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#### SOLIGENIX, INC.

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# SOLIGENIX, INC. 29 Emmons Drive, Suite C-10 Princeton, New Jersey 08540

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

June 21, 2012

#### To the Stockholders:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Soligenix, Inc., will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, 4355 US Route 1, Princeton, NJ, 08540, on Thursday, June 21, 2012, at 9:00 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time, for the following purposes, each as more fully described herein:

- 1. To elect five directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified;
- 2. To consider and approve the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which increases the number of authorized shares of our common stock from 20,000,000 to 50,000,000;
- 3. To approve an amendment to our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of common stock available for issuance under the plan by 1,250,000 shares, bringing the total shares reserved for issuance under the plan to 3,000,000 shares;
- 4. To ratify the appointment of EisnerAmper LLP as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2012; and
- 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 23, 2012 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. A list of stockholders eligible to vote at the meeting will be available for inspection at the meeting and for a period of 10 days prior to the meeting, during regular business hours, at our corporate headquarters at the address set forth above.

Information concerning the matters to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting is included in the proxy statement. Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, your vote is important. Please vote as soon as possible via either the internet, telephone or mail.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Christopher J. Schaber Christopher J. Schaber, Ph.D. President and Chief Executive Officer

Princeton, New Jersey May 11, 2012

# SOLIGENIX, INC.

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#### PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

We are furnishing this proxy statement to stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 23, 2012 in connection with the solicitation of proxies by our Board of Directors for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on June 21, 2012. This proxy statement and the form of proxy are being made available to the stockholders on or about May 11, 2012. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 (which does not form a part of the proxy solicitation materials) is being made available concurrently herewith to stockholders.

Voting Securities; Proxies; Required Vote

#### **Voting Securities**

At the Annual Meeting, each holder of record of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), at the close of business on April 23, 2012 will be entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock owned on that date as to each matter presented at the Annual Meeting. On April 23, 2012, 11,122,199 shares of Common Stock were outstanding.

#### **Proxies**

You cannot vote your shares at the meeting unless you are present in person or represented by proxy. All properly executed and unrevoked proxies that are received in time for the meeting will be voted at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof in accordance with instructions thereon, or if no instructions are given, will be voted as follows:

- 1. "FOR" the election of all of the named nominees as directors;
- 2. "FOR" the approval of the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which increases the number of authorized shares of our Common Stock from 20,000,000 shares to 50,000,000 shares;
- 3. "FOR" the approval of the amendment to our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan") to increase the maximum number of shares of our Common Stock available for issuance under the plan by 1,250,000 shares, bringing the total shares reserved for issuance under the plan to 3,000,000 shares;
- 4. "FOR" the ratification of EisnerAmper LLP as our independent auditors; and
- 5. in accordance with the judgment of the persons appointed as proxies with respect to other matters which properly come before the Annual Meeting.

You may revoke a proxy by written notice to us at any time prior to exercise of the proxy. In addition, although mere attendance at the Annual Meeting will not revoke a proxy, you may withdraw your proxy by doing so in person.

**Voting Your Proxy** 

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote your shares via Internet, telephone or mail as more fully described below:

- By Internet: Go to www.proxyvote.com and follow the instructions (have your proxy card available).
- By Telephone: Call 1-800-690-6903 and follow the voice prompts (have your proxy card available).
- By Mail: If you have received a proxy card, mark your vote, sign your name exactly as it appears on your proxy card, date your card and return it in the envelope provided.

### Required Vote

- 1. The affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the shares of Common Stock represented at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy is required for the election of directors.
- 2. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding is required to approve the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which increases the number of authorized shares of our Common Stock from 20,000,000 shares to 50,000,000 shares.
- 3. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented in person or by proxy at the meeting is required to approve the amendment to our 2005 Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of our Common Stock available for issuance under the plan by 1,250,000 shares, bringing the total shares reserved for issuance under the plan to 3,000,000 shares.
- 4. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented in person or by proxy at the meeting is required for the ratification of the appointment of EisnerAmper LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

Stockholders are not allowed to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. In voting on the election of directors, abstentions and broker non-votes (which occur when a broker holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the broker does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner) will be disregarded and not treated as votes cast and, therefore, will not affect the outcome of the election. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes against the proposal to approve the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which increases the number of authorized shares of our Common Stock from 20,000,000 shares to 50,000,000 shares. Abstentions will have the same effect as votes against the proposal (1) to approve the amendment to our 2005 Plan to increase the maximum number of shares of our Common Stock available for issuance under the plan; and (2) to ratify the appointment of EisnerAmper LLP, but broker non-votes will not be counted as votes against such proposals or as shares present or represented at the meeting.

#### Quorum

The required quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting will be a majority of the voting power of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the record date. Shares represented in person or by proxy (including shares which abstain or do not vote with respect to one or more of the matters presented for stockholder approval) will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists at the meeting.

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# PROPOSAL 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Board of Directors has nominated Christopher J. Schaber, Ph.D., Keith L. Brownlie, C.P.A., Gregg A. Lapointe, C.P.A., Robert J. Rubin, M.D., and Jerome Zeldis, M.D., Ph.D. for election to the Board of Directors.

Unless otherwise directed, the persons appointed in the form of proxy intend to vote at the Annual Meeting "FOR" the election of Dr. Schaber, Mr. Brownlie, Mr. Lapointe, Dr. Rubin, and Dr. Zeldis as directors to serve until our next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. If any nominee is unable to be a candidate when the election takes place, the shares represented by valid proxies will be voted in favor of such substitute nominee as the Board of Directors recommends or to allow the vacancy to remain open until filled by the Board of Directors, as determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors does not currently anticipate that any nominee will be unable to be a candidate for election. Each director elected to the Board of Directors will serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified, unless he or she dies, resigns or is removed from office prior to that time.

The following table contains information regarding the nominees for election to the Board of Directors.

| Name                       | Age | Position   |
|----------------------------|-----|--|
| Christopher J. Schaber,    | 15  | Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and |
| Ph.D.                      | 45  | President  |
| Keith L. Brownlie, C.P.A.  | 59  | Director   |
| Gregg A. Lapointe, C.P.A.  | 53  | Director   |
| Robert J. Rubin, M.D.      | 66  | Director   |
| Jerome Zeldis, M.D., Ph.D. | 61  | Director   |

Christopher J. Schaber, Ph.D. has over 23 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry. Dr. Schaber has been our President and Chief Executive Officer and a director since August 2006. He was appointed Chairman of the Board on October 8, 2009. He also serves on the board of directors of the Biotechnology Council of New Jersey ("BioNJ") since January 2009, and is a member of the corporate councils of both the National Organization for Rare Diseases ("NORD") and the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation since October 2009 and July 2009, respectively. Prior to joining Soligenix, Dr. Schaber served from 1998 to 2006 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Discovery Laboratories, Inc., where he was responsible for overall pipeline development and key areas of commercial operations, including regulatory affairs, quality control and assurance, manufacturing and distribution, pre-clinical and clinical research, and medical affairs, as well as coordination of commercial launch preparation activities. During his tenure at Discovery Laboratories, Inc., Dr. Schaber played a significant role in raising over \$150 million through both public offerings and private placements. From 1996 to 1998, Dr. Schaber was a co-founder of Acute Therapeutics, Inc., and served as its Vice President of Regulatory Compliance and Drug Development. From 1994 to 1996, Dr. Schaber was employed by Ohmeda PPD, Inc., as Worldwide Director of Regulatory Affairs and Operations. From 1989 to 1994, Dr. Schaber held a variety of regulatory, development and operations positions with The Liposome Company, Inc., and Elkins-Sinn Inc., a division of Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories. Dr. Schaber received his B.A. degree from Western Maryland College, his M.S. degree in Pharmaceutics from Temple University School of Pharmacy and his Ph.D. degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Union Graduate School.

Dr. Schaber was selected to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of his extensive experience in drug development and pharmaceutical operations, including his experience as an executive senior officer with our Company and Discovery Laboratories, Inc., and as a member of the board of directors of BioNJ; because of his proven

ability to raise funds and provide access to capital; and because of his advanced degrees in science and business.

Keith L. Brownlie, C.P.A. has been a director since June 2011. Mr. Brownlie currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Epicept Corporation, a publicly traded, specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the clinical development and commercialization of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of cancer and pain, a position he has held since April 2011. From 1974 to 2010, Mr. Brownlie worked with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP where he served as audit partner for numerous public companies and was the Life Sciences Industry Leader for the New York metro area where he was involved with over 100 public and private financings and M&A transactions. Mr. Brownlie received a B.S. in Accounting from Lehigh University and is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of New Jersey. Mr. Brownlie co-founded the New Jersey Entrepreneur of the Year Program and was Vice President and Trustee of the New Jersey Society of CPAs. In addition, he served as accounting advisor to the board of the Biotechnology Council of New Jersey.

Mr. Brownlie was selected to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of his vast experience as an audit partner for numerous public companies an as a director of a publicly traded specialty pharmaceutical company.

Gregg Lapointe, C.P.A. has been a director since March 2009. Mr. Lapointe has served on the Board of Directors of the Pharmaceuticals Research and Manufacturers of America and SciClone Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and has been a member of the Corporate Council of NORD for several years. He has served in varying roles for Sigma-Tau Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Sigma-Tau"), a private biopharmaceutical company, since September 2001, including Chief Operating Officer from November 2003 to April 2008 and Chief Executive Officer from April 2008 to March 2012. From May 1996 to August 2001, he served as Vice President of Operations and Vice President, Controller of AstenJohnson, Inc. (formerly JWI Inc.). Prior to that, Mr. Lapointe spent several years in the Canadian medical products industry in both distribution and manufacturing. Mr. Lapointe began his career at Price Waterhouse. Mr. Lapointe received his B.A. degree in Commerce from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada, a graduate diploma in Accountancy from McGill University and his M.B.A. degree from Duke University. He is a C.P.A. in the state of Illinois and a Chartered Accountant in Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Lapointe was selected to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of his significant experience in the areas of global strategic planning and implementation, business development, corporate finance, and acquisitions, and his experience as an executive officer and board member in the pharmaceutical medical products industries.

Robert J. Rubin, M.D. has been a director since October 2009. Dr. Rubin has also been a clinical professor of medicine at Georgetown University since 1995. From 1987 to 2001, he was president of the Lewin Group (purchased by Quintiles Transnational Corp. in 1996), an international health policy and management consulting firm. From 1994 to 1996, Dr. Rubin served as Medical Director of ValueRx, a pharmaceutical benefits company. From 1992 to 1996, Dr. Rubin served as President of Lewin-VHI, a health care consulting company. From 1987 to 1992, he served as President of Lewin-ICF, a health care consulting company. From 1984 to 1987, Dr. Rubin served as a principal of ICF, Inc., a health care consulting company. From 1981 to 1984, Dr. Rubin served as the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services and as an Assistant Surgeon General in the United States Public Health Service. Dr. Rubin has served on the board of CardioNet, Inc. since 2007. He is a board certified nephrologist and internist. Dr. Rubin received an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Williams College and his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College.

Dr. Rubin was selected to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of his vast experience in the health care industry, including his experience as a nephrologist, internist, clinical professor of medicine and Assistant Surgeon General, and his business experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

Jerome Zeldis, M.D., Ph.D. has been a director since June 2011. Dr. Zeldis is currently Chief Executive Officer of Celgene Global Health and Chief Medical Officer of Celgene Corporation, a publicly traded, fully integrated biopharmaceutical company, where he has been employed since 1997. From September 1994 to February 1997, Dr. Zeldis worked at Sandoz Research Institute and the Janssen Research Institute in both clinical research and medical development. He has been a board member of several biotechnology companies and is currently on the boards of the NJ Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, and the Castleman's Disease Organization. Additionally, he has served as Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School (July 1987 to September 1988), Associate Professor of Medicine at University of California, Davis (September 1988 to September 1994), Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Cornell Medical School (January 1995 to December 2003) and Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (July 1998 to June 2010). Dr. Zeldis received a B.A. and an M.S. from Brown University, and an M. Phil., an M.D., and a Ph.D. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale University. Dr. Zeldis trained in Internal Medicine at the UCLA Center for the Health Sciences and in Gastroenterology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. He has published 116 peer reviewed articles and 24 reviews, book chapters, and editorials.

Dr. Zeldis was selected to serve as a member of our Board of Directors because of his experience as an executive officer of a publicly traded biopharmaceutical company and in clinical research and medical development, and his experience in the health care industry, including his experience as an internist, gastroenterologist and professor of medicine.

Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the election of all of the nominees listed above.

#### **Board Leadership Structure**

Our Board of Directors believes that Dr. Schaber's service as both our Chairman of our Board of Directors and our Chief Executive Officer is in the best interest of our Company and our stockholders. Dr. Schaber possesses detailed and in-depth knowledge of the issues, opportunities and challenges facing our Company and our business and, therefore, is best positioned to develop agendas that ensure that the Board of Directors' time and attention are focused on the most important matters. His combined role enables decisive leadership, ensures clear accountability, and enhances our ability to communicate our message and strategy clearly and consistently to our stockholders, employees, and collaborative partners.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Brownlie, Mr. Lapointe, Dr. Rubin, and Dr. Zeldis, each of whom is nominated for election as a director, and Ms. Howson and Mr. Thompson, who are not standing for re-election, are "independent" as such term is defined by the applicable listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ"). Our Board of Directors based this determination primarily on a review of the responses of the directors to questionnaires regarding their employment, affiliations and family and other relationships. The Board of Directors believes that independent directors provide effective oversight of management. Moreover, in addition to feedback provided during the course of meetings of the Board of Directors, independent directors hold executive sessions. Following an executive session of independent directors, independent directors report back to the full Board of Directors regarding any specific feedback or issues, provide the Chairman with input regarding agenda items for Board of Directors and Committee meetings, and coordinate with the Chairman regarding information to be provided to independent directors in performing their duties. The Board of Directors believes that this approach appropriately and effectively complements the combined Chairman/Chief Executive Officer structure. If all of the nominees for director are elected at the Annual Meeting, four of the five directors on our Board of Directors will be "independent" as such term is defined by the applicable listing standards of NASDAQ.

Although the Company believes that the combination of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer roles is appropriate under the current circumstances, our corporate governance guidelines do not establish this approach as a policy, and the Board of Directors may determine that it is more appropriate to separate the roles in the future.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

We are required to identify each person who was an officer, director or beneficial owner of more than 10% of our registered equity securities during our most recent fiscal year and who failed to file on a timely basis reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

To our knowledge, based solely on review of these filings and written representations from the certain reporting persons, we believe that during the year ended December 31, 2011, our officers, directors and significant stockholders have timely filed the appropriate form under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act.

Corporate Governance

Pursuant to our Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws, our business and affairs are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors are kept informed of our business through discussions with senior management, by reviewing materials provided to them and by participating in meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees.

The Board of Directors held ten meetings in 2011, and each director who served as a director during 2011, attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and each of the committees on which he or she served, except for Tamar Howson who was unavailable to attend three meetings of the Board of Directors.

We typically schedule a meeting of the Board of Directors in conjunction with our Annual Meeting and expect that all directors will attend, absent a valid reason, such as a scheduled conflict. Last year, all of the individuals then serving as directors attended the Annual Meeting in person.

The Board of Directors has the following three committees: (1) Compensation, (2) Audit and (3) Nominating and Corporate Governance. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for each of these committees, which are available on our website at www.soligenix.com under the "Investors" section.

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to all of our executive officers and senior financial officers (including our chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, controller, and any person performing similar functions). A copy of our code of ethics is publicly available on our website at www.soligenix.com under the "Investors" section. If we make any substantive amendments to our code of ethics or grant any waiver, including any implicit waiver, from a provision of the code to our chief executive officer, chief financial officer or chief accounting officer, we will disclose the nature of such amendment or waiver in a Current Report on Form 8-K.

### **Compensation Committee**

The Board of Directors has a Compensation Committee, which is comprised of Dr. Rubin (Chair), Ms. Howson and Mr. Thompson. After the Annual Meeting, the Compensation Committee will be comprised of Dr. Rubin (Chair), Mr. Brownlie and Dr. Zeldis.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the executive compensation program, assessing executive performance, making grants of salary and annual incentive compensation and approving certain employment agreements. The Board of Directors has determined that Dr. Rubin, Ms. Howson and Mr. Thompson are "independent" directors, as such term is defined by the applicable NASDAQ listing standards. The Compensation Committee met two times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Board of Directors has a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee ("Nominating Committee"), which is comprised of Mr. Lapointe (Chair), Ms. Howson and Dr. Zeldis. After the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee will be comprised of Dr. Zeldis (Chair), Mr. Brownlie and Mr. Lapointe.

The Nominating Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the size and composition of the Board of Directors, establishes procedures for the nomination process, recommends candidates for election to the Board of Directors and nominates officers for election by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Brownlie, Mr. Lapointe, Ms. Howson and Dr. Zeldis are "independent" directors, as such term is defined by the applicable NASDAQ listing standards. The Nominating Committee met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

In considering candidates for the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee considers the entirety of each candidate's credentials and does not have any specific minimum qualifications that must be met by a nominee. However, the Nominating Committee believes that all members of the Board of Directors should have the highest character and integrity, a reputation for working constructively with others, sufficient time to devote to Board matters, and no conflict of interest that would interfere with performance as a director. In the case of current directors being

considered for nomination, the Nominating Committee also takes into account the director's history of attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors or its committees, the director's tenure as a member of the Board of Directors, and the director's preparation for and participation in such meetings.

We do not have a formal diversity policy or set of guidelines in selecting and appointing directors that comprise our Board of Directors. However, when making recommendations to our Board of Directors regarding the size and composition of our Board of Directors, our Nominating Committee does consider each individual director's qualifications, skills, business experience and capacity to serve as a director and the diversity of these attributes for the Board of Directors as a whole.

Stockholders who wish to suggest qualified candidates should write to the Office of the Secretary, Soligenix, Inc., 29 Emmons Drive, Suite C-10, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, specifying the name of the candidates and stating in detail the qualifications of such persons for consideration by the Nominating Committee. A written statement from the candidate consenting to be named as a candidate and, if nominated and elected, to serve as a director should accompany any such recommendation. Stockholders who wish to nominate a director for election at an Annual Meeting of Stockholders must otherwise comply with our By-laws regarding stockholder proposals and nominations. See "Deadline for Stockholder Proposals" contained herein.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, which is comprised of Keith L. Brownlie (Chair), Robert J. Rubin and Virgil D. Thompson. After the Annual Meeting, the Audit Committee will be comprised of Mr. Brownlie (Chair), Mr. Lapointe and Dr. Rubin.

The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in monitoring the financial reporting process, the internal control structure and the independence and performance of the internal audit department and the independent public accountants. Its primary duties are to serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the financial process and internal control system, to review and appraise the audit effort of the independent accountants and to provide an open avenue of communication among the independent accountants, financial and senior management, and the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Brownlie, Mr. Lapointe, Dr. Rubin and Mr. Thompson are "independent" directors, within the meaning of applicable listing standards of NASDAQ and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. Mr. Brownlie qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined in the applicable regulations of the Exchange Act. The Audit Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

The Audit Committee submits the following report for the year ended December 31, 2011:

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with both management and the outside auditors the audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011. The Audit Committee's review included discussion with the outside auditors of matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, Communication with Audit Committees, as amended, by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by Independence Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees, as amended, by the Independence Standards Board, and has discussed with the independent auditors matters relating to the auditors' independence.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements referred to above be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 for filing with the SEC.

Submitted by the Audit Committee,

/s/ Keith L. Brownlie (Chair of Audit Committee)
/s/ Robert J. Rubin
/s/ Virgil D. Thompson

### Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders or other interested parties may communicate with the Board of Directors by sending a letter to Soligenix, Inc. Board of Directors, c/o The Office of the Secretary, Soligenix, Inc., 29 Emmons Drive, Suite C-10, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. The Office of the Secretary will receive the correspondence and forward it to the director(s) to whom the communication is addressed.

# **Executive Compensation**

The following table contains information concerning the compensation paid during each of the two years ended December 31, 2011 to our Chief Executive Officer and each of the four other most highly compensated executive officers during 2011 (collectively, the "Named Executive Officers").

| Name                       | Position               | Year               | ar Salary |          | Bonus             | Option<br>Awards |                   | All Other<br>Compensation |                  | Total    |                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Christopher J.<br>Schaber1 | CEO & President        | 2011 \$<br>2010 \$ | <b>1</b>  | \$<br>\$ | 50,000<br>100,000 | \$<br>\$         | 68,400<br>408,908 | \$<br>\$                  | 35,529<br>27,529 | \$<br>\$ | 455,529<br>887,419 |
| Evan<br>Myrianthopoulos2   | Former CFO & Senior VP | 2011 \$<br>2010    | 242,500   | \$       | 25,000            | \$               | 34,200            | \$                        | 35,529           | \$       | 303,029            |