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# NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING AND PROXY STATEMENT

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#### April 7, 2015

#### Dear Stockholder:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Neenah Paper, Inc. to be held at the Company's headquarters located at Preston Ridge III, 3460 Preston Ridge Road, Suite 600, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005 on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time.

2014 was a successful year for Neenah and for our shareholders. Our teams delivered strong top and bottom line organic growth in core categories, and we increased our presence in targeted growth markets like filtration with the July acquisition of a US-based technical materials company. Our focus on asset management was reflected in a Return on Invested Capital of over 12 percent and with a balance sheet with low net debt and plenty of financial flexibility. Our businesses generate strong cash flows and we continue to deploy these in a disciplined and value-creating manner, including a commitment to direct cash returns to shareholders through an attractive dividend. With three increases in the past 18 months, our dividend has increased 50 percent from where it was at the end of 2013. All of these actions helped deliver the consistent and profitable growth our shareholders have come to expect. We are proud of our results and of the contributions of Neenah's dedicated employees around the world that helped to create this value and provided attractive returns for our shareholders.

The formal business to be transacted at the 2015 Annual Meeting includes:

The election of the two nominees detailed in this Proxy Statement as Class II directors for a three-year term;

Approval of an advisory vote on the Company's executive compensation; and

The ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

At the meeting, we will provide a brief report on our results and strategies. Our directors and executive officers, as well as representatives from Deloitte & Touche LLP, will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

Regardless of whether you choose to attend or not, please either vote electronically using the Internet, vote by telephone, or follow the procedures for requesting written copies of the proxy materials described in the attached Proxy Statement and mark, date, sign and return the proxy card included with those materials at your earliest convenience. This will assure your shares will be represented and voted at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

#### JOHN P. O'DONNELL

President and Chief Executive Officer

# Neenah Paper, Inc.

Preston Ridge III 3460 Preston Ridge Road, Suite 600 Alpharetta, Georgia 30005

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD MAY 21, 2015

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Neenah Paper, Inc. will be held at the Company's headquarters located at Preston Ridge III, 3460 Preston Ridge Road, Suite 600, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005 on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern time, for the purpose of considering and voting upon:

- A proposal to elect the two nominees named as Class II directors in the attached Proxy Statement to serve until the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
- A proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the Company's executive compensation;
- A proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Neenah Paper, Inc. for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015; and
- 4. Such other business as properly may come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof. The Board of Directors is not aware of any other business to be presented to a vote of the stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

Information relating to the above matters is set forth in the attached Proxy Statement. Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 31, 2015 are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

The Proxy Statement and the 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders are available at www.neenah.com/proxydocs.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Alpharetta, Georgia April 7, 2015

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT AND THEN VOTE ELECTRONICALLY, BY TELEPHONE, OR REQUEST PRINTED PROXY MATERIALS AND PROMPTLY COMPLETE, EXECUTE AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD INCLUDED WITH THE PROXY MATERIALS IN THE ACCOMPANYING POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.

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# PROXY STATEMENT

#### **General Information**

Our Board of Directors is soliciting proxies from our stockholders in connection with Neenah's Annual Meeting of Stockholders. When used in this Proxy Statement, the terms "we," "us," "our," "the Company" and "Neenah" refer to Neenah Paper, Inc. This Proxy Statement and our 2014 Annual Report are first being mailed to stockholders who requested copies, or made available on April 7, 2015.

## Questions and Answers about the Annual Meeting and Voting

When and where is the Annual Meeting?

When: Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time

Where: Company headquarters located at Preston Ridge III, 3460 Preston Ridge Road, Suite 600, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005 Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

You are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting if you owned our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, as of the close of business March 31, 2015 (the "Record Date"), with each share entitling its owner to one vote on each matter submitted to the stockholders. On the record date 16,725,959 shares of common stock were outstanding and eligible to be voted at the Annual Meeting. The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock is necessary to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

#### How do I vote at the Annual Meeting?

You may vote in person at the Annual Meeting or by proxy. We recommend you vote by proxy even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. You can always change your vote at the meeting. Giving us your proxy means you authorize us to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting in the manner you direct. If you plan to attend the meeting in person you must provide proof of your ownership of our common stock as of the record date, such as an account statement, and a form of personal identification for admission to the meeting. If you hold your shares in street name and you also wish to be able to vote at the annual meeting, you are required to obtain a proxy from your bank or broker, executed in your favor.

If your shares are held in your name, you can vote by proxy in three convenient ways:

Via the Internet: Go to http://www.proxyvote.com and follow the instructions.

By Telephone: Call toll-free 1-800-690-6903 and follow the instructions.

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By Mail: Request a printed copy of the proxy materials disclosed in this Proxy Statement and complete, sign, date and return your proxy card in the envelope included with your printed proxy materials.

If your shares are held in street name, the availability of telephone and internet voting will depend on the voting processes of the applicable bank or brokerage firm; therefore, it is recommended that you follow the voting instructions on the form you receive from your bank or brokerage firm. All properly executed proxies received by Neenah in time to be voted at the Annual Meeting and not revoked will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the directions noted on the proxy card. If any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named as proxies will vote upon such matters according to their judgment.

We are also sending the Notice and voting materials to participants in various employee benefit plans of Neenah. The trustee of each plan, as the stockholder of record of the shares of common stock held in the plan, will vote whole shares of stock attributable to each participant's interest in the plan in accordance with the directions the participant gives or, if no directions are given by the participant, in accordance with the directions received from the applicable plan committees.

#### Can I Change My Vote?

Any stockholder of record delivering a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time before it is voted: (i) by giving written notice to Steven S. Heinrichs, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Neenah, at Preston Ridge III, 3460 Preston Ridge Road, Suite 600, Alpharetta, Georgia, 30005; (ii) by submitting a proxy card bearing a later date, including a proxy submitted via the Internet or by telephone; or (iii) by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Please note, however, that any beneficial owner of our common stock whose shares are held in street name may (a) revoke his or her proxy and (b) attend and vote his or her shares in person at the Annual Meeting only in accordance with applicable rules and procedures as then may be employed by such beneficial owner's brokerage firm or bank.

#### What Proposals am I being asked to vote on at the Annual Meeting and what is required to approve each proposal?

You are being asked to vote on three proposals; (Proposal 1) the election of the proposed nominees as Class II directors, (Proposal 2) approve, by non-binding vote, Neenah's executive compensation, and (Proposal 3) ratify the appointment of our independent public accounting firm.

In voting with regard to Proposal 1, you may vote for all nominees listed herein, withhold your vote as to all nominees or withhold your vote as to specific nominees. The vote required to approve Proposal 1 is a majority of the shares of common stock represented and entitled to vote on Proposal 1, provided a quorum is present. Votes that are withheld will be considered as shares present and entitled to vote for the proposal, and therefore will have the same legal effect as votes against the proposal.

In voting with regard to Proposal 2, you may vote in favor of the proposal, against the proposal, or may abstain from voting. The vote required to approve Proposal 2 is majority of the shares of common stock represented and entitled to vote on Proposal 2, provided a quorum is present. Abstentions will be considered in determining the number of votes required to obtain the necessary majority vote for the proposal, and therefore will have the same legal effect as votes against the proposal.

In voting with regard to Proposal 3, you may vote in favor of the proposal, against the proposal, or may abstain from voting. The vote required to approve Proposal 3 is a majority of the shares of common stock represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, provided a quorum is present. Abstentions will be considered as shares present and entitled to vote for the proposal, and therefore will have the same legal effect as votes against the proposal.

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Neenah is not aware, as of the date hereof, of any matters to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting other than those stated in this Proxy Statement. If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, your proxy gives discretionary authority to the persons named as proxies to vote the shares represented thereby in their discretion.

#### What happens if I don't return my proxy card or vote my shares?

If you hold your shares directly your shares will not be voted if you do not return your proxy card or vote in person at the Annual Meeting. If your shares are held in the name of a bank or brokerage firm (in "street name") and you do not vote your shares, your bank or brokerage firm can only vote your shares in their discretion for proposals which are considered "discretionary" proposals. We believe that Proposal 3 is a discretionary proposal. Brokers are prohibited from exercising discretionary authority for beneficial owners who have not provided voting instructions to the broker for proposals which are considered "non-discretionary" (a "broker non-vote"). We believe Proposals 1 and 2 are non-discretionary proposals. As such, broker non-votes will be counted for the purpose of determining if a quorum is present, but will not be considered as shares entitled to vote on Proposals 1 and 2, and therefore will have no effect on the outcome of these proposals.

#### What happens if I sign, date and return my proxy card but do not specify how to vote my shares?

If a signed proxy card is received which does not specify a vote or an abstention, then the shares represented by that proxy card will be voted FOR the election of all Class II director nominees described herein, FOR the approval of the Company's executive compensation, and FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2015.

#### Why haven't I received a printed copy of the Proxy Statement or annual report?

We are choosing to follow the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules that allow companies to furnish proxy materials to stockholders via the Internet. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, or "Notice," by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials, unless you specifically request one. The Notice instructs you on how to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy statement and annual report as well as how to submit your proxy over the Internet. If you received the Notice and would still like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting these materials included in the Notice. We plan to mail the Notice to stockholders by April 7, 2015.

#### Who pays for the cost of this proxy solicitation?

We will bear the cost of preparing, printing and filing the Proxy Statement and related proxy materials. In addition to soliciting proxies through the mail, we may solicit proxies through our directors, officers and employees, in person and by telephone or email and facsimile. We expect to retain Okapi Partners LLC to aid in the solicitation at a cost of approximately \$8,000, plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. Brokerage firms, nominees, custodians and fiduciaries also may be requested to forward proxy materials to the beneficial owners of shares held of record by them. We will pay all expenses incurred in connection with the solicitation of proxies.

#### When will voting results be made available?

We will announce the final results on our web site at www.neenah.com shortly after the meeting and on Form 8-K immediately following the meeting.

#### BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

#### DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of March 31, 2015 with respect to: (i) each of our directors; (ii) each of the named executive officers appearing elsewhere herein; and (iii) all executive officers and directors as a group, based in each case on information furnished to us by such persons. As used in this Proxy Statement, "beneficial ownership" means that a person has, as of March 31, 2015, or may have within 60 days thereafter, the sole or shared power to vote or direct the voting of a security and/or the sole or shared investment power to dispose of or direct the disposition of a security.

	Shares	
Name	Beneficially Owned(1)	Percent of Class(2)
Margaret S. Dano	0(3)	*
Sean T. Erwin	22,285(4)	*
Edward Grzedzinski	16,025(5)	*
Steven S. Heinrichs	24,163(6)	*
Mary Ann Leeper	11,785(7)	*
Bonnie C. Lind	46,440(8)	*
Timothy S. Lucas	13,915(9)	*
John F. McGovern	4,155	*
Philip C. Moore	15,150(10)	*
John P. O'Donnell	61,454(11)	*
Julie A Schertell	6,586(12)	*
Armin Schwinn	3,420	*
Stephen M. Wood	32,335(13)	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (14 persons)	309,535(14)	1.8

- Except as otherwise noted, the directors and executive officers, and all directors and executive officers as a group, have sole voting power and sole investment power over the shares listed. Shares of common stock held by the trustee of Neenah's 401(k) Retirement Plan and Retirement Contribution Plan for the benefit of, and which are attributable to our executive officers are included in the table.
- (2) An asterisk indicates that the percentage of common stock beneficially owned by the named individual does not exceed 1% of the total outstanding shares of our common stock.
- (3) Ms. Dano was appointed as a director on March 24, 2015.
- (4)
  Includes 675 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of restricted stock units that are vested or will vest within 60 days of March 31, 2015. This total does not include 1,870 vested Stock Appreciation Rights.
- (5)
  Includes 1,350 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of restricted stock units that are vested or will vest within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- (6) This total does not include 1,343 vested Stock Appreciation Rights.
- (7) Includes 1,350 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of restricted stock units that are vested or will vest within 60 days of March 31, 2015. This total does not include 8,761 vested Stock Appreciation Rights.

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- (9)
  Includes 1,350 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of restricted stock units that are vested or will vest within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- (10)
  Includes 683 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of restricted stock units that are vested or will vest within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- (11)
  This total does not include 14,489 vested Stock Appreciation Rights.
- (12) This total does not include 9,323 vested Stock Appreciation Rights.
- (13)
  Includes 1,350 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of restricted stock units that are vested or will vest within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- On July 1, 2014 the Company converted all outstanding Stock Options to Stock Appreciation Rights which are not included in the calculation of beneficial ownership. Stock Appreciation Rights are disclosed in detail under the *Outstanding Equity at the End of 2014* section of this Proxy Statement.

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#### THIRD PARTIES

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of December 31, 2014 for each person known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Common Stock Beneficially Owned Number of Shares Percent of Class		
Blackrock, Inc.	1,483,222(1)	8.9%	
40 East 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street			
New York, NY 10022			
Royce & Associates LLC			
	1,468,906(2)	8.8%	
745 Fifth Ave.			
New York, NY 10151			
Allianz Global Investors U.S. Holdings LLC			
	1,019,353(3)	6.1%	
680 Newport Center Drive, Suite 250			
Newport Beach, CA 92660			

- (1)

  The amount shown and the following information is derived from the Schedule 13G filed by BlackRock, Inc. on January 22, 2015, reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2014. Of the 1,483,222 shares shown, BlackRock, Inc. has sole dispositive power over all of the shares and sole voting power over 1,438,386 shares.
- (2)
  The amount shown and the following information is derived from the Schedule 13G filed by Royce & Associates, LLC on January 15, 2015, reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2014. Of the 1,468,906 shares shown, Royce & Associates, LLC has sole dispositive power over all of the shares and sole voting power over all shares.
- The amount shown and the following information is derived from the Schedule 13G filed by Allianz Global Investors U.S. LLC, NFJ Investment Group LLC and Allianz Global Investors Europe GmbH, on February13, 2015, each of which does not affirm the existence of a group, reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2014. Of the 1,019,353 shares shown, NFJ Investment Group LLC has sole dispositive power and sole voting power over 925,910 shares, Allianz Global Investors U.S. LLC has sole dispositive power and sole voting power over 57,767 shares and Allianz Global Investors GmbH has sole dispositive power and sole voting power over 35,676 shares.

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#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (ITEM 1)**

The Board currently consists of nine members divided into three classes of three directors. Effective upon the retirement of Dr. Mary Ann Leeper as a Class II director as of the 2015 Annual Meeting, the Board will consist of eight members divided into two classes of three directors and one class of two directors. The directors in each class serve three year terms, with the terms of the Class II directors expiring at the 2015 Annual Meeting. The Board has nominated Stephen M. Wood and Margaret S. Dano, each a current director of Neenah, for re-election as Class II directors at the 2015 Annual Meeting. If elected, the nominees will serve a three-year term expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Each of the nominees has consented to serve another term as a director if re-elected. If any of the nominees should be unavailable to serve for any reason (which is not anticipated), the Board may designate a substitute nominee or nominees (in which event the persons named on the enclosed proxy card will vote the shares represented by all valid proxy cards for the election of such substitute nominee or nominees), allow the vacancies to remain open until a suitable candidate or candidates are located, or by resolution provide for a lesser number of directors.

If any incumbent nominee for director in an uncontested election should fail to receive the required affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, under Delaware law the director remains in office as a "holdover" director until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or death. In the event of a holdover director, the Board of Directors in its discretion may request the director to resign from the Board. If the director resigns, the Board of Directors may immediately fill the resulting vacancy, allow the vacancy to remain open until a suitable candidate is located and appointed or adopt a resolution to decrease the authorized number of directors.

The Board unanimously recommends that the stockholders vote "FOR" the proposal to elect Stephen M. Wood and Margaret S. Dano as Class II directors for a three-year term expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors have been duly

Set forth below is certain information as of March 31, 2015, regarding the nominees and each director continuing in office, including their ages, principal occupations (which have continued for at least the past five years unless otherwise noted), current Board experience and participation, and how the background, experience and qualification of each nominee and director make them well suited to serve on Neenah's Board.

#### Information Regarding Directors Nominated for Reelection

Margaret S. Dano, born in 1959, is Chairman of the Board for Superior Industries International, Inc., a leading manufacturer of aluminum road wheels for use in the automobile and light truck industry. Ms. Dano was appointed as Chairman of the Board in 2014 and has served as a director for Superior since 2007. In addition, Ms. Dano currently serves as a director of Douglas Dynamics, Inc., a manufacturer of snow and ice control equipment for the global light truck market, a position she has held since 2012. From 2002-2005 Ms. Dano served as Vice President, Worldwide Integrated Supply Chain and Operations for Honeywell Corporation. Prior to that she served as Vice President, Worldwide Supply Chain Office Products & GM Printer Papers for Avery Dennison Corporation from 1999 to 2002 and Vice President of Corporate Manufacturing & Engineering from 1996-1999. Ms. Dano received a BS in mechanical engineering from Kettering University (formerly the General Motors Institute). Ms. Dano was appointed to Neenah's Board in 2015. Ms. Dano's senior executive experience in global manufacturing and supply chain and her public board experience and leadership with manufacturing companies makes her an effective member of Neenah's Board.

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Stephen M. Wood, Ph.D., born in 1946, is an Operating Partner with Snow Phipps Group LLC, a diversified international investment company. Prior to this he served as Chairman of the Board for FiberVisions Corporation which is a leading global manufacturer of synthetic fibers for consumer products, construction and industrial applications. Dr. Wood was President and Chief Executive Officer of FiberVisions from 2006 to 2012. Dr. Wood was also Chairman of the Board of ESFV which is a global joint Venture with JNC Corporation, a leading Japanese Chemical Company. From 2001 to 2004, Dr. Wood served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Kraton Polymers, a specialties chemical company, and Chairman and Representative Director of JSR Kraton Elastomers, a Japanese joint venture company. Prior to this Dr. Wood was President of the Global Elastomers business of Shell Chemicals, Ltd., and a Vice President of that company. Dr. Wood was also elected International President of the International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers. Dr. Wood has a BSc in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Nottingham University, United Kingdom and is a graduate of the Institute of Chemical Engineers. Dr. Wood has served as a director of Neenah since November 30, 2004. Dr. Wood's educational background and his experience as a senior executive of a chemical manufacturing company provides the knowledge base and experience to make him an effective member of Neenah's Board.

#### Class III Directors Term Expiring at the 2016 Annual Meeting

Edward Grzedzinski, born in 1955, served as the Chief Executive Officer of NOVA Information Systems from 1993 to 2001, and Vice Chairman of US Bancorp from November 2001 to 2004. Mr. Grzedzinski has over 25 years of experience in the electronic payments industry and was a co-founder of NOVA Information Systems in 1991. Mr. Grzedzinski served as a member of the Managing Committee of US Bancorp, and was a member of the Board of Directors of US Bank, N.A. Mr. Grzedzinski also served as Chairman of euroConex Technologies, Limited, a European payment processor owned by US Bancorp until November 2004 and was a member of the Board of Directors of Indus International, a global provider of enterprise asset management products and services until April 2005. Mr. Grzedzinski has served as a director of Marlin Business Services since May of 2005 and Neenah Paper since November 30, 2004. Mr. Grzedzinski's experience as chief executive officer and chairman of a financial services company and experience on other boards makes him an effective member of Neenah's Board.

Sean T. Erwin, born in 1951, is the Chairman of our Board of Directors. Mr. Erwin served as Neenah's President and Chief Executive Officer from 2004 through May 2011. Prior to the spin-off of Neenah from Kimberly-Clark Corporation on November 30, 2004 (the "spin-off"), Mr. Erwin had been an employee of Kimberly-Clark since 1978, and had held increasingly senior positions in both finance and business management. In January 2004, Mr. Erwin was named President of Kimberly-Clark's Pulp and Paper Sector, which comprised the businesses transferred to us by Kimberly-Clark in the spin-off. He served as the President of the Global Nonwoven business from early 2001. He has also served as the President of the European Consumer Tissue business, Managing Director of Kimberly-Clark Australia, as well as previously serving as President of the Pulp and Paper Sector, and President of the Technical Paper business. Mr. Erwin received his BS in Accounting and Finance from Northern Illinois University. Mr. Erwin currently serves as a director of Carmike Cinemas, Inc. Mr. Erwin has served as a director of Neenah since November 30, 2004. Mr. Erwin's extensive experience as former CEO of the Company and his vast industry experience and leadership positions make him an effective member of Neenah's Board.

*John F. McGovern*, born in 1946, is the founder, and since 1999 a partner, of Aurora Capital LLC, a private investment and consulting firm based in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to founding Aurora Capital, Mr. McGovern served in a number of positions of increasing responsibility at Georgia-Pacific Corporation from 1981 to 1999, including Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer from 1994 to 1999. Previously, Mr. McGovern had been Vice President and Director, Forest Products and Package

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Division of Chase Manhattan Bank. He currently serves as a director of Xerium Technologies, Inc. where he serves as audit committee chairman. Mr. McGovern also served as a director of NewPage Corporation from 2012 to 2015 and Collective Brands Inc. from 2003 to 2012. From 2006 to 2010 Mr. McGovern served as lead director of Neenah's Board for all executive sessions of non-management directors. Mr. McGovern has served as a director of Neenah since January 10, 2006. Mr. McGovern received his BS from Fordham University. Mr. McGovern's extensive experience as the senior financial executive of a multi-national paper products company and his experience as an executive in the financial services industry as well as his experience on other public company boards make him an effective member of Neenah's Board.

Class I Directors Term Expiring at the 2017 Annual Meeting

Timothy S. Lucas, CPA, born in 1946, has served as an independent consultant on financial reporting issues practicing as Lucas Financial Reporting since 2002. From 1988 to 2002, Mr. Lucas worked at the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), where he was the Director of Research and Technical Activities, and Chairman of the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force. Mr. Lucas has served as a director of Neenah since November 30, 2004. Mr. Lucas received his BA in Economics and BS in Accounting from Rice University and his Master of Accounting from the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School, Rice University. Mr. Lucas' experience at FASB and his educational background make him an effective member of Neenah's Board.

Philip C. Moore, born in 1953, is Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of TD Bank Group, Toronto, Canada. Mr. Moore joined TD Bank Group in May, 2013, prior to which he had been a partner at McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Canada's national law firm where he practiced corporate and securities law, with particular emphasis on corporate governance and finance, mergers and acquisitions and other business law issues. He has been involved in many corporate mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and reorganizations, as well as capital markets transactions in a variety of industries and geographies. Mr. Moore has extensive experience in corporate transactions involving the pulp and paper industries. Mr. Moore has been awarded the designation "Chartered Director" from the Directors College, Canada's leading director education program run by McMaster University and the Conference Board of Canada. He has advised on the design and implementation of numerous executive compensation plans, as well as on executive compensation governance matters. From 1994 until 2000 he was a director of Imax Corporation and is currently a director of a number of private corporations. Mr. Moore has served as a director of Neenah since November 30, 2004. Mr. Moore received his BA from McMaster University and his LLB from Queen's University. Mr. Moore's educational background and extensive experience in corporate governance and business law makes him an effective member of Neenah's Board.

John P. O'Donnell, born in 1960, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Prior to being CEO, Mr. O'Donnell served as Chief Operating Officer of the Company and President, Fine Paper. Mr. O'Donnell was employed by Georgia-Pacific Corporation from 1985 until 2007 and held increasingly senior management positions in the Consumer Products division. Mr. O'Donnell served as President of the North American Retail Business from 2004 through 2007, and as President of the North American Commercial Tissue business from 2002 through 2004. Mr. O'Donnell received his BS from Iowa State University. Mr. O'Donnell has served as a director of Neenah since November 2010. Mr. O'Donnell's extensive experience in the paper and consumer products industries, and his leadership positions in the Company, make him an effective member of Neenah's Board.

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Director Retiring effective as of the 2015 Annual Meeting

Mary Ann Leeper, Ph.D., born in 1940, retired from The Female Health Company as Senior Strategic Advisor, effective December 31, 2013. She stepped down as its President and Chief Operating Officer in May 2006; a position she held since 1996. Dr. Leeper was President and Chief Operating Officer of The Female Health Company Division of the Wisconsin Pharmacal Company from 1994 to 1996, and held other senior positions from 1987 to 1994 in the Wisconsin Pharmacal Company (renamed The Female Health Company in 1996). Dr. Leeper served as a Director of The Female Health Company from 1987 to 2013. Dr. Leeper was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business MBA program from 2001 to 2012. She held senior positions at G D Searle, was Assistant Professor at Temple University Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine, as well as a biochemist for Wyeth Laboratories and McNeil Laboratories. Dr. Leeper's educational background includes a B.S., Drexel University; M.S., Temple University, M.M., Northwestern University and Ph.D. from Temple University. Dr. Leeper has served as a director of Neenah since November 30, 2004. Dr. Leeper's educational background and her experience as senior executive of a technical manufacturing company makes her an effective member of Neenah's Board.

#### MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors conducts its business through meetings of the full Board and through committees of the Board, consisting of an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which we refer to as the Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors held 5 meetings in 2014. The Company's Corporate Governance Policies provide that all directors are expected to regularly attend and participate in Board and Committee meetings and encourage the directors to attend the Company's Annual Meeting. In 2014 all of our directors attended more than 75% of the meetings of the Board and meetings of the committees of which he or she is a member. Neenah holds regularly scheduled executive sessions of the independent directors at each Board meeting. As Chairman of the Board Mr. Erwin presides at all the executive sessions. All but one of the Company's directors were in attendance at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

The following table describes the current membership of each of the committees and the number of meetings held during 2014:

	Audit	Nominating and	Componention
	Committee	Corporate Governance Committee	Compensation Committee
Philip C. Moore	X		Chair
Timothy S. Lucas	Chair*		
Mary Ann Leeper		Chair	
Edward Grzedzinski		X	
John F. McGovern		X	X
Stephen M. Wood	X		X
Number of Meetings	7	4	5

The Board has determined, based on his experience at the FASB, that Mr. Lucas is an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the SEC's rules.

Effective as of the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting, and in conjunction with Dr. Leeper's retirement and Ms. Dano's appointment to the Board, committee membership will be modified as follows:

	Audit Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	Compensation Committee
Sean T. Erwin	X		
Philip C. Moore	X	X	
Timothy S. Lucas	Chair*		
Edward Grzedzinski			X
John F. McGovern		Chair	X
Stephen M. Wood	X		Chair
Margaret S. Dano		X	

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#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is comprised solely of directors who meet the independence requirements of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), and are financially literate, as required by NYSE rules. At least one member of the Audit Committee is an audit committee financial expert, as defined by the rules and regulations of

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SEC. The Audit Committee has been established in accordance with applicable rules promulgated by the NYSE and SEC. The Audit Committee assists the Board in monitoring:

the quality and integrity of our financial statements;

our compliance with ethical policies contained in our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and legal and regulatory requirements as well as the administration of our policy regarding related party transactions;

the independence, qualification and performance of our registered public accounting firm;

the performance of our internal auditors; and

related party transactions.

The Audit Committee is governed by the Audit Committee Charter approved by the Board. The charter is available on our website at www.neenah.com.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating Committee is comprised solely of directors who meet the NYSE independence requirements. The Nominating Committee:

oversees the process by which individuals are nominated to our Board;

reviews the qualifications, performance and independence of members of our Board;

reviews and recommends policies with respect to composition, organization, processes and practices of our Board, including diversity; and

identifies and investigates emerging corporate governance issues and trends that may affect us.

The Nominating Committee is governed by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter approved by the Board. The charter is available on our website at *www.neenah.com*.

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee is comprised solely of directors who meet NYSE independence requirements, meet the requirements for a "nonemployee director" under the Exchange Act, and meet the requirements for an "outside director" under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Compensation Committee: