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WMIH CORP.

800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4100

Seattle, Washington 98104

April 19, 2016

To Our Stockholders:

On behalf of the board of directors and management of WMIH Corp. (the Company), you are cordially invited to attend our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be held on June 1, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, at the offices of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, Bank of America Tower, New York, New York 10036. If you plan to attend in person, please arrive at least 30 minutes before the meeting begins in order to check in with security, where you will be asked to present valid picture identification such as a driver s license or passport. You will find details of the business to be conducted at the meeting in the attached formal Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement. Our directors and executive officers are expected to be present at the annual meeting.

Among the matters to be acted on at the annual meeting are the (1) election of directors, (2) ratification of the appointment of our independent auditors and (3) advisory vote on named executive officer compensation.

For the reasons set forth in the Proxy Statement, the board of directors recommends that you vote **FOR** each of the board of directors nominees on Proposal 1 and **FOR** Proposals 2 and 3.

The board of directors has fixed April 7, 2016 as the record date for the annual meeting. Only holders of our common stock, Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock of record at the close of business on that date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting.

We encourage you to attend the annual meeting in person if convenient for you to do so. If you are unable to attend, it is important that your shares be represented and voted at the annual meeting.

Whether or not you expect to attend the annual meeting, please sign and return the enclosed proxy card promptly. Alternatively, you may give a proxy by telephone or over the Internet by following the instructions on your proxy card or in the Proxy Statement. If you decide to attend the annual meeting, you may, if you wish, revoke the proxy and vote your shares in person.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene I. Davis Chairman of the Board

William C. Gallagher Board Chief Executive Officer IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2016

The Proxy Statement and 2015 Annual Report to Stockholders are available at www.proxyvote.com.

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Seattle, Washington 98104

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held on June 1, 2016

To the Stockholders of

WMIH Corp.:

The 2016 annual meeting (the Annual Meeting) of the stockholders of WMIH Corp. (the Company) will be held on June 1, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, at the offices of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, Bank of America Tower, New York, New York 10036 for the following purposes:

- 1. to elect a board of directors consisting of nine members, each to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified;
- 2. to ratify the appointment of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc., as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016;
- 3. to approve, on an advisory basis, compensation of the Company s named executive officers; and

4. to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof. The board of directors of the Company (the board of directors) has fixed the close of business on April 7, 2016 as the record date (the Record Date) for determining stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. The Proxy Statement, which includes more information about the proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, the proxy card and the 2015 Annual Report to Stockholders accompany this Notice.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting. We are mailing to all of our stockholders a notice of availability over the Internet of the proxy materials, rather than mailing a full paper set of these materials. The notice of availability contains instructions on how to access our proxy materials on the Internet, as well as instructions on obtaining a paper copy. This process will significantly reduce our costs to print and distribute our proxy materials.

Voting via the Internet or by telephone is fast and convenient, and your vote is immediately confirmed and tabulated. If you receive a paper copy of the proxy materials, you may also vote by completing, signing, dating and returning the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope furnished for that purpose, to the extent you have requested a paper copy. By using the Internet or telephone you help the Company reduce postage and proxy tabulation costs.

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you are urged to read the accompanying Proxy Statement and then vote your proxy promptly by telephone, via the Internet or by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you are the beneficial owner or you hold your shares in street name, please follow the voting instructions provided by your bank, broker or other nominee. If you decide to attend the Annual Meeting, you will be able to vote in person, even if you have previously submitted your proxy. However, in order to vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting, you must be a stockholder of record on the Record Date or hold a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other holder of record permitting you to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Please do not return the enclosed paper proxy if you are voting via the Internet or by telephone.

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http://www.proxyvote.com

24 hours a day/7 days a week

VOTE BY TELEPHONE

(800) 690-6903 via touch tone

phone toll-free

24 hours a day/7 days a week

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 31, 2016. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the website, and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 31, 2016. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

Because a majority of the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting must be represented, either in person or by proxy, to constitute a quorum for the conduct of business, your cooperation is much appreciated.

By Order of the Board of Directors:

Charles Edward Smith Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

Seattle, Washington

April 19, 2016

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2016

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WMIH CORP.

800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4100 Seattle, Washington 98104

PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held June 1, 2016

WMIH Corp. is a Delaware corporation. As used in this Proxy Statement, the terms WMIH, the Company, we, us and our refer to WMIH C and the terms board of directors and the board refer to the board of directors of WMIH.

MEETING AND VOTING INFORMATION

Date, Time and Place of Meeting

Our board of directors is furnishing this Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and the enclosed proxy card in connection with the board s solicitation of proxies for use at the 2016 annual meeting of our stockholders (the Annual Meeting), and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held on June 1, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, at the offices of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, Bank of America Tower, New York, New York 10036. These proxy materials, form of proxy and the related 2015 Annual Report to Stockholders (which includes our audited financial statements, and the other portions of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015), and notice of Internet availability of proxy materials, are first being made available to stockholders on or about April 19, 2016.

We urge you to promptly vote your proxy **FOR** each of the board s nominees on Proposal 1, and **FOR** Proposals 2 and 3, either by telephone, via the Internet, or by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided. By submitting a proxy, you are legally authorizing another person to vote your shares on your behalf. If you vote your proxy by telephone, via the Internet, or submit your executed proxy card by mail, but you do not indicate how your shares are to be voted, then your shares will be voted in accordance with the board s recommendation set forth in this Proxy Statement.

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Solicitation and Revocation of Proxies

Shares represented by validly executed proxies will be voted in accordance with instructions contained in the proxies. If no direction is given, proxies will be voted:

FOR each of the director nominees selected by the board of directors;

FOR ratification of the appointment of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc., as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; and

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FOR the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers.

If other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote in accordance with their judgment with respect to such matters. The board of directors has selected the two persons named in the enclosed proxy card to serve as proxies in connection with the Annual Meeting.

Any proxy given by a stockholder may be revoked at any time prior to its use in one of four ways: (1) by execution of a later-dated proxy delivered to WMIH s Secretary; (2) by a vote in person at the Annual Meeting; (3) by written notice of revocation delivered to WMIH s Secretary before the Annual Meeting; or (4) by voting again by telephone or via the Internet. Only the latest validly executed proxy that you submit will be counted.

There are no rights of appraisal or similar rights of dissenters with respect to any of the matters to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting.

Purposes of the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting has been called for the following purposes:

- 1. to elect a board of directors consisting of nine members, each to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified;
- 2. to ratify the appointment of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc., as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016;
- 3. to approve, on an advisory basis, compensation of the Company s named executive officers; and

4. to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof. Section 2.13 of our Amended and Restated Bylaws (the Bylaws), sets forth certain procedures to be followed for introducing business at a stockholders meeting. WMIH has no knowledge of any other matters that may be properly presented at the Annual Meeting. If other matters do properly come before the Annual Meeting, or any postponement or adjournment thereof, the persons named in the proxy will vote in accordance with their judgment on such matters in the exercise of their sole discretion.

Record Date and Shares Outstanding

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 7, 2016, which is the record date (the Record Date) set by the board of directors, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. At the close of business on the Record Date, 206,168,035 shares of our common stock, 1,000,000 shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and 600,000 shares of our Series B Convertible Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding. For information regarding the ownership of our common stock, Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock by holders of more than five percent of the outstanding shares of WMIH and by our directors and executive officers, see the Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management section of this Proxy Statement.

Voting; Quorum; Vote Required

At the Annual Meeting, each share of common stock outstanding on the Record Date is entitled to one vote per share, each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock outstanding on the Record Date is entitled to one vote per share, on an as-converted basis, and each share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is entitled to one vote per share, on an as-converted basis. The holders of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock outstanding on the Record Date are entitled to an aggregate of 10,065,629 and 266,666,667 votes, respectively, at the Annual Meeting. Stockholders are not entitled to cumulate their votes. The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. For purposes of determining whether a quorum exists

for the meeting, if you return a proxy and withhold your vote from the election of all directors, your shares will be counted as present.

The vote required to approve the proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

Proposal 1 Election of Directors. The nine nominees for the board of directors receiving the highest number of affirmative votes cast at the meeting, in person or by proxy, will be elected as directors. Election of our board of directors is by a plurality of votes. You may vote FOR the nominees for election as directors, or you may WITHHOLD your vote with respect to one or more nominees.

Proposal 2 Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. Ratification of the appointment of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc., as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 requires that the votes cast FOR the proposal, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting exceed the votes cast AGAINST the proposal at the Annual Meeting. You may vote FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN on the proposal to ratify the appointment of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc. as our independent registered public

accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

Proposal 3 Advisory Approval of Compensation of Named Executive Officers. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers requires that the votes cast FOR the proposal, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting exceed the votes cast AGAINST the proposal at the Annual Meeting. Although the board of directors will consider the outcome of the vote when making future decisions regarding the compensation of our named executive officers, the results of the vote are not binding on us. You may vote FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN on the proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.

Effect of Abstentions

If you abstain from voting, your shares will be deemed present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. Abstentions have no effect on Proposal 1, the election of directors, because directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Abstentions also have no effect on Proposal 2, the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm, or Proposal 3, the advisory approval of compensation of our named executive officers, because approval of each of these proposals requires that votes cast favoring the proposal exceed the votes cast opposing the proposal, and abstentions will not be included in tabulations of votes cast for purposes of determining whether Proposal 2 or Proposal 3 has been approved.

Effect of Broker Non-Votes

If a broker holds your shares in street name, you should instruct your broker how to vote. A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner returns a duly executed proxy that does not include any vote with respect to a particular proposal because the nominee did not have discretionary voting power with respect to the matter being considered and did not receive voting instructions from the beneficial owner. Only Proposal 2, the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm, is considered a discretionary matter.

Broker non-votes are deemed present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present, but are not counted as votes cast with respect to the matter on which the broker has not voted. Broker non-votes will have no effect on Proposal 1, the election of directors, because directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Broker non-votes will have no effect on Proposal 2, ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm, because brokers or nominees have discretionary authority to vote on this proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on Proposal 3, the advisory approval of compensation of our named executive officers, because approval of each of this proposal requires that votes cast favoring the

proposal exceed the votes cast opposing the proposal, and broker non-votes will not be included in tabulations of votes cast for purposes of determining whether Proposal 3 has been approved.

We urge you to provide voting instructions to your broker on all voting items.

Costs of Solicitation

We will bear all costs and expenses associated with this solicitation. In addition to solicitation by mail, directors, officers and employees of WMIH may solicit proxies from stockholders, personally or by telephone, facsimile or e-mail transmission, without receiving any additional remuneration. We have asked brokerage houses, nominees and other agents and fiduciaries to forward soliciting materials to beneficial owners of our common stock and will reimburse all such persons for their expenses.

Attendance at Meeting

Only stockholders of record or joint holders as of the close of business on the Record Date or a person holding a valid proxy for the Annual Meeting may attend the meeting. If you are not a stockholder of record but hold shares through a bank, broker or nominee (in street name), you should provide proof of beneficial ownership on the Record Date, such as a recent account statement or a copy of the voting instruction card provided by your bank, broker or nominee.

PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the Charter) and Bylaws, which were adopted in connection with our reincorporation on May 11, 2015 to the State of Delaware from the State of Washington (the Reincorporation), provide that the number of directors that constitute the entire board shall not be more than eleven, or such greater number as may be determined by the Board. Currently, the number of directors is nine. All nine of our current directors, Eugene I. Davis, Thomas L. Fairfield, William C. Gallagher, Diane B. Glossman, Tagar C. Olson, Paul E. Raether, Michael J. Renoff, Steven D. Scheiwe and Michael L. Willingham, have been recommended for nomination by our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and nominated by our board of directors to stand for election or re-election, as the case may be, as directors for an additional one year term to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

If for any reason any of these nominees should become unavailable for election (an event the board does not anticipate), proxies will be voted for the election of such substitute nominee as the board in its discretion may recommend. Proxies cannot be voted for more than nine nominees. Directors are re-elected annually to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. If a vacancy occurs after the Annual Meeting, the board of directors may elect a replacement to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Following a recommendation from our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Board has determined that each of the following members is an independent director under Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq listing standards: Eugene I. Davis, Diane B. Glossman, Michael J. Renoff, Steven D. Scheiwe and Michael L. Willingham.

The board of directors recommends each of the following nominees for director:

EUGENE I. DAVIS, (age 61). Mr. Davis is the Chairman of our Board and has served as a director since March 2012. He is the chairman and chief executive officer of PIRINATE Consulting Group, LLC, a privately held consulting firm specializing in turnaround management, merger and acquisition consulting and hostile and friendly takeovers, proxy contests and strategic planning advisory services for domestic and international public and private business entities. Since forming PIRINATE in 1997, Mr. Davis has advised, managed, sold, liquidated and served as a Chief Executive Officer, Chief Restructuring Officer, Director, Committee Chairman and Chairman of the Board of a number of businesses operating in diverse sectors such as telecommunications, automotive, manufacturing, high-technology, medical technologies, metals, energy, financial services, consumer products and services, import-export, mining and transportation and logistics. Previously, Mr. Davis served as President, Vice Chairman and Director of Emerson Radio Corporation and Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Sport Supply Group, Inc. He began his career as an attorney and international negotiator with Exxon Corporation and Standard Oil Company (Indiana) and as a partner in two Texas-based law firms, where he specialized in corporate/securities law, international transactions and restructuring advisory. Mr. Davis holds a bachelor s degree from Columbia College, a master of international affairs degree (MIA) in international law and organization from the School of International Affairs of Columbia University, and a Juris Doctorate from Columbia University School of Law. Mr. Davis is also a director of the following public companies: HRG Group, Inc., Spectrum Brands, Inc., Genco Shipping and Trading Limited, U.S. Concrete, Inc. and Hercules Offshore, Inc. Mr. Davis is a director of ALST Casino Holdco, LLC, whose common stock is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), but does not publicly trade. During the past five years, Mr. Davis has also been a director of Ambassadors International, Inc., American Commercial Lines Inc., Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Delta Airlines, Dex One Corp., Foamex International Inc., Footstar, Inc., Global Power Equipment Group Inc., Granite Broadcasting Corporation, GSI Group, Inc., Ion Media Networks, Inc., JGWPT Holdings Inc., Knology, Inc., Media General, Inc., Mosaid Technologies,

Inc., Ogelbay Norton Company, Orchid Cellmark, Inc., PRG-Schultz International Inc., Roomstore, Inc., Rural/Metro Corp., SeraCare Life Sciences, Inc., Silicon Graphics International, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, Solutia Inc., Spansion, Inc., The Cash Store Financial Services, Inc., Tipperary Corporation, Trump Entertainment Resorts, Inc., Viskase, Inc. (not a public corporation since 2008) and YRC Worldwide, Inc. Mr. Davis chairs the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and is a member of the Compensation Committee.

The board has nominated Mr. Davis for election as a director because of his leadership skills and extensive public and private company director experience in a wide range of industries as well as his senior management, operating, corporate governance, strategic planning and mergers and acquisitions experience.

THOMAS L. FAIRFIELD, (age 57). Mr. Fairfield is our President and Chief Operating Officer and has served as a director since May 2015. Mr. Fairfield previously served as a consultant of WMIH since November 21, 2014. Mr. Fairfield currently serves as a member of the board of directors at Bluestem Group Inc. (formerly known as Capmark Financial Group Inc.) (Capmark). Mr. Fairfield served as Executive Vice President of Capmark from November 2014 to May 2015. He also served as a consultant for Capmark from May 2015 September 2015. Mr. Fairfield was Chief Operating Officer of Capmark from February 2011 to November 2014 and Executive Vice President from November 2014 to May 2015. From August 2013 to March 2014, Mr. Fairfield served as a director of The Cash Store Financial Services Inc. From March 2006 to February 2012, Mr. Fairfield served as Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Capmark. Prior to joining Capmark, Mr. Fairfield was a partner at the law firm of Reed Smith LLP from September 2005 to March 2006 and prior to that at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP from February 2000 to August 2005 and LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP, from January 1991 to February 2000, where his practice focused primarily on general corporate and securities law, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and financial services.

The board has nominated Mr. Fairfield for election as a director because of his senior management, operating and leadership experience in his business and legal career, including his experience with mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, tax and financial services and his experience as a director.

WILLIAM C. GALLAGHER, (age 57). Mr. Gallagher is our Chief Executive Officer and has served as a director since May 2015. Mr. Gallagher previously served as a consultant of WMIH since November 21, 2014. Mr. Gallagher served as an Executive Vice President and member of the board of directors at Capmark from November 2014 until May 2015. Mr. Gallagher served as President and CEO of Capmark from February 2011 to November 2014. He was Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer of Capmark from March 2009 to February 2011. Prior to joining Capmark, Mr. Gallagher was the Chief Credit Officer of RBS Greenwich Capital from September 1989 to February 2009. Mr. Gallagher is a member of the Corporate Strategy and Development Committee.

The board has nominated Mr. Gallagher for election as a director because of his senior management, operating and business experience, his leadership skills as a director and chief executive officer and his significant experience with acquisitions and risk management within the financial institutions sector.

DIANE B. GLOSSMAN, (age 60). Ms. Glossman has served as a director since 2012. Ms. Glossman is a retired investment analyst with over 25 years of experience as an analyst and almost 20 years of governance experience on boards. In addition to her service on behalf of WMIH, Ms. Glossman currently serves on the boards of directors of Ambac Assurance Company, Bucks County SPCA, Live Oak Bancshares, QBE North America and Powa Technologies Group Ltd. and the advisory board of Barclays US. Previously, Ms. Glossman served on the board of directors of A.M. Todd Company from 1998 to July 2011, and as an independent trustee on State Street Global Advisors mutual fund board from October 2009 to April 2011. Ms. Glossman is a member of the Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The board has nominated Ms. Glossman for election as a director because of her high level of financial literacy and business experience as an investment analyst, reviewing and forecasting performance for companies in various industries, particularly in the financial services industry and her experience as a director.

TAGAR C. OLSON, (age 38). Mr. Olson has served as a director since May 2015, appointed by KKR Fund, and served as an observer to the board from March 13, 2014 until becoming a director. Mr. Olson is a Member of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. (KKR). He joined KKR in 2002, and he currently serves as head of KKR s financial services industry team and as a member of the Investment Committee within KKR s Private Equity platform. Mr. Olson currently serves on the boards of directors of Alliant Insurance Services, First Data Corporation, Privilege Underwriters (PURE) and Sedgwick, Inc. He has played a significant role in many of KKR s other investments in the financial services sector over the past decade, including Latitude Financial, Legg Mason, Nephila and Santander Consumer USA. Prior to joining KKR, Mr. Olson was with Evercore Partners Inc. starting in 1999, where he was involved in a number of private equity transactions and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Olson holds a B.S. and B.A.S., summa cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Board of Overseers at NYU Langone Medical Center. Mr. Olson chairs the Corporate Strategy and Development Committee.

The board has nominated Mr. Olson for election as a director because of his extensive experience in corporate financings, mergers, acquisitions, investments and strategic transactions, his relationships in the investment banking and private equity industries and his experience in identifying potential merger and acquisition candidates.

PAUL E. RAETHER, (age 69). Mr. Raether has served as a director since May 2015, appointed by KKR Fund. Mr. Raether is a member of KKR. He joined KKR in 1980 and serves on KKR s three regional Portfolio Management Committees. Mr. Raether also serves as a member of the Private Markets Valuation and Firm Management Committees. Mr. Raether also serves on the board of directors of Brightview and Toys R Us, Inc., two other KKR portfolio companies. He has played a significant role in numerous portfolio companies including Beatrice Companies, Cole National Corporation, Duracell, Fleet/Bank of New England, IDEX Corporation, KSL Recreation, Masonite International, PT Components, Randall s Food Markets, RJR Nabisco, Seaman Furniture, Shoppers Drug Mart, Stop & Shop Companies, Storer Communications, Inc., Walter Industries and Wometco Enterprises. Prior to joining KKR, Mr. Raether served as an officer in the United States Navy and started his professional career in the Corporate Finance Department of Reynolds Securities. Previously, he was a Vice President in the Corporate Finance Department of Blyth Eastman Dillon & Company. He obtained a B.A. from Trinity College and an M.B.A. from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College. Mr. Raether serves as a director or trustee for several educational and non-profit institutions. He recently retired from the Board of Trinity College in Hartford, CT, after 25 years of service including the last 12 years as Chairman. He also serves as a Trustee of the Board of Overseers of the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Foundation. Mr. Raether is the President of the Institute for Sports Medicine Research in New York.

The board has nominated Mr. Raether for election as a director because of his extensive experience in financings, mergers, acquisitions, investments and strategic transactions, his relationships in the investment banking and private equity industries, his experience in identifying potential merger and acquisition candidates and his experience as a director.

MICHAEL J. RENOFF, (age 41). Mr. Renoff has served as a director since March 2012. Mr. Renoff has served as Senior Analyst of Old Bell Associates, LLC since 2008. Old Bell Associates, LLC is the investment manager to Scoggin Worldwide Distressed Fund LLC, which owns shares in WMIH. In addition, Old Bell Associates, LLC has an investment management arrangement with Scoggin Capital Management II LLC and Scoggin International Fund Ltd., each of which own shares of WMIH. Mr. Renoff is a member of the Audit Committee and the Corporate Strategy and Development Committee.

The board has nominated Mr. Renoff for election as a director because of his high level of financial literacy, his qualifications as a chartered financial analyst, his over 15 years of investment experience in the financial services industry and his experience as a director.

STEVEN D. SCHEIWE, (age 55). Mr. Scheiwe has served as a director since March 2012. Since 2001 Mr. Scheiwe has been President of Ontrac Advisors, Inc., which offers analysis and management services to private equity groups, privately held companies and funds managing distressed corporate debt issues. Mr. Scheiwe also serves on the board of directors of Hancock Fabrics, Inc., and Alliance Semiconductor Corp. During the last five years he has also served on the board of directors of FiberTower Corporation, Primus Telecommunications Group, Inc., Mississippi Phosphates Corporation and Inner City Media Corporation. Mr. Scheiwe chairs the Compensation Committee and is a member of the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The board has nominated Mr. Scheiwe for election as a director because of his high level of financial literacy, broad experience serving as a board member of public and private companies, his experience in mergers, acquisitions and financing, his experience serving on compensation committees and his qualification as an audit committee financial expert.

MICHAEL L. WILLINGHAM, (age 45). Mr. Willingham has served as a director since March 2012. Since June 2002, Mr. Willingham has been a principal at Willingham Services, which provides consulting advice for a diverse portfolio of clients and constituencies regarding strategic considerations involving complex litigation across a variety of industries, including energy, financial services and varying wholesale/retail products. Mr. Willingham is a member of the Trust Advisory Board and Litigation Subcommittee of WMI Liquidating Trust (the Trust). Mr. Willingham chairs the Audit Committee and is a member of the Compensation Committee.

The board has nominated Mr. Willingham for election as a director because of his high level of financial literacy, his experience in recovering significant value for stockholders, estates and creditors in various bankruptcy cases, his experience negotiating complex financial instruments, including hedging derivatives and credit agreements, and his experience as a director.

Director Relationships

KKR Fund Holdings L.P. and certain affiliates, collectively (KKR Fund) is party to that certain Investor Rights Agreement, dated as of January 30, 2014 (the Investor Rights Agreement), between us and KKR Fund. Pursuant to the Investor Rights Agreement and as a result of the increase of the size of our board from seven to nine in May 2015, for so long as KKR Fund owns, in the aggregate, at least 50% of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock issued as of January 30, 2014 (or the underlying common stock), KKR Fund will have the right to appoint two of the nine directors that currently comprise our board. Pursuant to the Investor Rights Agreement, Mr. Olson and Mr. Raether were nominated by KKR Fund and appointed as directors, effective as of May 12, 2015, to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of two of our directors and the increase of the size of our board.

Mr. Willingham is a current member of the Trust Advisory Board and the Litigation Subcommittee of the Trust. Mr. Willingham was selected by the Trust s Equity Committee to serve on the Litigation Subcommittee, which committee is responsible for the prosecution of certain claims by the Trust. The Trust is not considered an affiliate of the Company. However, according to the disclosures by the Trust in its Quarterly Summary Report for the period ended December 31, 2015 and filed under cover of Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on January 26, 2016, the Trust (either directly or through the Disputed Claim Reserve) holds an aggregate of \$474,061.00 of outstanding 13% Senior Second Lien Notes Due 2030 (the Runoff Notes), including interest accrued thereon, issued by the Company in connection with the Bankruptcy Plan, under an Indenture dated as of March 19, 2012 between WMIH and Law Debenture Trust Company of

New York (the Indenture). To avoid any potential conflict, the Trust s governance procedures require Mr. Willingham to recuse himself from any decision of the Trust Advisory Board that relates to matters involving WMIH. Any applicable related party transactions that arise during the life of the Trust will be elevated to the Trust Advisory Board, as required, for further consideration.

The board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote <u>FOR</u> the election of each of the foregoing nominees for director.

PROPOSAL 2

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT

REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has selected Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc., as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. Although the appointment of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc. as our independent registered public accounting firm is not required to be submitted to a vote of the stockholders by our charter documents or applicable law, the board has decided to ask the stockholders to ratify the appointment. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc., the board of directors will ask the Audit Committee to reconsider its selection, but there can be no assurance that a different selection will be made.

For more information regarding our independent registered public accounting firm, see the Matters Relating to Our Auditors section of this Proxy Statement.

The board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote <u>FOR</u> ratification of the appointment of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

PROPOSAL 3

ADVISORY VOTE ON NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

We are asking stockholders to approve an advisory (non-binding) resolution on our named executive officer compensation as disclosed in this Proxy Statement. As described below in the Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement, our Compensation Committee has structured our executive compensation program in a way that it believes will attract and retain highly qualified executive officers. Our Compensation Committee and board of directors believe that the compensation policies and procedures articulated in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement are effective in achieving our goals.

We urge stockholders to read the Executive Compensation section of this Proxy Statement, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis that discusses our named executive officer compensation for fiscal year 2015 in more detail, as well as the 2015 Summary Compensation Table and other related compensation tables, notes and narrative, which provide detailed information on the compensation of our named executive officers.

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, and as a matter of good corporate governance, we are asking stockholders to approve the following resolution at the Annual Meeting:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders of WMIH Corp. (the Company) approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company s named executive officers as disclosed in the Proxy Statement for the Company s 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Although this proposal, commonly referred to as a say-on-pay vote, is an advisory vote that will not be binding on our board of directors or Compensation Committee, the board of directors and Compensation Committee will consider the results of this advisory vote when making future decisions regarding our named executive officer compensation programs.

The board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote <u>FOR</u> the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers.

COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the board of directors held sixteen (16) meetings. The board of directors has established four standing committees: an Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Corporate Strategy and Development Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings held by the board of directors and the board committees on which he or she served during fiscal year 2015 (or such portion of the year during which such director served on the board of directors).

In March 2016, the board of directors, following a recommendation by the Company s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, adopted a policy with respect to board member attendance at annual stockholder meetings. In accordance with the newly adopted policy, the board encourages all directors to make attendance at the Annual Meeting a priority. Last year, all directors who were members of the board at the time of the annual meeting (other than Timothy Graham and Mark Holliday) were in attendance at the annual meeting of stockholders.

Audit Committee

WMIH has a standing Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act. The Audit Committee is governed by a written charter, a current copy of which is available on our website at <u>www.wmih-corp.com</u>. The Audit Committee held four (4) meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Michael L. Willingham (Chair), Michael J. Renoff and Steven D. Scheiwe, each of whom meets the financial literacy and independence requirements for audit committee membership specified in the NASDAQ listing standards and rules adopted by the SEC, are the current members of the Audit Committee. The board of directors has determined that each member is qualified to be an audit committee financial expert as defined in the SEC s rules.

The Audit Committee s duties and responsibilities include: (a) selection, retention, compensation, evaluation, replacement and oversight of our independent registered public accounting firm, including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditors regarding financial reporting; (b) establishment of policies and procedures for the review and pre-approval of all audit services and permissible non-audit services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm; (c) review and discuss with management and the independent auditors the annual audited financial statements (including the report of the independent auditor thereon) or quarterly unaudited financial statements contained in our periodic reports with the SEC; (d) obtain and review a report from the independent registered public accounting firm describing our internal quality control procedures; (e) periodic assessment of our accounting practices and policies and risk and risk management; (f) review policies and procedures with respect to transactions between us and related-persons and review and approve those related-person transactions that would be disclosed pursuant to SEC Regulation S-K, Item 404; (g) establishment of procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting or auditing matters and for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, in each case, pursuant to and to the extent required by laws, rules and regulations applicable to us; and (h) oversight of the code of ethics for senior financial officers and development and monitoring of compliance with the code of conduct applicable to our directors, officers and employees, in each case, pursuant to and to the extent required by laws, rules and regulations applicable to us.

Compensation Committee

The members of the Compensation Committee are Steven D. Scheiwe (Chair), Eugene I. Davis, Diane B. Glossman and Michael L. Willingham, each of whom is an independent director as defined in Rule 5605(a)(2)

of the NASDAQ listing standards. The Compensation Committee is governed by a written charter, a current copy of which is available on our website at <u>www.wmih-corp.com</u>. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the Compensation Committee held two (2) meetings and otherwise elected to act on other business via unanimous written consent, as contemplated by its charter.

Responsibilities and Processes of Compensation Committee. The board of directors has delegated to the Compensation Committee responsibility for considering and approving the compensation programs and awards for all of our executive officers, including the named executive officers identified in the 2015 Summary Compensation Table. The Compensation Committee consists entirely of independent, non-employee directors. The Compensation Committee is responsible for: (a) reviewing our overall compensation philosophy and related compensation and benefit policies, programs and practices; (b) reviewing and approving goals and objectives relevant to compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and other executive officers; (c) reviewing and recommending equity compensation plans; (d) overseeing and reviewing the non-employee director compensation program; (e) reviewing and discussing with our management the compensation discussion and analysis, if required by the Exchange Act and recommending it to the board of directors, if appropriate, for inclusion in our Proxy Statement; and (f) monitoring compliance with applicable laws governing executive compensation.

Role of Executive Officers. We have four executive officers: (a) William C. Gallagher, our Chief Executive Officer; (b) Thomas L. Fairfield, our President and Chief Operating Officer; (c) Charles Edward Smith, our Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary; and (d) Timothy F. Jaeger, our Senior Vice President, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Accounting Officer. In addition, Mr. Smith is an employee of the Trust, serving as its Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

Mr. Gallagher s service as Chief Executive Officer is governed by an employment agreement, effective as of May 25, 2015 (the Gallagher Employment Agreement). The initial term of the Gallagher Employment Agreement is three years. Under the Gallagher Employment Agreement, Mr. Gallagher receives an annual base salary equal to \$500,000, subject to applicable withholding taxes. In the event that Mr. Gallagher s employment is terminated by us without Cause or due to Mr. Gallagher s resignation for Good Reason prior to a Qualifying Acquisition (as such terms are defined in the Gallagher Employment Agreement), subject to Mr. Gallagher s execution of a release of claims in favor of us, we will provide Mr. Gallagher with severance in an amount equal to \$250,000. Mr. Gallagher will not receive any severance payment if such termination occurs following a Qualifying Acquisition. Upon the consummation of a Qualifying Acquisition, we and Mr. Gallagher will enter into a restrictive covenants agreement containing customary terms and conditions, including twelve-month post-termination non-competition and non-solicitation covenants.

Mr. Fairfield s service as our President and Chief Operating Officer is governed by an employment agreement, effective as of May 15, 2015 (the Fairfield Employment Agreement). The initial term of the Fairfield Employment Agreement is three years. Under the Fairfield Employment Agreement, Mr. Fairfield receives an annual base salary equal to \$500,000, subject to applicable withholding taxes. In the event that Mr. Fairfield s employment is terminated by us without Cause or due to Mr. Fairfield s resignation for Good Reason prior to a Qualifying Acquisition (as such terms are defined in the Fairfield Employment Agreement), subject to Mr. Fairfield s execution of a release of claims in favor of us, we will provide Mr. Fairfield with severance in an amount equal to \$250,000. Mr. Fairfield will not receive any severance payment if such termination occurs following a Qualifying Acquisition. Upon the consummation of a Qualifying Acquisition, the Company and Mr. Fairfield will enter into a restrictive covenants agreement containing customary terms and conditions, including twelve-month post-termination non-competition and non-solicitation covenants.

Mr. Smith provides services to the Company under the Transition Services Agreement, dated March 22, 2012, by and between the Company and the Trust (as amended, the Transition Services Agreement), under which Mr. Smith provides certain designated services to us. Pursuant to the Transition Services Agreement, we have agreed to reimburse the Trust at a fixed rate per hour in exchange for Mr. Smith s services as one of the Company s executives.

Mr. Jaeger provides services to us under a non-exclusive arrangement pursuant to an Engagement Agreement, effective May 28, 2012 (as amended, the Engagement Agreement), entered into by and between us and CXO Consulting Group, LLC (CXOC), under which Mr. Jaeger acts as our Interim Chief Accounting Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer.

Subject to the terms of these agreements, the executive officers are elected by and serve at the discretion of the Company s board of directors. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Fairfield negotiated their respective compensation arrangements with the Messrs. Scheiwe and Smith, on behalf of the Company, and such arrangements were approved by Compensation Committee and the board of directors. Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Trust, and Mr. Jaeger, on behalf of CXOC, negotiated their respective reimbursement or compensation arrangements (as the case may be) with Mr. Willingham when he served as chairman of the board, and such arrangements were approved by the Compensation Committee and the board of directors.

Corporate Strategy and Development Committee

The members of the Corporate Strategy and Development Committee (the CS&D Committee) are Tagar C. Olson (Chair), William C. Gallagher and Michael J. Renoff. In general, all directors are invited to attend meetings of the CS&D Committee. The CS&D Committee is governed by a written charter, a current copy of which is available on our website at <u>www.wmih-corp.com</u>. The purpose of the CS&D Committee is to support the board of directors with the identification, review and assessment of potential acquisitions and strategic or business investment opportunities. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the CS&D Committee held at least fourteen (14) formal and informal meetings and is actively engaged in pursuing acquisition opportunities for the Company.

Pursuant to its purpose, the CS&D Committee works to develop our acquisition strategy and to identify, consider and evaluate potential mergers, acquisitions, business combinations and other strategic opportunities, including collecting and analyzing information regarding potential target companies, determining the valuation of potential target companies and advising on capital-raising, if needed, to fund our external growth strategy. In connection with and in addition to the foregoing, the CS&D Committee may explore various financing alternatives to fund our external growth strategy, including improving our capital structure, which may include increasing, reducing and/or refinancing debt; pursuing capital raising activities, such as the issuance of new preferred or common equity and/or a rights offering to our existing stockholders, launching an exchange offer, and pursuing other transactions involving our outstanding securities. There can be no assurance that any transaction will occur or, if so, on what terms.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Eugene I. Davis (Chair), Diane B. Glossman and Steven D. Schiewe, each of whom is an independent director as defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the NASDAQ listing standards. Mr. Schiewe joined the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in March 2016; prior to that time, Tagar Olson served as a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is governed by a written charter, a current copy of which is available on our website at <u>www.wmih-corp.com</u>. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held at least two (2) meetings.

The functions of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are to carry out the duties and responsibilities delegated by the board relating to our director nominations process, oversight of the evaluation of directors and development and maintenance of our corporate governance principles and policies. The committee is authorized by its charter to engage its own advisors. Our board is responsible for nominating members for election to our board and for filling vacancies on the board that may occur between annual meetings of stockholders. The committee is responsible for identifying, screening and recommending to our board candidates for board membership. The committee recommended to the board the nomination of the candidates reflected in Proposal 1.

Nominees for director will be selected on the basis of, among other things, knowledge, experience, skills, expertise, integrity, diversity, ability to make independent analytical inquiries, and understanding of the Company s business environment, all in the context of an assessment of the perceived needs of the board at the time. Nominees should also be willing to devote adequate time and effort to board responsibilities. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not set specific, minimum qualifications that nominees must meet in order for the committee to recommend them to the board, but rather believes that each nominee should be evaluated based on his or her individual merit, taking into account the needs of the Company and the composition of the board. The committee will consider stockholder recommendations for candidates to serve on the board. Candidates suggested by stockholders will be evaluated by the same criteria and process as candidates from other sources. Formal nomination of candidates by stockholders requires compliance with Section 2.13 of the Bylaws, including sending timely notice of the candidate s name, biographical information, and qualifications, and certain information regarding the stockholder making the nomination, to the Secretary of the Company at WMIH Corp., 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4100, Seattle, Washington 98104. In order for a notice of stockholder nomination to be considered timely, a stockholder must deliver the notice to the Secretary at our principal executive offices no later than 90 calendar days and no earlier than 120 calendar days prior to the one-year anniversary of the date on which the Company s Proxy Statement was released to stockholders in connection with the previous year s annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, if the annual meeting of stockholders is convened more than 30 days prior to the anniversary of the preceding year s annual meeting or delayed by more than 30 days after the anniversary of the preceding year s annual meeting or if no annual meeting was held in the preceding year, the notice by the stockholder must be received not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th calendar day before such annual meeting and the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. There is otherwise no formal process prescribed for identifying and evaluating nominees, including no formal diversity policy.

Committee Membership at April 7, 2016

| Name | Audit Committee | Compensation Committee | Corporate Strategy and Development Committee | Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| Eugene I. Davis | | Member | | Chair |
| Thomas L. Fairfield | | | | |
| William C. Gallagher | | | Member | |
| Diane B. Glossman | | Member | | Member |
| Tagar C. Olson | | | Chair | |
| Paul E. Raether | | | | |
| Michael J. Renoff | Member | | Member | |
| Steven D. Scheiwe | Member | Chair | | Member |
| Michael L. Willingham | Chair | Member | | |

RISK MANAGEMENT

We have developed and maintain processes to manage risk in its operations. The board s role in risk management is primarily one of oversight, with day-to-day responsibility for risk management implemented by the management team. The board of directors executes its oversight role directly and through its various committees. The Audit Committee has principal responsibility for implementing the board s risk management oversight role. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing conflict of interest transactions and handling complaints about accounting and auditing matters and violations of our code of conduct and code of ethics. Any waivers of the codes for executive officers and directors must be submitted to the Chair of the Audit Committee and may be made only by the board. The Audit Committee monitors certain key risks, such as risk associated with internal control over financial reporting, liquidity risk and risks associated with potential business acquisitions, in addition to assessing the risks in our proposed financing or investments. The Compensation Committee assesses risks created by the incentives inherent in our compensation policies. Finally, the full board of directors reviews strategic and operational risk in the context of reports from the management team and the board committees.

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

The positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer have been held by two different individuals. The board has determined that Mr. Davis, who is presently serving as Chairman of the Board, is independent under NASDAQ listing standards. The board believes that this structure is appropriate for the Company at this time. Except for our CS&D Committee, on which Mr. Gallagher, our Chief Executive Officer serves, each of our board committees is made up solely of independent directors and sets its own agenda. The independent directors also meet in executive session on a regular basis without management present.

CODE OF ETHICS

We have adopted a code of ethics which is applicable to our board of directors and our officers, including our chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, principal accounting officer and controller. The code of ethics focuses on honest and ethical conduct, the adequacy of disclosure in our financial reports, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. A current copy of the code of ethics is available on our website at <u>www.wmih-corp.com</u>, and is administered by the Audit Committee.

STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD

Communications by stockholders to the board of directors should be sent to the attention of the Chairman of the Board, in care of Charles Edward Smith, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, WMIH Corp., 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4100, Seattle, Washington 98104. Such communications will be forwarded unopened to the individual serving as Chairman of the Board, who will be responsible for responding to or forwarding such communications as appropriate, including communications directed to individual directors or board committees. Communications will not be forwarded if the Chairman of the Board determines that they do not appear to be within the scope of the board s (or such other intended recipient s) responsibilities or are otherwise inappropriate or frivolous.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

2015 Director Compensation Table

The following table summarizes information regarding director compensation for the non-employee directors of the Company during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

| | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash | Stock Awards | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Name | (\$) | (\$) ⁽¹⁾ | (\$) |
| Eugene I. Davis | 153,902 | 100,000 | 253,902 |
| Diane B. Glossman | 111,813 | 100,000 | 211,813 |
| Tagar C. Olson | | | |
| Paul E. Raether | | | |
| Michael J. Renoff | 116,374 | 100,000 | 216,374 |
| Steven D. Scheiwe | 122,500 | 100,000 | 222,500 |
| Michael L. Willingham | 152,280 | 100,000 | 252,280 |
| Timothy R. Graham (former director) | 52,500 | 100,000 | 152,500 |
| Mark E. Holliday (former director) | 65,000 | 100,000 | 165,000 |

(1) On April 28, 2015, Mr. Davis, Ms. Glossman, Mr. Renoff, Mr. Scheiwe, Mr. Willingham each received a grant of 38,462 shares of restricted stock, with each such grant having a fair market value of \$2.60 per share as of the grant date. The shares of restricted stock vest over a period of three years, with one-third of each grant vesting on March 19, 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively. Mr. Graham and Mr. Holliday also each received a grant of 38,462 shares of restricted stock; however, both Mr. Graham and Mr. Holliday resigned from the board, effective as of May 11, 2015, and, by recommendation by the Compensation Committee and approval by the Board, all restricted, unvested shares of stock held by Messrs. Graham and Holliday on that date vested. Additionally, neither Mr. Olson nor Mr. Raether, who were appointed to the board subsequent to the grant date, received any compensation for their service, including shares of restricted stock.

Narrative to Director Compensation Table

Director compensation has three components: (1) annual cash retainer for board service; (2) annual cash retainers based on committee chair positions and committee membership; and (3) annual and special restricted stock grants. The annual cash retainer for board service was \$100,000. Annual retainers for committee or chair service include: (i) \$10,000 for each non-Chair member of the Audit Committee; (ii) \$10,000 for each non-Chair member of the Corporate Strategy and Development Committee; (iii) \$5,000 for each non-Chair member of the Compensation Committee; (iv) \$5,000 for each non-Chair member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; (v) \$50,000 for being Chairman of the Board; (vi) \$25,000 for the Audit Committee Chair; (vii) \$25,000 for the Corporate Governance Committee Chair; (viii) \$12,500 for the Compensation Committee Chair and (ix) \$12,500 for the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chair: All retainers were paid in quarterly installments, in advance, on the last day of the prior quarter. We also reimburse directors for their travel expenses for each meeting attended in person; however, reimbursement amounts are not included in the totals above.

In 2013, our board, upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee, adopted a policy that the annual restricted stock grant to directors will, subject to availability of sufficient shares reserved under the Company s 2012 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the 2012 Plan), be automatically granted without any further action by the Compensation Committee or board to each outside director elected by the stockholders to serve another term on the day of our annual meeting of stockholders, at a stock price equal to the closing price of our common stock as quoted on the exchange on which our shares of common stock trade on the grant date. Generally, grants of restricted stock to our directors vest in three equal installments on March 19 of each year over a three year period, subject to continued service as a director through the vesting dates. On April 28, 2015, Mr. Davis, Ms. Glossman, Mr. Renoff, Mr. Scheiwe and Mr. Willingham received an annual restricted stock grant pursuant to the 2012 Plan. The value of the restricted stock grant was based on an annual value of

\$100,000, and the trading closing value as of the grant date was \$2.60 per share, resulting in a grant of 38,462 shares per director. The 2015 restricted stock grant will be fully vested on March 19, 2018. The shares also immediately vest in the event of a Change of Control, as defined in the 2012 Plan. On April 28, 2015, Mr. Graham and Mr. Holliday also received an annual restricted stock grant of 38,462 shares per director. Messrs. Graham and Holliday resigned from our board effective upon consummation of the Reincorporation. In connection with such resignations, and in recognition of their service on our board, the Compensation Committee recommended, and the board approved, accelerating the vesting dates applicable to any shares of restricted stock that each of Mr. Graham and Mr. Holliday held on the effective date of their resignations. In addition, Messrs. Olson and Raether have not received any cash or equity compensation since joining our board.

Directors are subject to stock ownership guidelines that require each director to, at all times during service on the board, hold shares of our common stock equal to 50% of the aggregate number of shares awarded to the director as director compensation and that have vested. To monitor the guidelines, board members are not permitted to sell our shares without Compensation Committee approval.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

Stock Ownership Table

The following table sets forth as of April 7, 2016 (or such other time as indicated in the footnotes to this table) certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock and preferred stock by each person, or group of affiliated persons, known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock or preferred stock or other significant beneficial owner.

| | Shares Beneficially Owned | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | Common | % of Class | Series A Convertible Preferred | % of Class | Series B Convertible Preferred | % of Class | Voting Power |
| Name and Address | Stock ⁽¹⁾ | Owned ⁽¹⁾ | Stock | Owned | Stock | Owned ⁽²⁾ | % ⁽³⁾ |
| Appaloosa Investment Limited | | | | | | | |
| Partnership I | 4,406,231(4) | 2.1% | | | 24,067 ⁽⁵⁾ | 4.0% | 2.8% |
| Palomino Fund Ltd. | 6,612,004(4) | 3.2% | | | 24,067 ⁽⁵⁾ | 4.0% | 3.2% |
| Thoroughbred Fund L.P. | 2,920,893(4) | 1.4% | | | 18,067 ⁽⁵⁾ | 3.0% | 2.0% |
| Thoroughbred Master Ltd. | 2,963,337(4) | 1.4% | | | 18,068 ⁽⁵⁾ | 3.0% | 2.0% |
| Greywolf Capital Partners II LP | 3,161,664 ⁽⁶⁾ | 1.5% | | | | | 0.6% |
| Greywolf Event Driven Master Fund | 5,394,255 ⁽⁶⁾ | 2.6% | | | | | 1.0% |
| Greywolf Overseas Intermediate Fund | 1,305,894 ⁽⁶⁾ | 0.6% | | | | | 0.2% |
| Greywolf Structured Products Master | | | | | | | |
| Fund, Ltd. | 2,818,564(6) | 1.4% | | | | | 0.5% |
| Greywolf Opportunities Fund II, LP | 2,916,510 ⁽⁶⁾ | 1.4% | | | 14,933(7) | 2.5% | 1.8% |
| Greywolf Strategic Master Fund SPC, | | | | | | | |
| Ltd. MSP1 | | | | | 38,577 ⁽⁷⁾ | 6.4% | 3.2% |
| GCP Europe S.á.r.l. | | | | | 30,221 ⁽⁸⁾ | 5.0% | 2.5% |
| Serengeti Multi-Series Master LLC | | | | | | | |
| Series E | | | | | 15,000 ⁽⁹⁾ | 2.5% | 1.2% |
| Serengeti Opportunities MM L.P. | $1,280,000^{(9)}$ | 0.6% | | | 15,000 ⁽⁹⁾ | 2.5% | 1.5% |
| Rapax OC Master Fund, Ltd. | 470,000 ⁽⁹⁾ | 0.2% | | | $10,000^{(9)}$ | 1.7% | 1.0% |
| Howard Hughes Medical Institute | | | | | 20,000 ⁽⁹⁾ | 3.3% | 1.6% |
| Teacher Retirement System of Texas | | | | | 40,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾ | 6.7% | 3.3% |
| DDFS Partnership LP | | | | | 40,000 ⁽¹¹⁾ | 6.7% | 3.3% |
| KKR Fund Holdings L.P. | 71,465,629(12) | 25.7% | $1,000,000^{(12)}$ | 100.0% | | | 13.1% |
| KKR Wand Investors L.P. | | | | | 200,000 ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹³⁾ | 33.3% | 16.3% |

(1) Percentages have been calculated based on 206,168,035 shares of our common stock and 1,000,000 shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock issued and outstanding as of April 7, 2016, except the percentage for KKR Fund with respect to common stock has been calculated assuming the conversion of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and exercise of the warrants owned by KKR Fund. Does not reflect mandatory conversion of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock issued on January 5, 2015 because the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is not convertible at the option of the holders.

(2) Percentages have been calculated based on 600,000 shares of our Series B Convertible Preferred Stock issued and outstanding as of April 7, 2016.

⁽³⁾ Based on the total amount of shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of April 7, 2016, calculated (i) assuming the exercise of the outstanding warrants, (ii) assuming the conversion of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, and (iii) assuming the conversion of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock using the Initial Conversion Price.

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(4) This information as to beneficial ownership is based on an Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2016 by and on behalf of Appaloosa Investment Limited Partnership I (AILP), Palomino Fund Ltd. (Palomino), Appaloosa Management L.P. (AMLP), Thoroughbred Fund L.P. (TFLP), Thoroughbred Master Ltd. (TML), Appaloosa Partners Inc. (API) and David A. Tepper (Mr. Tepper). As of December 31, 2015: (i) AMLP was the general partner of AILP and TFLP and served as investment advisor to AILP, Palomino, TFLP and TML; (ii) API was the general partner of, and (iii) Mr. Tepper owned a majority of the limited partnership interest in, AMLP and Mr. Tepper is the sole stockholder and president of API. According to the Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G, each of these persons has shared voting and dispositive power. AMLP, API and Mr. Tepper each may be deemed to beneficially own 16,902,465 shares of common stock, or 8.2% of the common stock. As of January 1, 2016, the business address of

AILP and Palomino is 51 John F. Kennedy Parkway, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078. As of January 1, 2016, the business address of AMLP, TFLP, TML, API and Mr. Tepper is c/o Appaloosa Management L.P., 404 Washington Avenue, Suite 810, Miami, Florida 33139.

- (5) This information as to beneficial ownership is based on a questionnaire completed on October 22, 2015 by and on behalf of AILP, Palomino, TFLP and TML.
- (6) This information as to beneficial ownership is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed by Greywolf Capital Management LP (GCMLP) with the SEC on February 16, 2016. The Schedule 13G/A was filed by and on behalf of Greywolf Capital Partners II LP (GCP II), Greywolf Event Driven Master Fund (GEDMF), Greywolf Overseas Intermediate Fund (GOIF), Greywolf Structured Products Master Fund, Ltd. (GSPMF), Greywolf Opportunities Fund II, LP (GOF II and together with GCP II, GEDMF, GOIF and GSPMF, the Greywolf Funds), Greywolf Advisors LLC (GALLC), GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Jonathan Savitz (Mr. Savitz). According to the Schedule 13G/A, each of the Greywolf Funds has beneficial ownership of shares of common stock as set forth above as of December 31, 2015. GALLC, as the general partner of GCP II, may be deemed to beneficially own shares held by GCP II. Each of GCMLP, as the investment manager of the Greywolf Funds, Greywolf Funds, Each of GALLC, GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Mr. Savitz disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares. Each of the Greywolf Funds, GALLC, GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Mr. Savitz disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares. Each of the Greywolf Funds, GALLC, GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Mr. Savitz disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares. Each of the Greywolf Funds, GALLC, GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Mr. Savitz disclaims any beneficial of these persons other than GEDMF, GOIF and GSPMF is 4 Manhattanville Road, Suite 201, Purchase, NY 10577. The address for GEDMF and GOIF is 89 Nexus Way, Camana Bay, Grand Cayman KY19007. The address for GSPMF is Ugland House, P.O. Box 309, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-1104.
- (7) This information as to beneficial ownership is based on a questionnaire completed on November 6, 2015 by Greywolf Strategic Master Fund SPC, Ltd. MSP1 (Greywolf MSP1). Greywolf MSP1 is owned approximately 36% by GOIF and approximately 64% by unaffiliated investors. GOIF and certain other funds managed by GCMLP collectively hold an aggregate of 15,596,887 shares of Common Stock. Each of GCMLP, as the investment manager of Greywolf MSP1, GOIF and certain other funds, Greywolf GP LLC, as the general partner of GCMLP, and Mr. Savitz, as the managing member of Greywolf GP LLC, may be deemed to beneficially own, shares held by Greywolf MSP1, GOIF and such other funds. Each of GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Mr. Savitz disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares. The address for Greywolf MSP1 is Ugland House, P.O. Box 309, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-1104. The address for GOIF is 89 Nexus Way, Camana Bay, Grand Cayman KY19007. The address for GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Mr. Savitz is c/o Greywolf Capital Management LP, 4 Manhattanville Road, Suite 201, Purchase, NY 10577.
- (8) This information as to beneficial ownership is based on a questionnaire completed on November 6, 2015 by GCP Europe SARL (GCP Europe). GCP Europe is owned approximately 45% by GOIF and approximately 55% by GCP II and is independently managed. GOIF, GCP II and certain other funds managed by GCMLP collectively hold an aggregate of 15,596,887 shares of Common Stock. GALLC, as the general partner of GCP II, may be deemed to beneficially own shares held by GCP II. Each of GCMLP, as the investment manager of GOIF, GCP II and certain other funds, Greywolf GP LLC, as the general partner of GCMLP, and Mr. Savitz, as the managing member of Greywolf GP LLC, may be deemed to beneficially own, shares held by GOIF, GCP II and such other funds. Each of GALLC, GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Mr. Savitz disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares. The address for GCP Europe is 21-25, Allee Scheffer, L-2520 Luxembourg. The address for GOIF is 89 Nexus Way, Camana Bay, Grand Cayman KY19007. The address for GCP II, GALLC, GCMLP, Greywolf GP LLC and Mr. Savitz is c/o Greywolf Capital Management LP, 4 Manhattanville Road, Suite 201, Purchase, NY 10577.
- (9) This information as to ownership is based on a questionnaire completed on November 5, 2015 on behalf of Serengeti Multi-Series Master LLC Series E, Serengeti Opportunities MM L.P., Rapax OC Master Fund, Ltd. and Howard Hughes Medical Institute by Serengeti Asset Management LP (SAM), as the investment adviser of each of the four entities. The address for each of these entities is c/o Serengeti Asset Management LP, 632 Broadway, 12th Floor, New York, New York, 10012.
- (10) This information as to ownership is based on a questionnaire completed on October 5, 2015 on behalf of Teacher Retirement System of Texas. The address for Teacher Retirement System of Texas is 1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701.
- (11) This information as to ownership is based on a questionnaire completed on November 5, 2015 on behalf of DDFS Partnership LP. Thomas G. Dundon, as the general partner of DDFS Partnership LP, is the controlling person of DDFS Partnership LP. The address for DDFS Partnership LP is 2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- (12) This information as to beneficial ownership is based on a Schedule 13D filed by KKR Fund with the SEC on January 7, 2015. The Schedule 13D was filed by and on behalf of KKR Fund, KKR Fund Holdings GP Limited (KKR Fund Holdings GP), KKR Group Holdings L.P. (KKR Group Holdings), KKR Group Limited (KKR Group), KKR & Co. L.P. (KKR & Co.), KKR Management LLC (KKR Management), Henry R. Kravis (Mr. Kravis) and George R. Roberts (Mr. Roberts). KKR Fund Holdings GP is a general partner of KKR Fund Holdings. KKR Group Holdings is the sole stockholder of KKR Fund Holdings GP

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and a general partner of KKR Fund Holdings. KKR Group is the general partner of KKR Group Holdings. KKR & Co. is the sole stockholder of KKR Group. KKR Management is the general partner of KKR & Co. Messrs. Kravis and Roberts are officers and the designated members of KKR Management. The address for KKR Fund is c/o Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., 9 West 57th Street, Suite 4200, New York, New York 10019.

According to the Schedule 13D, each of KKR Fund, KKR Fund Holdings GP, KKR Group Holdings, KKR Group, KKR & Co., KKR Management, Mr. Kravis and Mr. Roberts may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 71,465,629 shares of our common stock, which

includes 1,000,000 shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock held directly by KKR Fund, on an as-converted basis, having the terms, rights, obligations and preferences contained in a certificate of designation of WMIH s Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (including a conversion price, subject to adjustment, of \$1.10 per share), and Warrants to purchase, in the aggregate, 61,400,000 shares of WMIH common stock, 30,700,000 of which have an exercise price of \$1.32 per share and 30,700,000 of which have an exercise price of \$1.43 per share. According to the Schedule 13D, each of KKR Fund Holdings GP (as a general partner of KKR Fund Holdings), KKR Group Holdings (as the sole stockholder of KKR Fund Holdings GP and a general partner of KKR Fund Holdings), KKR Group Holdings), KKR & Co. (as the sole stockholder of KKR Group), KKR Management (as the general partner of KKR & Co.), and Messrs. Kravis and Roberts (as the designated members of KKR Management), may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities beneficially owned directly by KKR Fund, and each disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities.

Based on the Initial Conversion Price of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, upon a full mandatory conversion of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, KKR Fund (inclusive of shares owned by KKR Wand Investors L.P.) may be deemed to have total voting power over 160,354,517 shares (or approximately 29.6%) of our common stock.

(13) This information as to beneficial ownership is based on disclosures in a Schedule 13D filed by KKR Fund with the SEC on January 7, 2015. KKR Wand GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of KKR Wand Investors L.P. KKR Wand GP LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of KKR Fund. The address for KKR Wand Investors L.P. is c/o Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., 9 West 57th Street, Suite 4200, New York, New York 10019. The following table sets forth as of April 7, 2016, certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock by: (a) each current director and nominee for election as director; (b) each named executive officer; and (c) all current directors and executive officers as a group.

The business address for each of our directors and/or named executive officers listed below is 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4100, Seattle, Washington 98104.

| | | Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned | | |
|--|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Name | Total ⁽¹⁾ | Percent of Class ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Eugene I. Davis | 437,497 | * | | |
| Thomas L. Fairfield | 1,777,778 | * | | |
| William C. Gallagher | 1,777,778 | * | | |
| Diane B. Glossman | 387,497 | * | | |
| Timothy F. Jaeger | -0- | 0% | | |
| Tagar C. Olson | -0- ⁽²⁾ | 0% | | |
| Paul E. Raether | -0- ⁽²⁾ | 0% | | |
| Michael J. Renoff | 387,497 | * | | |
| Steven D. Scheiwe | 337,497 | * | | |
| Charles Edward Smith | -0- | 0% | | |
| Michael L. Willingham | 422,000 | * | | |
| Current Executive Officers and Directors as a Group (11 persons) | 5,527,544 | 2.7% | | |

* Less than one percent.