### ESPEY MFG. & ELECTRONICS CORP.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD DECEMBER 6, 2024

October 25, 2024

*To the Shareholders of* ESPEY MFG. & ELECTRONICS CORP.:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Espey Mfg. & Electronics Corp., which will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, 86 Congress Street, Saratoga Springs, New York, on December 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect as Class A Directors to serve for a three year term expiring at the 2027 Annual Meeting or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualify, the two nominees named in the attached proxy statement; and
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. as the Company's independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

No other business may be transacted at the meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on October 17, 2024, as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, said meeting or any adjournment thereof. The books for transfer of the Company's capital stock will not be closed.

Even if you expect to attend the meeting in person, it is urged by the Company that you mark, sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy. The proxy may be revoked at any time before it is voted and shareholders who execute proxies may nevertheless attend the meeting and vote their shares in person. Every properly signed proxy will be voted as specified unless previously revoked.

Voting will be permitted only by proxy or by attending the meeting and providing the Corporate Secretary in advance with a legal proxy from an intermediary, if your shares are not owned by you directly.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Peggy A. Murphy Corporate Secretary

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD DECEMBER 6, 2024:

This notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement and accompanying Annual Report to the Shareholders are available at our website at http://www.espey.com.

Please make your selection and sign and date the enclosed proxy and mail it promptly in the accompanying pre-addressed, postage-free envelope.

## ESPEY MFG. & ELECTRONICS CORP. 233 Ballston Avenue Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

#### PROXY STATEMENT

The enclosed proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of Espey Mfg. & Electronics Corp. (the "Company") for use in voting at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company to be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, 86 Congress Street, Saratoga Springs, New York, on December 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, and at any postponement or adjournment thereof, for the purposes set forth in the attached Notice of Meeting. It is anticipated that the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, this Proxy Statement and the form of proxy will be mailed on or about October 25, 2024.

#### **VOTING AND REVOCABILITY OF PROXIES**

Every properly dated, executed and returned proxy will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions of the shareholder. If no specific instructions are given, the shares represented by such proxy will be voted (i) FOR the election of the Class A Directors nominated by the Board of Directors, for a three year term, and (ii) FOR ratification of the appointment of Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. as the Company's independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Any shareholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time prior to the voting thereof by voting in person at the Annual Meeting, by giving written notice to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting, or by signing and delivering a new proxy card bearing a later date. The Company's only class of voting securities is its Common Stock, par value \$.33-1/3 per share (the "Common Stock"). Each share of Common Stock outstanding on the record date will be entitled to one vote on all matters. In accordance with the Company's By-Laws and applicable state law, the election of directors will be determined by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of Common Stock present and entitled to vote thereon, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting. Shares present which are properly withheld as to voting with respect to any one or more nominees, and shares present with respect to which a broker indicates that it does not have authority to vote ("broker non-votes") will not be counted. Cumulative voting in connection with the election of directors is not permitted.

Please note that in accordance with rules of the New York State Stock Exchange governing brokers, the election of directors (Proposal No. 1), is a "non-discretionary" item. Shares which are held in a brokerage account as to which the broker does not receive instructions on how to vote with respect to this item may not be voted with respect to this proposal and those votes will be counted as "broker non-votes."

What are Broker Non-Votes? Broker non-votes are shares held in the street name by a broker that the broker has no discretionary authority to vote. Brokers do not have authority to vote on matters considered to be non-routine unless they have received instructions from the beneficial owners of the shares.

The affirmative vote of shares representing a majority of the votes cast by the holders of shares present and entitled to vote is required to approve the ratification of the appointment of the independent accountants.

Shares which are voted to abstain and broker non-votes are not counted as votes cast on any matter to which they relate.

The By-Laws of the Company provide that the majority of the shares of the Common Stock of the Company issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Shares which are voted to abstain are considered as present at the Annual Meeting for the purposes of determining a quorum. Broker non-votes are considered as present at the Annual Meeting for the purposes of determining a quorum.

### RECORD DATE AND SHARE OWNERSHIP

Only holders of Common Stock of record on the books of the Company at the close of business on October 17, 2024, will be entitled to vote at the meeting. There were 2,789,098 shares of Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote on October 17, 2024.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, provides that the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine persons with the actual number determined in accordance with the Company's By-Laws. The Certificate of Incorporation further provides that there shall be three classes of directors (Class A, Class B and Class C) with overlapping three-year terms and that all classes shall be as nearly equal in number as possible.

The term of two Class A Directors expires at the Annual Meeting. There is also presently one Class B Director, whose term expires at the 2025 Annual Meeting, and two Class C Directors, whose terms expire at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and has nominated Carl Helmetag and David A. O'Neil, each of whom is currently a director, to stand for election as Class A Directors.

The votes will be cast pursuant to the enclosed proxy for the election of the Class A nominees named unless specification is made withholding such authority. Should either of said nominees become unavailable, which is not anticipated, the proxies named in the enclosed proxy will vote for the election of such other person as the Board of Directors may recommend. Proxies may not be voted for a greater number of persons than the nominees named.

The names and business experience for the past five years of the persons who have been nominated by the Board of Directors to stand for election as directors at the Annual Meeting, and the remaining directors whose terms are continuing until the 2025 or 2026 Annual Meeting appear below.

The Board has determined that all of the Board members with the exception of David A. O'Neil, are independent in accordance with the listing standards of the NYSE American and the By-Laws of the Company.

The independent members of the Board met five times during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, incidental to each regularly scheduled Board of Directors, with no members of management present.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES FOR CLASS A DIRECTOR.

<u>Name</u>	Age	Offices and Positions Held With <u>Company</u>	Principal Occupation or Employment	Period to Date Served as Director
Carl Helmetag	76	Chair of the Board	An independent business consultant working for profit and non-profit entities. Mr. Helmetag has a MBA from The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania and a BA in Economics from the University of Wisconsin. He is on the Board of Managers, Chair of the Audit Committee, and Treasurer of the Providence Art Club.	1999
David A. O'Neil	59	President and CEO	President and CEO since January 1, 2022. He previously served as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company from January 4, 2000, and Executive Vice President from December 2, 2016. Mr. O'Neil served as Interim President and CEO from June 2, 2014 until January 31, 2015. Prior to joining the Company, he was a Senior Manager at the accounting firm KPMG LLP.	2018

# CONTINUING CLASS B DIRECTOR – SERVING FOR A THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING AT THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	Offices and Positions Held With Company	Principal Occupation or Employment	Period to Date Served as Director
Nancy K. Patzwahl	58		Certified Public Accountant employed as a principal at UHY Advisors NY, Inc. since January 2020. Previously she was a shareholder in the Hudson, NY accounting firm of Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs PC from 1997 through 2019 and a Senior Manager in Albany, NY with KPMG LLP. She has over 25 years of board experience, serving on both non-profit and forprofit boards and serving as chair of board audit committees.	2022

# CONTINUING CLASS C DIRECTORS – SERVING FOR A THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING AT THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING.

<u>Name</u>	Age	Offices and Positions Held With Company	Principal Occupation or Employment	Period to Date Served as Director
Paul J. Corr	80		Certified Public Accountant who was a Principal at Capital Financial Advisors of New York, LLC, Clifton Park, NY from 2003 through 2021. From 2016 through 2021 he was Visiting Associate Professor of Management and Business at Skidmore College where he taught financial accounting theory and financial analysis. He originally retired from Skidmore College in May 2007 where he had taught since 1981. Mr. Corr was also a shareholder in the Clifton Park, NY accounting firm of Rutnik & Corr, P.C. from July 1999 through August 2011, and he had practiced as a certified public accountant for many years prior to 1999.	1992
Michael Wool	78		Attorney engaged in private practice of law and senior partner since 1982 in the law firm of Langrock, Sperry & Wool, with offices in Burlington, VT and Middlebury, VT. Mr. Wool also serves on the board of the New England Board of Higher Education as former Chair, Honorary Commander 158th Fighter Wing, Vermont Air National Guard and as a Director Emeritus of the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, VT.	1990

None of the directors holds a directorship in any other company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Securities Act of 1933 or any company registered as an Investment Company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUALIFICATIONS**

The Board of Directors believes that with respect to current Board members, a demonstration of dedicated commitment to the responsibilities of a director is a leading criteria for assessing such person's qualifications for continued service on the Board. The Board will also consider a nominee's relationship to the Company and the following skill sets and experience in evaluating Board candidates: industry experience, corporate management experience, financial acumen, international sales experience, mergers and acquisition experience and, corporate governance experience.

The specific experiences, qualifications, attributes and skills of the nominee for director and the individuals continuing as directors are as follows:

Director Nominees

Mr. Helmetag has a very strong business leadership, financial management and strategic planning background through his long career as a senior executive in several corporations. His personal experience in business

development, economic conditions and financial issues is an invaluable resource for the Board on a myriad of matters it must consider from time to time.

Mr. O'Neil is the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and through his day-to-day involvement in all aspects of the Company's operations provides a vital link between senior management personnel and the general oversight and policy setting responsibilities of the Board. He has served as a Company Officer since 2000. Mr. O'Neil is integrally involved with the Company's strategic business development plans, bids for new business, and the administration of the Company's relationships with long-term customers.

#### Continuing Directors

Ms. Patzwahl's experience as a certified public accountant, and service as chairs on board audit committees, brings strong financial skills to the Board, is an invaluable resource for the Board for financial risk assessment, and qualifies her to be an Audit Committee financial expert for the Company.

Mr. Corr's experience as a certified public accountant, investment advisor and professor of management and business at Skidmore College teaching accounting theory, financial analysis, and finance, brings strong financial skills to the Board and qualifies him as an Audit Committee financial expert and the person on the Board responsible for risk assessment oversight.

Mr. Wool is a business and tax lawyer with over fifty years of experience advising a broad range of clients in a broad spectrum of business, tax, governmental, commercial, corporate governance, and transactional matters. He provides valuable insight and legal advice to the Espey Board and to senior management upon request, in its deliberations and consideration of strategic initiatives including potential business combinations and acquisitions, employee and executive compensation matters, advice and analysis concerning contractual matters, corporate governance matters and other legal issues. Mr. Wool played a key role in the design and adoption, amendments, administration, ongoing compliance and new transactions of the Espey Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") and consults with management concerning the plan's ongoing operation.

#### OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The only individuals currently considered an executive officer of the Company not previously identified are:

Katrina L. Sparano, 54, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since January 1, 2022, and previously Assistant Treasurer and Principal Accounting Officer of the Company since November 12, 2004. Ms. Sparano served as Interim Principal Financial Officer from June 2, 2014 until January 31, 2015. Ms. Sparano is a Certified Public Accountant. Prior to joining the Company on July 29, 2004, she was the Assistant Controller for Cambridge Heart, Inc.

Jennifer M. Pickering, 46, Chief Human Resource Officer and Assistant Corporate Secretary since June 6, 2024. Prior to joining the company on April 8, 2024, she was a Senior Director, Human Resources for GlobalFoundries.

The terms of office of all executive officers are until the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors unless successors are sooner appointed by the Board of Directors.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

During the Company's fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Board of Directors held a total of five (5) meetings, and each director then in office attended at least 75% of such meetings. Under the policies of the Board, Directors are expected to attend regular Board meetings, Board committee meetings, as applicable, and the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The Board has a standing Audit Committee whose members are Paul J. Corr, Chair, Nancy K. Patzwahl, and Michael Wool. The functions of this Committee include reviewing the engagement of the independent accountants, the scope and timing of the audit and any non-audit services to be rendered by the independent accountants, reviewing

with the independent accountants and management the Company's policies and procedures with respect to internal auditing, accounting and financial controls, and reviewing the report of the independent accounting firm upon completion of its audit. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Audit Committee held five (5) meetings, and each Committee member attended at least 75% of such meetings.

The Board has a standing Nominating Committee whose members are Carl Helmetag, Chair, Michael Wool, and Paul J. Corr. The function of this Committee is to identify and recommend to the Board individuals for nomination to fill vacancies in, and for re-nomination to, positions as Directors of the Company. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Nominating Committee held two (2) meetings and each Committee member attended such meetings.

The Board of Directors has a standing Compensation Committee whose members are Michael Wool, Chair, and Carl Helmetag. The functions of this Committee include recommending to the full Board all compensation programs applicable to executive officers including terms of employment, salaries paid to executive officers, the compensation paid to non-employee directors and the grant of all forms of bonuses and stock-based compensation, including to whom, and the time or times at which, options or stock awards will be granted, the number of shares of common stock that underlie each grant and the exercise price and vesting schedules. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Compensation Committee held four (4) meetings and each Committee member attended such meetings.

The Board also has a Succession Committee, the members of which are Paul J. Corr, and Michael Wool, and a Legal Affairs Committee, Strategic Planning and M&A Committee ("Legal Affairs Committee"), the members of which are Michael Wool, and David O'Neil.

Board Independence - The Board has determined that all of the members of the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee meet the independence criteria for audit committee and nominating committee members as set forth in the listing standards of the NYSE American. The Board has further determined that Mr. Corr qualifies as an audit committee financial expert in accordance with the rules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

Board Leadership - The Board of Directors has not designated an individual as the lead independent director. Rather, the Board will designate one of its independent directors to act as a lead director on an ad hoc basis, taking into account the nature of the matter being addressed and the applicable skill set required.

Risk Oversight and Cybersecurity - The Board oversees the Company's processes to manage risk and the Company's cybersecurity program, and has delegated the primary responsibility for reviewing policies with respect to risk assessment, risk management and cybersecurity to the Audit Committee. Management is responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of the risk management processes and cybersecurity program. The Audit Committee consults with the Company's Director of Information Technology regarding ongoing cybersecurity initiatives, and requests such individual, together with senior management, to report to the Audit Committee or the full Board regularly on their assessment of operational, financial and accounting, competitive, reputational, cybersecurity and legal risks to the Company.

### NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Company employees who also serve on the Company's Board of Directors do not receive director's fees. The non-employee Directors receive an annual fee of \$71,000 for being a member of the Board of Directors. The current annual fee became effective on October 1, 2024. Prior thereto, the annual fee was \$65,000.

Each Director who also serves as a member of the Audit Committee is compensated an additional annual fee of \$2,500, with the exception of the Chair who is compensated an additional annual fee of \$5,000. Each Director who serves as a member of the Compensation Committee or the Legal Affairs Committee is compensated an additional

annual fee of \$2,500 for each committee. Mr. Wool, the Chair of the Company's ESOP Committee, is compensated an additional annual fee of \$2,500. These fees are paid in monthly installments to the Directors.

The following table sets forth the compensation of the Company's non-employee Directors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

	Fees Earned or	Option	
Name	Paid Cash \$	Awards (1) \$	Total \$
Paul J. Corr	\$70,000	\$9,269	\$79,269
Carl Helmetag	\$67,500	\$9,269	\$76,769
Nancy K. Patzwahl	\$67,500	\$9,269	\$76,769
Michael Wool	\$75,000	\$9,269	\$84,269

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the aggregate grant date fair value dollar amount computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For information concerning the assumptions made in the valuation of awards, see Note 11 of the Company's financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

The non-employee Directors held the following unexercised options at June 30, 2024:

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options # Exercisable (b)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options # Unexercisable (a)	Option Exercise Price \$	Option Expiration Date
Paul J. Corr	1,600 2,000 2,400 2,242 2,550 2,550 2,300	2,300 2,300	\$26.09 \$26.25 \$21.75 \$27.21 \$20.50 \$18.05 \$13.98 \$13.61 \$16.54	06/12/2025 12/02/2026 10/10/2027 12/07/2028 12/06/2029 10/21/2030 12/10/2031 08/01/2032 09/08/2033
Carl Helmetag	1,600 1,600 2,000 1,842 2,150 2,150 2,300	2,300 2,300	\$26.09 \$26.25 \$21.75 \$27.21 \$20.50 \$18.05 \$13.98 \$13.61 \$16.54	06/12/2025 12/02/2026 10/10/2027 12/07/2028 12/06/2029 10/21/2030 12/10/2031 08/01/2032 09/08/2033
Michael Wool	1,600 1,600 2,000 1,842 2,150 2,150 2,300	2,300 2,300	\$26.09 \$26.25 \$21.75 \$27.21 \$20.50 \$18.05 \$13.98 \$13.61 \$16.54	06/12/2025 12/02/2026 10/10/2027 12/07/2028 12/06/2029 10/21/2030 12/10/2031 08/01/2032 09/08/2033
Nancy K. Patzwahl		2,300	\$16.54	09/08/2033

<sup>(</sup>a) Unexercisable options vest as follows: Options with an expiration date of August 1, 2032 vest of August 1, 2024. Options with an expiration date of September 8, 2033 vest on September 8, 2025.

### COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table summarizes the annual compensation for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 received by the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and one other highly compensated executive officer who received over \$100,000 in total compensation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (collectively, the "Named Executive Officers"):

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary \$	Bonus \$	Option Awards (1) \$	All Other Compensation (2) \$	Total \$
David O'Neil President and Chief Executive Officer	2024 2023	\$306,025 \$282,668	\$280,000 \$125,000	\$20,150 \$20,550	\$15,789 \$13,570	\$621,964 \$441,788
Katrina Sparano Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	2024 2023	\$190,173 \$180,908	\$45,000 \$30,000	\$20,150 \$20,550	\$13,025 \$11,043	\$268,348 \$242,501

- (1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value dollar amount computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For information concerning the assumptions made in the valuation of awards, see Note 11 of the Company's financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.
- (2) All other compensation includes (i) the value of shares of the Company's common stock allocated to the Named Executive Officers' accounts in the Company's ESOP and, (ii) the Company's matching contributions to the Company 401(k) Plan, as set forth below. Dividends are paid on allocated shares in the Company's ESOP at the same time and rate and in the same form as dividends paid on common shares generally. ESOP shares allocated to the Named Executive Officers' accounts vest in accordance with the terms of the plan. At June 30, 2024, Mr. O'Neil and Ms. Sparano were 100% and 100% vested respectively.

Name	Year	Value of allocated Shares in Company ESOP (\$)	Company Contributions to 401(k) Plan (\$)	Total
David O'Neil	2024	\$12,765	\$3,024	\$15,789
	2023	\$10,782	\$2,788	\$13,570
Katrina Sparano	2024	\$12,765	\$260	\$13,025
	2023	\$10,783	\$260	\$11,043

The following table sets forth information concerning outstanding equity awards held by the Company's Named Executive Officers at fiscal year-end June 30, 2024:

### OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR END

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options # Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options # Unexercisable (a)	Option Exercise Price \$	Option Expiration Date
David O'Neil	2,000		\$26.09	06/12/2025
	2,250		\$26.25	12/02/2026
	2,925		\$21.75	10/10/2027
	2,500		\$27.21	12/07/2028
	2,500		\$20.50	12/06/2029
	3,750		\$18.05	10/21/2030
	6,000		\$14.87	07/01/2031
		5,000	\$13.61	08/01/2032
		5,000	\$16.54	09/08/2033
Katrina Sparano	1,750		\$26.09	06/12/2025
•	1,500		\$26.25	12/02/2026
	1,950		\$21.75	10/10/2027
	1,950		\$27.21	12/07/2028
	1,950		\$20.50	12/06/2029
	2,500		\$18.05	10/21/2030
	5,000		\$14.87	07/01/2031
		5,000	\$13.61	08/01/2032
		5,000	\$16.54	09/08/2033

(a) Unexercisable options vest as follows: Options with an expiration date of August 1, 2032 vest of August 1, 2024. Options with an expiration date of September 8, 2033 vest on September 8, 2025.

#### PAY VERSUS PERFORMANCE

In accordance with rules adopted by the SEC pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, as such rules apply to smaller reporting companies, we are providing the following disclosure regarding the relationship between executive compensation and our financial performance for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2022. In determining the "compensation actually paid" to our Named Executive Officers ("NEOs"), the SEC rules require us to make various adjustments to amounts reported in the Summary Compensation Table because the SEC's valuation methods for this disclosure differ from those required in the Summary Compensation Table. The table below summarizes compensation values reported in our Summary Compensation Table, as well as the adjusted values required in the "pay versus performance" disclosure by the SEC rules.

Year	Summary Compensation Table Total for David O'Neil (1) (2)	Compensation Actually Paid to David O'Neil (1) (2) (4)	Compensation Actually Paid to Patrick T. Enright, Jr. (1) (2) (4)	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO NEOs (2)	Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs (2) (4)	Initial Fixed \$100 Investment Based on Total Shareholder Return (3)	Net Income (in thousands)
2024	\$621,964	\$651,079	N/A	\$268,348	\$297,463	\$148	\$5,815
2023	\$441,788	\$456,905	\$69,250	\$211,822	\$222,410	\$114	\$3,677
2022	\$170,667	\$159,936	\$345,223	\$214,417	\$205,536	\$96	\$1,265

Value of

- Ouring fiscal year 2022, Mr. Enright served as our Principal Executive Officer from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Mr. O'Neil has served as our Principal Executive Officer since January 1, 2022. The compensation listed for Mr. O'Neil for fiscal year end June 30, 2022 represents the compensation paid to Mr. O'Neil as a PEO.
- (2) Our Principal Executive Officer ("PEO") and the remaining Named Executive Officers for the relevant fiscal year, as determined under SEC rules are as follows:

Year	Current PEO	Former PEO	Non-PEO NEO
2024	David O'Neil		Katrina Sparano
2023	David O'Neil		Katrina Sparano, Peggy Murphy
2022	David O'Neil (Jan 1 – Jun 30)	Patrick T. Enright, Jr. (July 1 – Dec 31)	David O'Neil (July 1 – Dec 31); Katrina Sparano (Jan 1- June 30); Peggy Murphy

The compensation actually paid to Mr. Enright includes \$142,788 for fiscal year 2022 and \$69,250 for fiscal year 2023, paid to him in accordance with this separation agreement. The average compensation actually paid to non-PEO NEOs for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 includes compensation actually paid to Peggy A. Murphy of \$183,849 and \$181,143 for each of such years respectively. Ms. Murphy was a Named Executive Officer for each of such years, but is not a Named Executive Officer for fiscal year 2024.

- (3) Total Shareholder Return amounts assume an initial fixed investment of \$100 in the earliest year presented in the chart, and that all dividends, if any, were reinvested. The measurement date as of the applicable fiscal year end.
- (4) Deductions from, and additions to, total compensation as reported in the Summary Compensation Table by year to calculate compensation actually paid as follows:

	<u>2022</u>		<u>20</u>	023	<u>2024</u>		
	Current PEO	Former PEO	Average Non- PEO NEOs	Current PEO	Average Non-PEO NEOs (1)	Current PEO	Average Non- PEO NEOs
Deduction for Amounts Reported under the "Stock Awards" and "Option Awards" Columns in the Summary Compensation Table for Applicable FY	(\$22,380)	(\$22,380)	(\$20,515)	(\$20,550)	(\$10,275)	(\$20,150)	(\$20,150)
Increase based on ASC 718 Fair Value of Awards Granted during Applicable FY that Remain Unvested as of Applicable FY End, determined as of Applicable FY End	\$22,704	\$0	\$20,812	\$28,315	\$14,158	\$35,550	\$35,550

Increase (deduction) for Awards Granted during Prior FY that were Outstanding and Unvested as of Applicable FY End, determined based on change in ASC 718 Fair Value from Prior FY End to Applicable FY End \$0 \$6,936 \$6,358 \$13,715 \$13,715 (\$4,058) (\$3,381)Increase (deduction) for Awards Granted during Prior FY that Vested During Applicable FY, determined based on change in ASC 718 Fair Value from Prior FY End to Vesting Date (\$1,035) (\$828) \$416 \$347 \$0 \$0 (\$1,656) Deduction of ASC 718 Fair Value of Awards Granted during Prior FY that were Forfeited during Applicable FY, determined as of Prior FY End \$0 (\$16,032) \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS (\$4,769) (\$40,068) (\$3,912)\$15,117 \$10,588 \$29,115 \$29,115

<sup>(1)</sup> Other Named Executive Officers (NEOs) represents compensation of the sole NEO for fiscal year 2024, and the average compensation of the NEOs identified above for fiscal years 2023 and 2022.

Year	Executive(s)	Summary Compensation Table Total (\$)	Subtract Stock Awards (\$)	Add Year-End Equity Value (\$)	Change in Value of Prior Equity Awards (\$)	Add Change in Value of Vested Equity Awards (\$)	Subtract Value of Equity Awards that Failed to Meet Vesting Conditions (\$)	Compensation Actually Paid (\$)
2024	Mr. O'Neil	\$621,964	(\$20,150)	\$35,550	\$13,715	\$0	\$0	\$651,079
	Other NEO	\$268,348	(\$20,150)	\$35,550	\$13,715	\$0	\$0	\$297,463
2023	Mr. O'Neil	\$441,788	(\$20,550)	\$28,315	\$6,936	\$416	\$0	\$456,905
	Mr. Enright	\$69,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,250
	Other NEOs (1)	\$211,822	(\$10,275)	\$14,158	\$6,358	\$347	\$0	\$222,410
2022	Mr. O'Neil	\$170,667	(\$22,380)	\$22,704	(\$10,020)	(\$1,035)	\$0	\$159,936
	Mr. Enright	\$385,291	(\$22,380)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,656)	(\$16,032)	\$345,223
	Other NEOs (1)	\$214,417	(\$20,515)	\$20,812	(8,350)	(\$828)	\$0	\$205,536

<sup>(1)</sup> Other Named Executive Officers (NEOs) represent average compensation of the sole NEO for fiscal year 2024, and the average compensation of the NEOs identified above for fiscal years 2023 and 2022.

### SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets forth information as of June 30, 2024 with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company may be issued:

#### **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of Securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plan (excluding securities reflected in Column (a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	322,056	\$18.41	80,969
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			<u></u>
Total	322,056		80,969

#### **INSURANCE**

The executive officers of the Company can elect to be covered under the company-sponsored medical health plans, which do not discriminate in favor of the officers of the Company and which are available generally to all employees. In addition, the executive officers are covered under a group life plan, which does not discriminate, and is available to all employees.

The Company maintains insurance coverage, as authorized by Section 726 of the New York Business Corporation Law, providing for (a) reimbursement of the Company for payments it makes to indemnify officers and directors of the Company, and (b) payment on behalf of officers and directors of the Company for losses, costs and expenses incurred by such individuals in any actions.

#### EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

Under the Company's ESOP, approved by the Board of Directors on June 2, 1989, effective July 1, 1988, all non-union employees of the Company, including the Company's executive officers and non-executive officers are eligible to participate. The ESOP is a non-contributory plan, which is designed to invest primarily in shares of common stock of the Company. Certain technical amendments not considered material were adopted effective as of June 10, 1994, July 1, 2003, July 1, 2005, July 1, 2016, and January 1, 2020.

Of the 451,132.04 shares of common stock of the Company allocated to participants of the ESOP as of June 30, 2024, 19,914 shares were allocated to Mr. O'Neil and 8,068 shares were allocated to Ms. Sparano. Mr. O'Neil and Ms. Sparano were 100%, vested in their respective accounts as of June 30, 2024.

The ESOP's purchase of common stock from the Company has been financed by loans from the Company to the ESOP. Each year the Company makes contributions to the ESOP, which is used to make loan interest and principal payments to the Company. Following each payment of principal on the loan, a portion of the unallocated shares held by the ESOP is allocated to participants.

On December 1, 2020, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of such date, the Company sold 300,000 shares of its common stock to the ESOP. The ESOP paid \$18.29 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$5,487,000. The ESOP borrowed from the Company an amount equal to the purchase price. The loan will be

repaid in fifteen (15) equal annual installments of principal and the unpaid balance will bear interest at a fixed rate of 3.00% per annum.

The Board of Directors of the Company had approved a purchase price equal to the fair market value as determined by an independent valuation firm retained by the ESOP. The average trading pricing of the Company's common stock of the NYSE – American on November 30, 2020 was \$19.12.

#### EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Incidental to his appointment as the Company's new President and Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 2022, the Company entered an Employment Agreement with Mr. O'Neil for a two-year term ending January 1, 2024. The Agreement provides for the payment of base compensation and bonus compensation. Mr. O'Neil was entitled to an annual performance-based cash bonus comprised of three components, with the maximum aggregate amount payable not to exceed his annual base salary. The first component was discretionary, based upon an annual performance assessment and could not exceed 50% of the base salary. The second component was based on the increase in combined sales plus backlog over the average of the prior three fiscal years, times 0.5% (one-half of one percent), and could not exceed 50% of base salary. The third component was based on the increase in operating earnings over the average of the prior three fiscal years, times 5% (five percent), and may not exceed 50% of base salary. If Mr. O'Neil was terminated "without cause" he was entitled to receive nine months of severance pay based upon his base salary.

The Company entered a new Employment Agreement with Mr. O'Neil on June 6, 2024 for a term through December 31, 2026. The term will automatically renew for one additional year unless either the Company or Mr. O'Neil gives at least 120 days' prior notice of the intention not to renew. Mr. O'Neil receives base compensation and is entitled to bonus compensation, not to exceed his base compensation, on the same basis as under the prior agreement. If Mr. O'Neil is terminated without cause, or if he voluntarily terminates his employment for "good reason", he is entitled to severance pay equal to nine months of his base salary. If he voluntarily terminates his employment incidental to a "change of control", he is entitled to severance pay equal to 18 months of his base salary.

Incidental to her appointment as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer effective January 1, 2022, the Company entered an Employment Agreement with Katrina L. Sparano for a term of one year which automatically renews for additional one year periods unless either the Company or Ms. Sparano gives at least 60 days' notice to the contrary. Ms. Sparano receives an annual base salary and may be paid bonus compensation, at the discretion of the Board, based upon the recommendation of the President and Chief Executive Officer. If Ms. Sparano is terminated "without cause" she is entitled to nine months of severance pay based upon her base salary.

### STOCK TRADING POLICY - HEDGING

The Board has implemented a stock trading policy that applies to the Board of Directors, executive officers and other persons whom the Company may designate from time to time as "insiders" because of their access to information. Under this policy, trading in the Company's securities is prohibited except during specifically designated windows. Additionally, these persons are prohibited from engaging in trading incidental to announcements regarding Company repurchase plans, and from engaging in various trading practices which would suggest speculation in Company securities, including short sales, puts, calls, trading on margin, swaps, or other hedging transactions. The policy also disallows these persons from pledging the Company securities as collateral for a loan.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") is comprised of three independent directors and operates under a written charter, revised most recently by the Board on June 9, 2023. The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at www.espey.com under the tab "Corporate Governance".

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Committee has reviewed and discussed the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 with management and the independent public accountants.

The Audit Committee reviewed with the independent auditors, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles, their judgments as to the quality and acceptability of our accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed with the committee under the standards of the PCAOB, including Auditing Standard 1301 (Communications with Audit Committees). In addition, the Audit Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the auditors' independence from management and us, including the matters in the written disclosures required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independent Discussions with Audit Committees), which were submitted to us, and considered the compatibility of non-audit services with the auditors' independence

The Committee considered and concluded that the provision of non-audit services by the independent public accountants was compatible with maintaining their independence.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements referred to above be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Audit Committee: Paul J. Corr, Chair Nancy Patzwahl Michael Wool

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Nominating Committee") is comprised of three independent directors and operates under a written charter. A copy of the charter is available on the Company's website, www.espey.com, under the tab "Corporate Governance".

The Nominating Committee will review the present needs of the Board and establish criteria as to particular qualifications in terms of background and experience that could meet such needs. At a minimum, the Nominating Committee believes that nominees for Directors should have either experience in the industry in which the Company engages or professional, business or academic qualifications that differ from existing members of the Board and could augment the aggregate expertise possessed by Board members. In addition to industry experience, the Nominating Committee will consider the following skill sets and experience: corporate management experience, financial acumen, experience in international sales, mergers and acquisition experience and corporate governance experience. The

Company further believes that all nominees should be able to make a contribution to the Board that will enhance the development and growth of the Company's business and shareholder value; devote adequate time to service as a Director; and work well with other Board members in a collegial manner.

The Nominating Committee evaluates prospective nominees identified on its own initiative or referred to it by other Board members, management, shareholders or external sources and all self-nominated candidates. The Nominating Committee will use the same criteria for evaluating candidates nominated by shareholders and self-nominated candidates as it does for those proposed by other Board members, management and search companies.

The Nominating Committee's evaluation of existing Board members and prospective new Board members and the implementation of a diversity policy will be in the context of determinations made regarding the size of the Board of Directors. The Company is a small business with less than \$40 million in sales and operations at only one location. Due, in part, to the size of the Company's business and the relatively simple corporate structure, the Board determined to reduce the fixed number of Directors to six. As existing directors retire, diversity is a factor that will be considered by the Nominating Committee in selecting new nominees.

The Nominating Committee will consider bona fide recommendations by shareholders as to potential Director Nominees, who meet the above standards. A shareholder wishing to submit such a recommendation should send a letter, postmarked no more than 180 days and no later than 120 days prior to the date on which the Company's Annual Meeting was held during the prior year, to the Secretary of the Company. In the case of an Annual Meeting that is called for a date that is not within 30 calendar days before or after the first anniversary date of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the immediately preceding year, any such written proposal of nomination must be received by the Secretary not less than five days after the Company shall have issued a press release, filed a periodic report with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise publicly disseminated notice that an Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held. The letter must identify its writer as a shareholder of the Company, provide evidence of the writer's stock ownership and provide:

- The name, address, telephone number and social security number of the candidate to be considered;
- A description of understandings, contractual, business or familial relationships between the shareholder and the candidate, if any, and an unexecuted written consent of the candidate to serve as a director of the Company, if nominated and elected;
- The candidate's resume and at least three references;
- A statement of the candidate's qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors and specified Board committees which shall include an explanation as to how elements of the candidate's background and experience would be a benefit to the Company and its business.

All candidates recommended to the Nominating Committee must meet the independence standards of the NYSE American and the definition of "independent director" in the Company's By-Laws.

#### **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") is comprised of two independent directors and operates under a written charter, adopted on February 20, 2009. A copy of the charter is available on the Company's website, <a href="https://www.espey.com">www.espey.com</a>, under the tab "Corporate Governance".

The objectives of the compensation program are designed to align performance with the interests of shareholders, reward performance, retain and recruit qualified and effective talent.

The Committee will consult with senior management to establish, review and evaluate the long-term strategy of executive compensation and the types of stock and other compensation plans utilized by the Company. The Committee will also assist the Board in the establishment of annual goals and objectives for the Company's Chief Executive Officer, as well as consulting with the Chief Executive Officer to establish goals and objectives for other members of senior management. The Committee will assist the Board in establishing plans for executive officer development. The Committee has not engaged a compensation consultant in connection with the discharge of its responsibilities.

The Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board all grants and awards under the Company's stock option plans and other equity-based plans. It is not intended that the authority of the Board to make grants under the 2017 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan be delegated to the Committee, but rather that the Committee serve in an advisory capacity. The Committee will also consult with the Chief Executive Officer for senior management grants and awards. The Board has authorized the Chief Executive Officer to grant up to 2,000 stock options, without further approval, incidental to the hiring of new senior level employees.

The Committee will review compensation paid to non-employee directors and make recommendations to the Board for any adjustments.

The Committee will review and approve, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, any severance or similar termination payments proposed to be made to any current or former executive officer of the Company (other than the current Chief Executive Officer), and review and recommend to the Board any severance or similar termination payments proposed to be made to the current Chief Executive Officer.

#### SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD

Mail can be addressed to Directors in care of the Office of the Secretary, Espey Mfg. & Electronics Corp., 233 Ballston Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. At the direction of the Board of Directors, all mail received will be opened and screened for security purposes. The mail will then be logged in. All mail, other than trivial or obscene items, will be forwarded. Trivial items will be delivered to the Directors at the next scheduled Board meeting. Mail addressed to a particular Director will be forwarded or delivered to that Director. Mail addressed to "Outside Directors" or "Non-Management Directors" will be forwarded or delivered to the Chair of the Audit Committee. Mail addressed to the "Board of Directors" will be forwarded or delivered to the Chair of the Board.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth information regarding ownership of the Company's outstanding Common Stock as of October 17, 2024, by each person or group who is known to the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the outstanding shares of Common Stock:

Title	Name and Address of	<b>Amount and Nature of</b>	Percent
<u>Class</u>	<b>Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Beneficial Ownership of Class</b>	<u>i er cent</u>
Common Stock	Stanley Kesselman c/o Maxim Group 300 Park Ave 16 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10022	211,694 - Direct (1)	7.75%
	Espey Mfg. & Electronics Corp. Employee Retirement Plan and Trust 233 Ballston Ave. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	616,682 – Indirect (2)	22.11%

- (1) The information is from Schedule 13G/A filed July 16, 2024 with the SEC by Mr. Kesselman.
- (2) The Schedule 13G/A filed February 5, 2024 with the SEC disclosed 674,446 shares. Subsequent to that date, 57,764 shares were distributed to participants, reducing the balance in the Trust to 616,682 as of October 17, 2024 (22.11% of the outstanding shares.) The ESOP has the sole voting power with respect to shares held by it which have not been allocated to participant accounts, and shared voting power with respect to shares held by it which have been allocated to participant accounts. Pursuant to the ESOP, participants are entitled to instruct the Trustees as to the voting of shares allocated to their accounts unless the Trustees determine that the instructions would be a violation of ERISA. Subject to ERISA, the Trustees vote the unallocated shares in the manner directed by the

Board of Directors of the Company, which is currently in the same proportion as the instructions received on the allocated shares.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

The following information is furnished as of October 17, 2024, as to each class of equity securities of the Company beneficially owned by all Directors and Executive Officers and by Directors and Executive Officers of the Company as a Group:

Title Class	Name of Beneficial <u>Owner</u>	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Common Stock	Paul J. Corr	38,381- Direct (1)	1.4%
Common Stock	Carl Helmetag	35,911- Direct (1) 1,504- Indirect (3)	1.3%
Common Stock	David O'Neil	36,925- Direct (1) 19,914- Indirect (2)	2.0%
Common Stock	Nancy K. Patzwahl	2,500- Direct	*
Common Stock	Katrina Sparano	21,600- Direct (1) 8,068- Indirect (2)	1.0%
Common Stock	Michael Wool	30,942- Direct (1)	1.1%
	Officers and Directors as a Group (6 persons)	166,259- Direct (1) 29,486- Indirect (2), (3)	6.78%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

1) Direct shares include options to acquire shares, which are exercisable within 60 days as follows:

Name of Beneficial Owner	Exercisable Options	Name of Beneficial Owner	Exercisable Options
Paul J. Corr	17,942	David O'Neil	26,925
Carl Helmetag	15,942	Nancy K. Patzwahl	0
Michael Wool	15,942	Katrina Sparano	21,600

- 2) Includes shares allocated to the named officer as of June 30, 2024, as a participant in the Company's ESOP and may reflect dispositions that have occurred since the date of the person's last ownership report on Form 4. Each such person has the right to direct the manner in which such shares allocated to him or her are to be voted by the ESOP Trustee.
- 3) In the case of Mr. Helmetag, represents 1,504 shares held in an IRA account.

There are no arrangements known to the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date, result in change of control of the Company.

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

The Company had adopted a Code of Ethics which is available on the Company's website at www.espey.com under the tab "Corporate Governance."

#### PROPOSAL NO. 2

#### RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Audit Committee has selected Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C. ("Freed Maxick") as the Company's independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Unless otherwise specified by the shareholders, the shares represented by their properly executed proxies will be voted for ratification of the appointment of Freed Maxick as independent accountants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The Company is advised by said firm that neither the firm nor any of its members now has, or during the past three years had, any direct financial interest or material indirect financial interest or any connection with the Company.

A representative of Freed Maxick is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting with the opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires to do so and to be available to respond to appropriate questions from the shareholders.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF FREED MAXICK CPAS, P.C. AS INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

The fees billed or expected to be billed for professional services by Freed Maxick for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 were:

TYPE OF FEES	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
(1) Audit Fees	\$134,000	\$125,000
(2) Audit Related Fees	\$0	\$0
(3) Tax Fees	\$26,250	\$ 6,750
(4) All Other Fees	None	None
Total	<u>\$160,250</u>	<u>\$132,250</u>

In the above table, in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's definitions and rules, "audit fees" are fees for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements included in Form 10-K and review of financial statements included in Forms 10-Q, and for services that are normally provided by the principal accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements; "audit-related fees" are fees for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements; "tax fees" are fees for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning rendered by the principal accountant. 100% of the services set forth in items (1) through (3) above were approved by the Audit Committee in accordance with its charter.

# COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16(A) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Company's directors, executive officers and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class or the Company's equity securities, to file reports of beneficial ownership and changes in beneficial ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Based solely upon its review of copies of such reports received by it, or upon written representations obtained from certain reporting persons, the Company believes that its officers, directors, and stockholders who own

more than ten percent of the Company's equity securities complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS

The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, including financial statements as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, accompanies this Proxy Statement. Such financial statements are not incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (including financial statements and schedules thereto) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission will be provided without charge upon the written request of shareholders to Espey Mfg. & Electronics Corp., Attention: Investor Relations, 233 Ballston Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. The Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 can also be viewed electronically through a link at the Company's website at www.espey.com.

### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Any shareholder proposal which may be a proper subject for inclusion in the proxy statement and for consideration at the 2025 Annual Meeting must be received by the Company at its Principal Executive Office no later than June 27, 2025, if it is to be included in the Company's 2025 proxy statement and proxy form. In addition, the Company's By-Laws outline procedures that a shareholder must follow to nominate directors or to bring other business before an Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Except as required under the Business Corporation Law of New York, shareholder proposals will not be considered at special meetings.

#### PROXY SOLICITATION

The solicitation of the enclosed proxy is being made on behalf of the Board of Directors and the cost of preparing and mailing the Notice of Meeting, Proxy Statement and form of proxy to shareholders is to be borne by the Company.

October 25, 2024 Saratoga Springs, New York