by a Sub-Plan Participant and upon receipt by the Agent of such data as it requires, the Agent shall establish a Sub-Plan Account in the name of such Sub-Plan Participant. At the close of each Offering Period, the aggregate amount deducted during such Offering Period by the Employer from a Sub-Plan Participant's Compensation (and credited to a non-interest-bearing account maintained by the Employer or other party for bookkeeping purposes) will be communicated by the Employer to the Agent and shall thereupon be credited by the Agent to such Sub-Plan Participant's Account (unless the Sub-Plan Participant has given written notice to the Administrator of his or her withdrawal or revocation of authorization, prior to the date such communication is made). As of the last day of each Offering Period, or as soon thereafter as is administratively



feasible, the Agent will automatically purchase Shares on behalf of each Sub-Plan Participant with respect to those amounts reported to the Agent by the Administrator or Employer as creditable to that Sub-Plan Participant's Account. On the date of purchase of such Shares, the amount then credited to the Sub-Plan Participant's Account for the purpose of purchasing Shares hereunder will be divided by the Purchase Price and there shall be transferred to the Sub-Plan Participant's Account by the Agent the number of whole Shares which results (with any remaining cash amounts returned to the Sub-Plan Participant as soon as administratively feasible, as no fractional Shares shall be purchased under the Sub-Plan). Any Shares purchased under this Sub-Plan shall be funded by, and shall reduce, the Share reserve of Section 3(a) of the Plan.

b. Insufficient Number of Available Shares. In the event the number of Shares to be purchased by Sub-Plan Participants during any Offering Period exceeds the number of Shares available for sale under the Sub-Plan, the number

of Shares actually available for sale hereunder shall be limited to the remaining number of Shares authorized for sale under the Sub-Plan and shall be allocated in accordance with the Company's instructions by the Agent among the Sub-Plan Participants in proportion to each Sub-Plan Participant's Compensation during the Offering Period over the total Compensation of all Sub-Plan Participants during the Offering Period. Any excess amounts withheld and credited to Sub-Plan Participants' Accounts then shall be returned to the Sub-Plan Participants as soon as is administratively feasible.

c. Handling Excess Shares. In the event that the number of Shares which would be credited to any Sub-Plan Participant's Account in any Offering Period exceeds the limit specified in Section 3(b) of the Sub-Plan, such Sub-Plan Participant's Account shall be credited with the maximum number of Shares permissible, and the remaining amounts will be refunded in cash as soon as administratively practicable.

d. Status Reports. Statements of each Sub-Plan Participant's Account shall be given to participating Employees at least quarterly. The statements shall set forth the Purchase Price and the number of Shares purchased. The Agent shall hold in its name, or in the name of its nominee, all Shares so purchased and allocated. No certificate will be issued to a Sub-Plan Participant for Shares held in his or her Account unless he or she so requests in writing or unless such Sub-Plan Participant's active participation in the Sub-Plan is terminated due to death, disability, separation from service or retirement.

e. In-Service Share Distributions. A Sub-Plan Participant may request that a certificate for all or part of the full Shares held in his or her Account be sent to him or her after the relevant Shares have been purchased and allocated. All such requests must be submitted to the Agent. No certificate for a fractional Share will be issued; the fair value of fractional Shares, as determined pursuant to the Sub-Plan on the date of withdrawal of all Shares credited to a Sub-Plan Participant's Account, shall be paid in cash to such Sub-Plan Participant. The Sub-Plan may impose a reasonable charge, to be paid by the Sub-Plan Participant, for each stock certificate so issued prior to the date active participation in the Sub-Plan ceases; such charge shall be paid by the Sub-Plan Participant to the Administrator or Employer prior to the date any distribution of a certificate evidencing ownership of such Shares occurs.

## **8. Dividends and Other Distributions**

a. Reinvestment of Dividends. Cash dividends and other cash distributions received by the Agent on Shares held in its custody hereunder will be credited to the Accounts of individual Sub-Plan Participants in accordance with their interests in the Shares with respect to which such dividends or distributions are paid or made, and will be paid to the Sub-Plan Participant as soon as administratively feasible, unless the Sub-Plan Participant makes an election to reinvest the cash dividends or other cash distributions in accordance with procedures established by the Administrator, in which case the amounts will be applied, as soon as practical after the receipt thereof by the Agent, to the purchase in the open market or otherwise at prevailing market prices of the number of whole Shares capable of being purchased with such funds, after deduction of any bank service fees, brokerage charges, transfer taxes, and any other transaction fee, expense or cost payable in connection with the purchase of such shares and not otherwise paid by the Employer (with any remaining cash amounts returned to the Sub-Plan Participant as soon as administratively feasible, as no fractional Shares shall be purchased under the Sub-Plan).

b. Shares to Be Held in Agent's Name. All purchases of Shares made pursuant to this Section will be made in the name of the Agent or its nominee, shall be held as provided in Section 7 of the Sub-Plan, and shall be transferred and credited to the Account(s) of the individual Sub-Plan Participant(s) to which such dividends or other distributions were credited. Dividends paid in the form of Shares will be allocated by the Agent, as and when received, with respect to Shares held in its custody hereunder to the Accounts of individual Sub-Plan Participants in accordance with such Sub-Plan Participants' interests in such Shares with respect to which such dividends were paid. Property, other than Shares or cash, received by the Agent as a distribution on Shares held in its custody hereunder, shall be sold by the Agent for the accounts of the Sub-Plan Participants, and the Agent shall treat the proceeds of such sale in the same manner as cash dividends received by the Agent on Shares held in its custody hereunder.

c. Tax Responsibilities. The automatic reinvestment of dividends under the Sub-Plan will not relieve a Sub-Plan Participant (or Eligible Employee with an Account) of any income or other tax which may be due on or with respect to such dividends. The Agent shall report to each Sub-Plan Participant (or Eligible Employee with an Account) the amount of dividends credited to his or her Account.

**9. Voting of Shares.** A Sub-Plan Participant shall have no interest or voting right in any Shares until such Shares have been actually purchased by the Agent in the Sub-Plan Participant's behalf. Shares held for a Sub-Plan Participant (or Eligible Employee with an Account) in his or her Account will be voted in accordance with the Sub-Plan Participant's (or Eligible Employee's) express written directions. In the absence of any such directions, such Shares will not be voted.

**10. Sale of Shares.** Subject to the provisions of Section 16 of the Sub-Plan, a Sub-Plan Participant may at any time, and without withdrawing from the Sub-Plan, by giving notice to the Agent, direct the Agent to sell all or part of the Shares held on behalf of the Sub-Plan Participant. Upon receipt of such a notice on which the Sub-Plan Participant's signature is guaranteed by a bank or trust company, the Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of such notice, sell such Shares in the marketplace at the prevailing market price and transmit the net proceeds of such sale (less any bank service fees, brokerage charges, transfer taxes, and any other transaction fee, expense or cost) to the Sub-Plan Participant.

**11. Withdrawals from the Sub-Plan and Revocations**

a. General Rule. A Sub-Plan Participant may at any time, by giving written notice to the Administrator or Employer, withdraw from the Sub-Plan or, without withdrawing from the Sub-Plan but by giving written notice to the Administrator or Employer, revoke his or her authorization for payroll deduction for the Offering Period in which such revocation is made.

b. Refund of Amounts Not Used to Purchase Shares. At the time of any withdrawal or revocation under this Section, any amount deducted from payroll which has not previously been used to purchase Shares will be used to purchase Shares in accordance with Section 7(a) of the Sub-Plan.

c. Withdrawal of Shares. Upon any withdrawal from the Sub-Plan as a result of separation from employment, as provided in Section 12 of the Sub-Plan, a Sub-Plan Participant (or his or her executor or personal administrator), shall elect to either transfer Shares to his or her own personal brokerage account or receive cash for the full number of Shares then being held in his or her Account. If the Sub-Plan Participant elects cash, the Agent shall sell such Shares in the marketplace at the prevailing market price and send the net proceeds (less any bank service fees, brokerage charges, transfer taxes, and any other transaction fee, expense or cost) to the Sub-Plan Participant. If no election is made, Sub-Plan Participant's Shares will be sold as stated herein and net proceeds shall be sent to Sub-Plan Participant. In every case of withdrawal from the Sub-Plan, fractional Shares allocated to a Sub-Plan Participant's Account will be paid in cash at the Closing Value of such Shares on the date such withdrawal becomes effective (or as soon thereafter as is administratively feasible). Upon any other withdrawal, the Sub-Plan Participant may elect to retain his or her Shares under the Sub-Plan until separation from employment for any reason, at which time this Section 11(c) shall apply.

**12. Separation from Employment.** Separation from employment for any reason, including death, disability, termination or retirement, shall be treated as a withdrawal from the Sub-Plan, as described in Section 11 of the Sub-Plan. A service fee will not be charged for any withdrawal attributable to a separation from employment.

**13. Assignment.** Neither payroll deductions credited to a Sub-Plan Participant's account nor any Purchase Rights or Shares held under the Sub-Plan may be assigned, alienated, transferred, pledged, or otherwise disposed of in any way by a Sub-Plan Participant other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. Any such assignment, alienation, transfer, pledge, or other disposition shall be without effect, except that the Administrator may treat such act as an election to withdraw from the Sub-Plan as described in Section 11 of the Sub-Plan. A Sub-Plan Participant's right to purchase Shares under this Sub-Plan may be exercisable during the Sub-Plan Participant's lifetime only by the Sub-Plan Participant.

**14. Amendment or Termination of the Sub-Plan.** Subject to Section 24 of the Plan, the Board shall have the right, at any time, to amend, modify or terminate the Sub-Plan without notice; however, no Sub-Plan Participant's outstanding subscriptions shall be adversely affected by any such amendment, modification or termination.

**15. Administration**

a. General. Subject to Section 4 of the Plan, the Sub-Plan shall be administered by the Administrator. The Administrator shall be responsible for the administration of all matters under the Sub-Plan which have not been delegated to the Agent. The Administrator shall have full and exclusive discretionary authority to construe, interpret and apply the terms of the Sub-Plan, to determine eligibility and to adjudicate all disputed claims filed under the Sub-Plan. Any rule or regulation adopted by the Administrator shall remain in full force and effect unless and until altered, amended or repealed by the Administrator. The Committee may reserve to itself any or all of the authority and responsibility of the Administrator under the Sub-Plan or may act as administrator of the Sub-Plan for any and all purposes and, in this regard, shall administer the Sub-Plan as it relates to any Section 16 officers of the Company.

b. Specific Responsibilities. Administrator's responsibilities shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- (1) interpreting the Sub-Plan (including issues relating to the definition and application of Compensation );
- (2) identifying and compiling a list of persons who are Eligible Employees for an Offering Period;

(3) identifying those Eligible Employees not entitled to subscribe for Shares during any Offering Period on account of the limitations described in Section 3(b) of the Sub-Plan; and

(4) providing prompt notice to the Agent of the enrollment of Eligible Employees, the Shares to be credited to Sub-Plan Participants' Accounts, and any written notices of withdrawal or revocation of authorization filed with the Administrator by individual Sub-Plan Participants.

The Administrator may from time to time adopt rules and regulations for carrying out the terms of the Sub-Plan. Interpretation or construction of any provision of the Sub-Plan by the Administrator shall be final and conclusive on all persons, absent specific and contrary action taken by the Board. Any interpretation or construction of any provision of the Sub-Plan by the Board shall be final and conclusive.

c. Electronic or Other Media. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Sub-Plan to the contrary, including any provision that requires the use of a written instrument, the Administrator may establish procedures for the use of electronic or other media in communications and transactions between the Sub-Plan or the Agent and Sub-Plan Participants. Electronic or other media may include, but are not limited to: e-mail, the Internet, intranet systems and automated telephonic response systems.

## 16. Securities Law Restrictions

Notwithstanding any provision of the Sub-Plan to the contrary:

a. Need for Registration Statement. No Shares may be purchased under the Sub-Plan until a registration statement has been filed and become effective with respect to the issuance of the Shares covered by the Plan under the Act.

b. Insider Restrictions. The following restrictions or provisions shall apply to Sub-Plan Participants who are Section 16 officers of the Company:

1. Any withdrawal of Shares from such a Sub-Plan Participant's Account shall suspend the right of such Sub-Plan Participant to have Shares purchased under both the employee stock purchase feature of the Sub-Plan and the dividend reinvestment feature of the Sub-Plan, for a period of six (6) months;

2. Any such Sub-Plan Participant who ceases participation in the Sub-Plan or who revokes his or her authorization for payroll deduction pursuant to Section 11 of the Sub-Plan may not again participate in the Sub-Plan or authorize any additional payroll deductions, for a period of at least six (6) months;

3. Any certificates evidencing ownership of Shares purchased under the Sub-Plan for such a Sub-Plan Participant may be legended to disclose the restrictions set forth in this Section; and

4. Any such Sub-Plan Participant who wishes to withdraw or sell Shares must withdraw or sell all of such Sub-Plan Participant's Shares under the Sub-Plan.

**17. Death**. In the event of Sub-Plan Participant's death, the Administrator or Agent shall deliver his or her Shares and/or cash under the Sub-Plan to the executor or administrator of Sub-Plan Participant's estate.

**18. Section 409A**. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Sub-Plan to the contrary, in no event shall the purchase of Shares with respect to any Offering Period occur later than March 15 of the calendar year immediately following the year in which occurs the last day of that Offering Period. This Sub-Plan is intended to comply with the short-term deferral exception to Section 409A of the Code and shall be construed, administered, and governed in a manner that effects such intent.

\* \* \* \* \*

74









