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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Address of Reporting P HIBBERD DOUGLAS G	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SolarWinds, Inc. [SWI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (M	iddle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner
C/O SOLARWINDS, INC., 7 SOUTHWEST PARKWAY, BUILDING 400		X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
AUSTIN, TX 78735	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Z	Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities	s Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti omr Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` '	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	(IIISU: 4)
Common Stock	05/20/2015		S	5,850 (1)	D	\$ 50.0003	91,646	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HIBBERD DOUGLAS G C/O SOLARWINDS, INC. 7171 SOUTHWEST PARKWAY, BUILDING 400 AUSTIN, TX 78735

EVP, Pres., Bus.Operations

# **Signatures**

/s/ Jason W. Bliss, Attorney-in-Fact

05/21/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$50.00 to \$50.01, inclusive. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold and each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote

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Name	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Exercise Price	Outstanding Stock Options (Exercisable)
	5/6/03	5/6/13	\$ 23.26	4,000
Marye Anne Fox (cont.)	5/11/04	5/11/14	\$ 39.30	1,334
	5/10/05	5/10/15	\$ 29.75	666
Ray J. Groves	5/4/99	5/4/09	\$ 20.63	8,000
	5/9/00	5/9/10	\$ 14.16	8,000
	5/8/01	5/8/11	\$ 7.77	4,000
	5/7/02	5/7/12	\$ 12.34	4,000
	5/6/03	5/6/13	\$ 23.26	4,000
	5/11/04	5/11/14	\$ 39.30	1,334
	5/10/05	5/10/15	\$ 29.75	666
Kristina M. Johnson	3/16/04	3/16/14	\$ 18.09	4,481
	5/18/04	5/18/14	\$ 16.46	23,855
	5/16/05	5/16/15	\$ 20.45	26,891
Ernest Mario	5/6/03	5/6/13	\$ 23.26	1,333
	5/11/04	5/11/14	\$ 39.30	1,334
	5/10/05	5/10/15	\$ 29.75	666
N.J. Nicholas, Jr.	5/5/98	5/5/08	\$ 18.34	8,000
	5/4/99	5/4/09	\$ 20.63	8,000
	5/7/02	5/7/12	\$ 12.34	1,334
	5/6/03	5/6/13	\$ 23.26	4,000
	5/11/04	5/11/14	\$ 39.30	1,334
	5/10/05	5/10/15	\$ 29.75	666
Pete M. Nicholas	5/5/97	5/5/07	\$ 12.41	960,000
	12/19/97	12/19/07	\$ 10.39	56,000
	12/23/98	12/23/08	\$ 12.44	30,000
	5/9/00	5/9/10	\$ 14.16	180,000
	7/25/00	7/25/10	\$ 8.50	180,000
	12/6/00	12/6/10	\$ 6.13	784,500
	12/17/01	12/17/11	\$ 12.50	70,000
	5/10/05	5/10/15	\$ 29.75	1,000
John E. Pepper	5/6/03	5/6/13	\$ 23.26	4,000
	5/11/04	5/11/14	\$ 39.30	1,334
	5/10/05	5/10/15	\$ 29.75	666
Uwe Reinhardt	5/7/02	5/7/12	\$ 12.34	4,000
	5/6/03	5/6/13	\$ 23.26	4,000
	5/11/04	5/11/14	\$ 39.30	1,334
	5/10/05	5/10/15	\$ 29.75	666
Warren B. Rudman	5/9/00	5/9/10	\$ 14.16	8,000
	5/8/01	5/8/11	\$ 7.77	4,000
	5/7/02	5/7/12	\$ 12.34	4,000
	5/6/03	5/6/13	\$ 23.26	4,000
	5/11/04	5/11/14	\$ 39.30	1,334
	5/10/05	5/10/15	\$ 29.75	666

(6) The numbers reflected in this column includes all other compensation received by the following directors in 2006:

	Annual		Long		Executive		
Name	Founder s Benefits(a)	Medical Benefits(a)	Term Care(a)	Charitable Donation(a)	Life Insurance(b) P	Other Perquisites(c)	Total(d)
John E. Abele Pete M.	\$ 150,000	\$ 12,731	\$ 8,603	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 41,394	0	\$ 1,214,165
Nicholas	\$ 225,000	\$ 11,119	\$ 12,744	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 163,106	\$ 23,049	\$ 1,436,448

- (a) Amounts included in these columns reflect payments due to each of our founders following their retirement as employees in May 2005.
- (b) Amounts in this column attributable to Mr. Abele include imputed income and a gross-up amount of \$17,282 to cover related tax obligations related to the termination of a previously established split dollar life insurance program. Amounts attributable to Mr. Pete Nicholas include amounts to fund premiums for universal life insurance and imputed income related to the termination of a previously established split dollar life insurance program and a gross up amount of \$72,822 to cover related tax obligations.
- (c) This column includes amounts paid for transportation services for Mr. Pete Nicholas.
- (d) This column also includes incidental amounts that fall below the required disclosure thresholds.

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In May 2005, Pete M. Nicholas, our co-founder and Chairman of the Board, and John E. Abele, our co-founder, retired as employees of Boston Scientific. In connection with their retirement:

Mr. Nicholas receives an annual payment of \$225,000 for life, and medical coverage under our benefit policies for as long as he remains a director or director emeritus. We will continue to fund his existing long-term care insurance and executive life insurance. Mr. Nicholas will continue to have the use of an office at our Natick headquarters or other Boston Scientific facilities and secretarial and administrative support, on an as-needed basis. We will also make a one-time charitable donation of up to \$1 million to any qualified charitable organization designated by Mr. Nicholas; and

Mr. Abele receives an annual payment of \$150,000 for life, and medical coverage under our benefit policies for as long as he remains a director or director emeritus. We will continue to fund his existing long-term care insurance and executive life insurance. Mr. Abele will continue to have the use of an office at our Natick headquarters or other Boston Scientific facilities and secretarial and administrative support, on an as-needed basis. We will also make a one-time charitable donation of up to \$1 million to any qualified charitable organization designated by Mr. Abele.

Mr. Nicholas continues to serve on our Board of Directors and will receive the Chairman of the Board compensation as described above. Mr. Abele continues to serve on our Board of Directors and will receive the non-employee director compensation as described above.

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## **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

# Our executive officers as of March 31, 2007

As of March 31, 2007, our executive officers were:

Name Title

James R. Tobin Director, President and Chief Executive Officer

Donald S. Baim

Senior Vice President and Chief Medical and Scientific Officer

Mark C. Bartell

Senior Vice President, Global Sales & Marketing, CRM

Lawrence C. Best Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration and Chief

Financial Officer

Brian R. Burns Senior Vice President, Quality

Fredericus A. Colen Executive Vice President, Operations and Technology, CRM and

Chief Technology Officer

Paul Donovan Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications

James Gilbert Group President, Cardiovascular

Jeffrey H. Goodman Executive Vice President, International

William Kucheman Senior Vice President and Group President, Interventional

Cardiology

Paul A. LaViolette Chief Operating Officer

William F. McConnell, Jr. Senior Vice President, Administration, CRM

Stephen F. Moreci Senior Vice President and Group President, Endosurgery

Kenneth J. Pucel Executive Vice President, Operations
Lucia L. Quinn Executive Vice President, Human Resources

Paul W. Sandman Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

# Additional information about our executive officers

Biographical information concerning our executive officers and their ages can be found under the caption Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance in our 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, which is incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement.

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#### STOCK OWNERSHIP

# Stock ownership of our largest stockholders

Set forth below are stockholders known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our common stock. In general, beneficial ownership includes those shares a person or entity has the power to vote or transfer, and stock options that are exercisable currently or within 60 days. Unless otherwise indicated, the persons and entities named below have sole voting and investment power over the shares listed. The table below outlines, as of January 31, 2007, the beneficial ownership of these individuals and entities. As of January 31, 2007, there were 1,480,340,219 shares of our common stock outstanding.

Name and Address	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Shares Outstanding
Pete M. Nicholas c/o Boston Scientific Corporation	92,686,695(1)	6.3%
One Boston Scientific Place		
Natick, MA 01760		
Promerica, L.P	80,718,018(2)	5.5%
Pete M. Nicholas, General Partner		
c/o The Bollard Group		
One Joy Street		
Boston, MA 02108		

- (1) Includes 80,718,018 shares of common stock held by Promerica, L.P., separately presented, a family limited partnership of which Pete M. Nicholas is general partner and as to which he is deemed to have beneficial ownership, 3,350,086 shares held jointly by Pete M. Nicholas and his spouse, with whom he shares voting and investment power, 10,173 shares of restricted stock subject to certain forfeiture provisions granted pursuant to our 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as to which Mr. Nicholas has sole voting but not investment power, and 2,261,500 shares subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1995 and 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Also includes 152,000 shares held by Pete M. Nicholas, Llewellyn Nicholas and Anastasios Parafestas, as trustees of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Mr. N. J. Nicholas, Jr. s children as to which Pete M. Nicholas disclaims beneficial ownership. Excludes 1,315,001 shares of stock held by Ruth V. Lilly Nicholas and N. J. Nicholas, Jr., as Trustees of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Pete M. Nicholas children and spouse, as to which Pete M. Nicholas disclaims beneficial ownership. Mr. Nicholas maintains margin securities accounts at brokerage firms, and the positions held in such margin accounts, which may from time to time include shares of our common stock, are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances, if any, in the accounts. As of December 31, 2006, Mr. Nicholas held 5,867,347 shares of our common stock in such accounts.
- (2) These shares are also included in the shares held by Pete M. Nicholas, separately presented, because as general partner of Promerica, L.P., Mr. Nicholas is deemed to have beneficial ownership of these shares. Promerica, L.P. maintains a credit line account and a margin securities account at brokerage firms, and the positions held in such accounts, which may from time to time include shares of our common stock, are pledged as collateral

security for the repayment of debit balances, if any, in the accounts. As of December 31, 2006, Promerica, L.P. held an aggregate of 80,718,018 shares of our common stock in such accounts.

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# Stock ownership of our directors and executive officers

The following table shows, as of January 31, 2007, the amount of our common stock beneficially owned by:

- (1) our directors and director nominees;
- (2) our executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table above; and
- (3) all of our directors and executive officers as a group.

Name	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Shares Outstanding
John E. Abele(1)	58,753,886	4.0%
Ursula M. Burns(2)	36,282	*
Nancy-Ann DeParle(3)	54,782	
Joel L. Fleishman(4)	151,349	*
Marye Anne Fox(5)	38,096	*
Ray J. Groves(6)	59,949	*
Kristina M. Johnson(7)	60,009	
Ernest Mario(8)	202,282	*
N.J. Nicholas, Jr.(9)	1,531,583	*
Pete M. Nicholas(10)	92,686,695	6.3%
John E. Pepper(11)	58,182	*
Uwe E. Reinhardt(12)	51,782	*
Warren B. Rudman(13)	49,782	*
James R. Tobin(14)	3,422,227	*
Lawrence C. Best(15)	2,461,869	*
Fredericus A. Colen(16)	258,174	*
Paul A. LaViolette(17)	1,330,956	*
Paul W. Sandman(18)	796,766	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (29 persons)(19)	164,773,797	11.0%

- \* Reflects beneficial ownership of less than one percent (1%) of our outstanding common stock.
- (1) Includes 3,540,500 shares of stock held by a charitable trust of which Mr. Abele shares voting and investment control, 6,782 shares of restricted stock subject to certain forfeiture provisions granted pursuant to our 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as to which Mr. Abele has sole voting but not investment power, 361,438 shares of common stock held by a trust of which Mr. Abele shares voting and investment control and 181,666 shares subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Also includes 400,000 shares held by Mary S. Abele, Mr. Abele s spouse, with respect to which Mr. Abele disclaims beneficial ownership. Mr. Abele maintains a credit line account and a margin securities account at brokerage firms, and the positions held in such accounts, which may from time to time include shares of our common stock, are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances, if any, in the accounts. As of December 31, 2006, Mr. Abele held an aggregate of 45,471,288 shares of our common stock in such accounts.

- (2) Includes 10,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan and 12,782 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Excludes 8,410 common stock equivalents which Ms. Burns has deferred pursuant to our Deferred Compensation Program offered to non-employee directors.
- (3) Includes 50,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to legacy Guidant stock option plans assumed by Boston Scientific and 4,782 shares of restricted stock subject to certain tax withholding and forfeiture provisions, granted pursuant to our 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as to which Ms. DeParle has sole voting but not investment power.
- (4) Includes 46,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1992
  Non-Employee Directors Stock Option and 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plans, and 8,742 shares of restricted stock, subject to certain tax withholding and forfeiture provisions, granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003
  Long-Term Incentive Plans, as to which Mr. Fleishman has sole voting but not investment power and 4,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan and deferred pursuant to our Deferred Compensation Program offered to non-employee directors. Excludes 12,750 shares held by a charitable foundation of which Mr. Fleishman is the president and as to which Mr. Fleishman disclaims beneficial ownership. Mr. Fleishman maintains margin securities accounts at brokerage firms, and the positions held in such margin accounts, which may from time to time include shares of our common stock, are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances, if any, in the accounts. As of December 31, 2006, Mr. Fleishman held 105,317 shares of our common stock in such accounts.
- (5) Includes 14,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1992

  Non-Employee Directors Stock Option and 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plans, 704 shares owned by Dr. Fox s spouse as to which she disclaims beneficial ownership and

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- 16,782 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Excludes 8,581 common stock equivalents which Dr. Fox has deferred under our Deferred Compensation Program offered to non-employee directors.
- (6) Includes 30,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1992 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option and 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plans and 20,782 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Excludes 22,232 common stock equivalents which Mr. Groves has deferred under our Deferred Compensation Program offered to non-employee directors.
- (7) Includes 55,227 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to legacy Guidant stock option plans assumed by Boston Scientific and 4,782 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Excludes 636 common stock equivalents which Dr. Johnson has deferred under our Deferred Compensation Program offered to non-employee directors.
- (8) Includes 3,333 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan, 20,000 shares held by a self-directed IRA, 50,000 shares held by Mario Family Partners, a family limited partnership of which Dr. Mario is general partner and is deemed to have beneficial ownership, 16,700 shares held by Dr. Mario s spouse as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership and 20,782 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Excludes 12,528 common stock equivalents which Dr. Mario has deferred under our Deferred Compensation Program offered to non-employee directors.
- (9) Includes 23,334 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1992 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option and 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plans, 62,466 shares of stock held by N. J. Nicholas, Jr., as sole trustee of a revocable trust and 1,315,001 shares of stock held by Ruth V. Lilly Nicholas and N. J. Nicholas, Jr., as trustees of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Pete M. Nicholas children and spouse as to which N. J. Nicholas, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership, 75,000 shares held in an IRA, 35,000 shares held in a charitable trust of which Mr. Nicholas is a trustee and to which Mr. Nicholas disclaims beneficial ownership and 20,782 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Excludes 152,000 shares held by Pete M. Nicholas, Llewellyn Nicholas and Anastasios Parafestas, as Trustees of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of N. J. Nicholas, Jr. s children as to which N. J. Nicholas, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership and 26,393 common stock equivalents which N. J. Nicholas, Jr. has deferred pursuant to our Deferred Compensation Program offered to non-employee directors.
- (10) Includes 80,718,018 shares of common stock held by Promerica, L.P., a family limited partnership of which Pete M. Nicholas is general partner and as to which he is deemed to have beneficial ownership, 3,350,086 shares held jointly by Pete M. Nicholas and his spouse, with whom he shares voting and investment power, 10,173 shares of restricted stock subject to certain forfeiture provisions granted pursuant to our 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as to which Pete M. Nicholas has sole voting but not investment power, and 2,261,500 shares subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1995 and 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Also includes 152,000 shares held by Pete M. Nicholas, Llewellyn Nicholas and Anastasios Parafestas, as trustees of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of N.J. Nicholas, Jr. s children as to which Pete M. Nicholas disclaims beneficial ownership. Excludes 1,315,001 shares of stock held by Ruth V. Lilly Nicholas and N. J. Nicholas, Jr., as Trustees of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Pete M. Nicholas children and spouse, as to which Pete M. Nicholas disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (11) Includes 6,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan, 4,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive

Plans subject to certain forfeiture provisions, as to which Mr. Pepper has sole voting but not investment power, 2,400 shares owned by Mr. Pepper s spouse as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership and 4,782 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Excludes 3,143 common stock equivalents which Mr. Pepper has deferred under our Deferred Compensation Program offered to non-employee directors.

- (12) Includes 10,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan and 4,782 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan subject to certain forfeiture provisions, as to which Dr. Reinhardt has sole voting but not investment power. Also includes 14,000 shares of stock held jointly by Dr. Reinhardt and his spouse, with whom he shares voting and investment control.
- (13) Includes 22,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1992

  Non-Employee Directors Stock Option and 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plans, 1,000 shares of stock owned by

  Senator Rudman s spouse as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership and 20,782 shares of restricted stock

  granted pursuant to our 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Excludes 21,535 common stock

  equivalents which Senator Rudman has deferred under our Deferred Compensation Program offered to
  non-employee directors.
- (14) Includes 3,312,500 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1995, 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans. Also includes 9,727 shares held in Mr. Tobin s 401(k) account.
- (15) Includes 2,221,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1995, 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans and 8,680 shares held in Mr. Best s 401(k) account.
- (16) Includes 258,174 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1995, 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans.
- (17) Includes 1,282,250 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1995, 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans and 12,412 shares held in Mr. LaViolette s 401(k) account.
- (18) Includes 760,000 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our 1995, 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans and 2,900 shares of stock held by Mr. Sandman as custodian for his child as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership. The balance (except four shares) is held jointly by Mr. Sandman and his spouse, with whom he shares voting and investment control.
- (19) Please refer to footnotes 1 through 18 above. Includes 13,133,852 shares of common stock subject to exercisable options granted pursuant to our Non-Employee Directors Stock Option and 1992, 1995, 2000 and 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plans.

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# **Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines**

Our executive officers are required to have a significant personal investment in Boston Scientific through their ownership of our shares. In February 2007, the Board adopted stock ownership guidelines for executive officers in the following amounts:

Chief Executive Officer: 240,000 shares

Executive Vice Presidents: 75,000 shares

Senior Vice Presidents: 20,000 shares

Each executive officer is expected to attain his or her ownership target within five years after February 20, 2007 or such individual becoming an executive officer, whichever is later. We expect that our executive officers will meet these guidelines within five years. The Governance Committee will monitor compliance with these guidelines on an annual basis.

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#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Audit Committee oversees the Company s financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors and has other responsibilities set forth in the Audit Committee Charter, which can be found on the Company s website at www.bostonscientific.com. Management has the primary responsibility for the Company s financial statements and reporting process including the systems of internal controls. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Committee reviewed with management the audited financial statements included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements.

The Audit Committee reviewed with the independent auditors, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles, their judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Company's accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed by the independent auditors with the Committee under generally accepted auditing standards (including Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61). In addition, the Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the auditors independence from management and the Company, including the matters in the written disclosures required by the Independence Standards Board (including Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1) and considered the compatibility of non-audit services with the auditors independence.

The Audit Committee discussed with the Company s internal auditors and independent auditors the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. The Committee meets at least quarterly with the internal auditors and independent auditors, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluations of the Company s internal controls, and the overall quality of the Company s financial reporting.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee approved the audited financial statements and the members of the Board of Directors agreed that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Committee has also approved the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent auditors for 2007.

This Audit Committee Report does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Company filing with the SEC, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this Report by reference into another Company filing.

#### THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Joel L. Fleishman, *Chairman*Marye Anne Fox
Ernest Mario

John E. Pepper Uwe E. Reinhardt

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# Proposal 2: Approval of Amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws to provide for the Annual Election of Directors.

Our Board of Directors recommends stockholder approval of amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws that would declassify our Board of Directors and cause each director to be elected annually for a one-year term.

Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws currently provide that our Board of Directors is divided into three classes, with each class being elected every three years. If the proposed amendments are approved by our stockholders, the classification of our Board of Directors will be eliminated and the term of office of the Class III directors elected at this year s Annual Meeting will end at the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Class I and Class II directors will continue to serve the remainder of their current terms and will be eligible to stand for re-election to one-year terms at the 2008 and 2009 Annual Meetings, respectively. All directors will thereafter be elected for one-year terms at each annual meeting of stockholders. Any director chosen as a result of a newly created directorship or to fill a vacancy on our Board of Directors will hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders. If our stockholders do not approve these amendments, our Board of Directors will remain classified, the four Class III director nominees, if elected at this year s Annual Meeting, will serve a three-year term expiring in 2010, and all other directors will continue in office for the remainder of their three-year terms, subject to their earlier death, resignation or removal.

We examined the arguments for and against continuation of the classified board structure in light of the Company s size, history and strength, and took into account the views of a number of institutional investor groups. Our Board of Directors determined that providing for the annual election of directors will be an effective way to maintain and enhance the accountability of our Board of Directors to our stockholders. In addition, annual elections enable our Board of Directors to have the opportunity to assess the contributions of all directors annually, and not just of those whose three-year term is scheduled to expire, so that the Board s composition can be appropriately adjusted to address our evolving needs. Finally, because there is no limit on the number of terms a director may serve, the continuity and stability of the Board s membership and policies should not be materially affected by the declassification of the Board of Directors. For these reasons, we recommend a vote in favor of annual elections.

The proposed amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws (in addition to some technical amendments to the Bylaws necessary to conform our Bylaws with certain rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission) are attached as Appendix A and B to this proxy statement, with deletions indicated by strikethroughs and additions indicated by underlining.

To be approved, Proposal 2 must receive For votes from at least 80% of our shares outstanding on the record date. If you abstain from voting, it will have the same effect as an Against vote. Broker non-votes will have the same effect as an Against vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 2.
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WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS YOU OTHERWISE SPECIFY IN YOUR PROXY.

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Proposal 3: Approval of Amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws to provide for an Increase in the Maximum Size of the Board.

Our Board of Directors recommends stockholder approval of amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws that would increase the maximum size of our Board of Directors from fifteen (15) to twenty (20) directors.

We currently have 14 directors and, in light of the recent growth in the size of the Company as a result of our acquisition of Guidant, and the corresponding added complexity to our business, we may wish to engage in future director recruiting efforts in our ongoing endeavors to add to the existing experience and expertise represented on our Board. In addition, the work done by our Board committees has become increasingly more involved and complex due to evolving governance standards and new rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC and the NYSE. Increasing the maximum size of the Board will give the Board more flexibility to allocate the duties and obligations expected of its members. For these reasons, we recommend a vote in favor of increasing the maximum size of our Board from 15 to 20 directors.

The proposed amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws are attached as Appendix A and Appendix B to this proxy statement, with deletions indicated by strikethroughs and additions indicated by underlining.

To be approved, Proposal 3 must receive For votes from at least 80% of our shares outstanding on the record date. If you abstain from voting, it will have the same effect as an Against vote. Broker non-votes will have the same effect as an Against vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 3. PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS YOU OTHERWISE SPECIFY IN YOUR PROXY.

The option exchange described in this proxy statement below will involve a formal tender offer by the Company for certain outstanding stock options. Anyone to whom the tender offer is directed will be notified when that tender offer commences. We advise you to read the tender offer statement when it is available because it will contain important information about your stock options. We will deliver the actual tender offer documents to all affected option holders by email when the tender offer commences, and those documents will also be available for free at the Securities and Exchange Commission s public website.

# Proposal 4: Approval of stock option exchange program for Boston Scientific employees (excluding our executive officers and directors).

Our Board of Directors recommends approval of the Option Exchange Program which is a stock option exchange program under which eligible employees would be permitted to exchange outstanding options issued principally under our 2003 Long Term Incentive Plan and 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan, each as amended (the Stock Plans), with exercise prices equal to or greater than \$25.00 per share (the Eligible Options) for a lesser number of deferred stock units (DSUs) to be granted following the expiration of a tender offer to be made to eligible employees. A DSU reflects our commitment to issue one share of our common stock upon the satisfaction of certain vesting or performance conditions. Our executive officers and non-employee directors are not eligible to participate in the Option Exchange Program and do not stand to benefit from the program other than in their capacity as stockholders.

**Background.** Our broad-based stock option and deferred stock unit award program under the Stock Plans is intended to attract, retain and motivate key employees. Our stock price has declined over the last few years, which has made it a challenge for the Company to effectively retain and motivate top talent across the organization. As of February 28, 2007, the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE was \$16.31. Approximately 19.04% of the stock options held by employees eligible for the Option Exchange Program as of February 28, 2007, had exercise prices equal to or greater than \$25.00 per share.

As a result of the decline in our stock price, the retention value of a major component of our total compensation has been significantly weakened. Many employees perceive that their options are of very limited or no value, which means that a significant number of our outstanding stock options are no longer effective as incentives to retain employees. Although these stock options are not likely to be exercised as long as our stock price is lower than the applicable exercise price, the stock options will remain on our books with the potential to dilute stockholders interests for up to 10 years from the grant date unless they are cancelled or otherwise forfeited. In addition, we continue to expense the cost of these stock options even though they are unlikely to be exercised.

The Option Exchange Program would benefit our employees, who are an important resource and are critical to our future growth. In order to increase the retention value of equity awards and enhance employee engagement, we are proposing an exchange program that is targeted at providing employees with DSUs with a value, in the aggregate, substantially equivalent to the fair value of the exchanged underwater options based on the recommendation of a third party consultant. This means that the employees who elect to participate in the Option Exchange Program are expected to receive a number of DSUs with an aggregate value substantially equal to the aggregate value of the options surrendered in the exchange. Additionally, the new DSUs would have a new vesting schedule, requiring employees to continue their employment with us in order to realize the benefit from the new awards.

General Description of the Option Exchange Program. We have not commenced the Option Exchange Program and will not do so unless and until our stockholders approve this proposal. At the time the Option Exchange Program is commenced, eligible employees will be sent written materials explaining the precise terms and timing of the Option Exchange Program. The commencement of the Option Exchange Program, as well as any decision to terminate it, will be determined by our Compensation Committee. At or before commencement of the Option Exchange Program, we will file the written materials relating to the Option Exchange Program with the SEC as part of a tender offer statement on Schedule TO. Eligible employees, as well as stockholders and members of the public, will be able to obtain these written materials and other relevant documents filed by us with the SEC free of charge from the SEC s website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov.">www.sec.gov.</a>

Under the proposed Option Exchange Program, eligible employees who elect to participate would surrender Eligible Options they currently hold and in return receive new DSUs. The DSUs represent our commitment to deliver to the

recipient a specified number of shares, subject to certain terms and conditions described below. In all cases, the number of shares subject to the new DSU will be fewer than the number of shares subject to the Eligible Options exchanged through the Option Exchange Program. Assuming a \$16.00 stock price at the time of the exchange, the ratios of surrendered Eligible Options for new DSUs would vary from 4 to 1, to 8 to 1, depending upon the exercise price of the surrendered Eligible Options. The actual exchange ratios will be established by our Executive Vice President of Human Resources based on the recommendation of a third party consultant as of the

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date of the exchange based on the share price as of that date, with the objective of achieving substantial cost neutrality.

We have structured the Option Exchange Program to strike a balance between stockholder and employee interests and, as such, we attempted to design an exchange program under which employees are expected to receive DSUs that, in the aggregate, have a value substantially equivalent to the value of the exchanged options. We believe that the Option Exchange Program would be beneficial to stockholders by canceling a larger number of outstanding options and issuing equity awards in respect of fewer shares in their place. In addition, by conducting this exchange program rather than the alternative of granting additional new awards to supplement the underwater options, we are avoiding potential additional dilution to our stockholders interests and significant financial expense.

Our Stock Plans allow us to grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, stock awards, deferred stock units and other stock-based awards to employees, directors and consultants. As of February 28, 2007, there were 81,641,205 shares underlying stock options and 17,112,039 shares underlying other stock-based awards outstanding under the Stock Plans. Of the outstanding options, as of February 28, 2007, options to purchase 8,831,235 shares of common stock would be eligible for exchange under the proposed Option Exchange Program. If all of the Eligible Options were exchanged for new DSUs at the exchange ratios set forth below, the number of shares of stock subject to the new DSUs granted would be approximately 1,511,847. As of February 28, 2007, 15,908,537 shares were available for grant of equity-based awards, including stock options and DSUs, under our Stock Plans. Again assuming that all Eligible Options are exchanged, the number of shares of stock available for grant of future awards under our 2003 Long Term Incentive Plan and 2000 Long Term Incentive Plan would automatically increase in the aggregate by approximately 7,319,388 pursuant to the terms of these plans.

# **Details of the Option Exchange Program**

Implementing the Option Exchange Program. Our Compensation Committee authorized the Option Exchange Program in March 2007, subject to Board of Director and stockholder approval. If approved by our stockholders, we would promptly file an Offer of Exchange with the SEC and distribute it to all eligible employees. Eligible employees would be given at least 20 business days from the date we commence the Option Exchange Program to elect to exchange any or all of their Eligible Options for new DSUs. The surrendered Eligible Options would be cancelled and the new DSUs would be granted on the first business day following this election period. We expect to commence the Option Exchange Program toward the end of May 2007 after the annual stockholder meeting. However, even if approved by our stockholders, our Compensation Committee would retain the authority to terminate or postpone the Option Exchange Program at any time before the expiration of the Option Exchange Program.

Eligible Employees. The Option Exchange Program would be open to all of our employees worldwide who hold options with an exercise price of \$25 or greater per share except for (a) members of our Executive Committee (which includes, among others, all of our named executive officers), (b) our non-employee directors, and (c) employees located in countries where we decide, in our sole discretion, that it is not practical under local law to offer the Option Exchange Program. It is possible that we would need to make modifications to the terms offered to employees in countries outside the United States either to comply with local requirements, or for tax or accounting reasons. The Option Exchange Program also would not be available to former employees or retirees. Voting in favor of this proposal does not constitute an election to participate in the Option Exchange Program.

**Exchange Ratios.** The number of Eligible Options that an eligible employee must surrender to obtain new DSUs is called the exchange ratio. For example, an exchange ratio of 7 to 1 means that an eligible employee must surrender Eligible Options to purchase 7 shares in order to receive a new DSU for 1 share. All eligible employees who elect to participate in the Option Exchange Program would be required to exchange a larger number of Eligible Options in exchange for a lesser number of new DSUs. The exchange ratio applicable to each Eligible Option will be determined

by our Executive Vice President of Human Resources based on the recommendation of a third party consultant as of the date of the exchange, based on the exercise price of such Eligible Option and the share price of our common stock as of the date of the exchange with the objective of achieving substantial cost neutrality.

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Assuming a \$16.00 stock price at the time of the exchange, the ratios of surrendered Eligible Options for new DSUs would vary from 4 to 1, to 8 to 1, as follows:

# STOCK OPTION EXCHANGE RATIOS

# Exchange Ratio Exercise Price of Eligible Option (Eligible Options for new DSUs)

For example, if an eligible employee elects to exchange Eligible Options to purchase 40,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$27.00, that employee would receive 10,000 new DSUs (40,000 shares divided by the exchange ratio of 4). No fractional shares will be subject to DSUs, and we will round down to the nearest whole number after applying the applicable exchange ratio to avoid fractional shares.

For purposes of establishing the exchange ratios, the options subject to the exchange program have been valued using a binomial lattice model. This model relies on the following inputs: stock price volatility, expected employee turnover, expected rates of exercise, risk-free interest rates and expected dividends. These inputs are established based on a review of our historical stock price volatility levels and current implied volatility rates, annual employee turnover rates, and employee exercise behavior of in-the-money options. No dividends were assumed based on our historical practice of not paying dividends.

**Election to Participate.** Participation in the Option Exchange Program would be completely voluntary. Eligible employees may hold multiple Eligible Options. Under the Option Exchange Program, eligible employees would have the choice, on a grant-by-grant basis, whether to exchange any or all of their Eligible Options. However, employees would not be permitted to exchange only a portion of a single grant for new DSUs, but rather would be required to exchange all of the Eligible Options within that single grant.

Vesting of new DSUs. The new DSUs would be subject to a new vesting schedule and would be completely unvested at the time of the new grant, regardless of whether the Eligible Options exchanged were partially or wholly vested. As a result, eligible employees would have to continue their employment in order to realize any benefit from the new DSUs. The new vesting schedule for each new DSU would be based on the remaining vesting schedule applicable to the corresponding exchanged Eligible Option as of the date of grant of the new DSU. If the corresponding Eligible Option was vested as to 33% or less of the underlying shares, the new DSUs would vest 25% per year on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant of the new DSU. If the corresponding Eligible Option was vested as to more than 33% and less than or equal to 66% of the underlying shares, the new DSUs would vest 33% per year on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant of the new DSU. If the corresponding Eligible Option was vested as to more than 66% and less than 100% of the underlying shares, the new DSUs would vest 50% per year on each of the first two anniversaries of the date of grant of the new DSU. If the corresponding Eligible Option was vested as to 100% of the underlying shares, the new DSUs would vest 50% per year on each of the first two anniversaries of the date of grant of the new DSU. If the corresponding Eligible Option was vested as to 100% of the underlying shares, the new DSUs would vest 50% per year on each of the new DSU. The vesting schedule applicable to each DSU will be determined by our Executive Vice President of Human Resources based on the recommendation of a third party consultant as of the date of the exchange with the objective of achieving substantial cost neutrality.

We would be obligated to deliver shares of our common stock to participants under the new DSUs upon vesting, if the participant remains employed by us through the vesting date. New DSUs that are not vested at termination of

employment would be forfeited upon termination.

**Other Conditions of new DSUs.** The other terms and conditions of the new DSUs would be governed by our 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan and would be set forth in an award agreement to be entered into as of the new DSU grant date. The shares of common stock for which the new DSUs would be exercisable have already been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission on a Form S-8.

Cancellation of Surrendered Eligible Options. We would cancel all surrendered Eligible Options upon the effective time of the proposed exchange. Shares representing surrendered Eligible Options would automatically become available for future equity-based grants (including the new DSUs) under our 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan or 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan, to the extent that the Eligible Option was granted under these plans. Eligible Options that are not surrendered will be unaffected and will remain exercisable according to their terms.

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**Accounting Treatment.** The Option Exchange Program will be accounted for under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised), Share-Based Payment (SFAS 123R). Under these rules, the exchange of options for DSUs will be characterized as a modification of the exchanged options. As a result, the difference, if any, between the fair value of the new DSUs over the fair value of the exchanged options determined as of the time of the exchange are expected to result in a modest additional expense. The accounting consequences will depend in part on participation levels as well as on the exchange ratios and vesting schedules established at the time of the option exchange.

**U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.** The exchange of Eligible Options should be treated as a non-taxable exchange and neither we nor our employees should recognize any income for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the grant of the new DSUs. Upon the delivery of shares under the new DSUs, the recipient will have ordinary income equal to the value of the shares at that time and the Company will be entitled to a corresponding deduction. The tax consequences for participating non-U.S. employees may differ from the U.S. federal income tax consequences.

Potential Modification to Terms to Comply with Governmental Requirements. As indicated above, the terms of the Option Exchange Program would be described in a Schedule TO that we would file with the SEC. Although we do not anticipate that the SEC would require us to modify the terms of the Option Exchange Program materially, it is possible that we would need to alter the terms of the Option Exchange Program to comply with comments from the SEC. In addition, we intend to make the Option Exchange Program available to our employees who are located outside of the United States, where permitted by local law and where we determine it would be practicable to do so. It is possible that we would need to make modifications to the terms offered to employees in countries outside the United States either to comply with local requirements, or for tax or accounting reasons. We reserve the right not to conduct the Option Exchange Program in any country in which we deem it inadvisable to do so for any reason.

Benefits of the Option Exchange Program to Employees. Because the decision whether to participate in the Option Exchange Program is completely voluntary, we cannot predict who will participate, how many Eligible Options any particular group of employees will elect to exchange, nor the number of new DSUs that we may grant. As noted above, our executive officers and our non-employee directors are not eligible to participate in the Option Exchange Program. However, assuming that each other eligible employee were to participate to the maximum extent possible in the Option Exchange Program, the following DSUs would be issued:

Recipients	Number of DSUs (#)	Dol	lar Value (\$)*
All executive officers as a group	Not Eligible		Not Eligible
All non-executive officer employees as a group	1,511,847	\$	24,189,552

<sup>\*</sup> Assumes a stock price of \$16.00, and exchange ratios of 4:1, 7:1, 8:1 for exercise price ranges of \$25.00-\$30.00, \$30.01-\$40.00, and \$40.01 and greater, respectively. The actual value that the recipient receives will depend on the stock price at the time that the DSU vests. Consistent with our objective of achieving substantial cost neutrality, the dollar value of the awarded DSUs is not expected to represent significant additional expense as it is offset by the fair value of the options exchanged.

**Effect on Stockholders.** We believe that our stockholders will benefit from the Option Exchange Program as our employees respond to the enhanced retention and employee engagement incentives offered by the program at

substantially the same cost to the Company. However, we cannot predict with certainty the impact the Option Exchange Program would have on our stockholders because, among other things, we are unable to predict how many employees will elect to participate and how many options they will choose to exchange. We designed the Option Exchange Program to be substantially value neutral to our stockholders and to avoid the dilution in stockholders ownership that results from granting new options to supplement underwater options.

# **Required Vote and Board of Directors Recommendation**

To be approved, Proposal 4 must receive For votes from the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock present or represented at this meeting and entitled to vote. If you abstain from voting, it will have the same effect as an Against vote. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 4. PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS YOU OTHERWISE SPECIFY IN YOUR PROXY.

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# Proposal 5: Stockholder proposal requiring stock executive retention guidelines.

We have received a proposal from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), holder of 6,400 shares of our common stock as of November 1, 2006, urging the adoption of a policy requiring our executive officers to retain a specified percentage of the shares they realize upon exercise of their options for as long as they are employees of Boston Scientific.

# The AFSCME Proposal

Resolved, that stockholders of Boston Scientific Corporation (Boston Scientific) urge the Executive Compensation and Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) to adopt a policy requiring that senior executives retain a significant percentage of shares acquired through equity compensation programs during their employment, and to report to stockholders regarding the policy before Boston Scientific s 2008 annual meeting of stockholders. The Committee should define significant (and provide for exceptions in extraordinary circumstances) by taking into account the needs and constraints of Boston Scientific and its senior executives; however, the stockholders recommend that the Committee not adopt a percentage lower than 75% of net after tax shares. The policy should address the permissibility of transactions such as hedging transactions which are not sales but reduce the risk of loss to the executive.

# **Supporting Statement**

Equity-based compensation makes up a substantial portion of senior executive compensation at Boston Scientific. In fiscal years 2003 through 2005, Executive Vice President and CFO Lawrence Best was granted 245,000 stock options with a grant-date estimated value (assuming 5% stock price appreciation) of \$4,720,515 and a restricted stock award of 50,000 shares valued at \$1,344,500. During the same time, Executive Vice President and CTO Fredericus Colen was granted 220,000 stock options with a grant-date estimated value (assuming 5% stock price appreciation) of \$4,297,741 and a restricted stock award of 40,000 shares valued at \$1,075,600.

Boston Scientific claims that its compensation program promotes alignment between executive and stockholder interests. Unfortunately, Boston Scientific s generous equity compensation programs have yet to translate into meaningful stock ownership. Despite exercising 4,106,256 options in fiscal years 2003 through 2005 and realizing over \$129 million in profits, Boston Scientific s most recent proxy statement disclosed that Mr. Best owns 31,167 shares outright, less than one percent of the total he has exercised. Over the same time, Mr. Colen has exercised 636,926 options, realizing over \$17.9 million in profits, and yet he owns zero shares outright. We believe that the alignment benefits touted by Boston Scientific are not being fully realized.

Requiring senior executives to hold a significant portion of shares obtained through compensation plans would focus them on Boston Scientific s long-term success and would help align their interests with those of stockholders. A 2002 report by a commission of The Conference Board endorsed the idea of such a requirement, stating that the long-term focus promoted thereby may help prevent companies from artificially propping up stock prices over the short-term to cash out options and making other potentially negative short-term decisions.

As long-term stockholders, we believe it s critical for compensation programs to incentivize executives to manage for the company s long-term interests. The recent backdating scandal has, we think, reminded investors of the dangers of a short-term mentality in which executives extract value through equity-based compensation, and then cash out before the effects of their mismanagement become apparent to other stockholders.

We urge stockholders to vote for this proposal.

# The Board of Directors Response to the Proposal

The Board of Directors of the Company recommends a vote AGAINST the proposal for the following reasons:

The proposal requests that the Board of Directors adopt a policy requiring that our senior executives retain a significant percentage of shares of Company stock acquired through equity compensation programs during their employment. We already have such a policy. As part of our periodic review of our corporate governance policies, in February 2007, the Nominating and Governance Committee of our Board of Directors adopted executive stock

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ownership guidelines that require our executives to have a significant personal investment in Boston Scientific through their ownership of Company shares. We set our minimum stock ownership guidelines as follows:

Chief Executive Officer: 240,000 shares

Executive Vice Presidents: 75,000 shares

Senior Vice Presidents: 20,000 shares

We selected these share amounts because they represent the substantial equivalent of five times the Chief Executive Officer's 2006 base salary, three times the Executive Vice Presidents 2006 average base salary and one times the Senior Vice Presidents 2006 average base salary (in each case, using the average Company stock price for 2006). The executives are expected to attain their ownership target within five years from the date the guidelines were adopted or the date of their appointment as an executive officer, whichever is later. Progress toward meeting these guidelines will be monitored annually. Our stock ownership guidelines are contained within our Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are available on the Corporate Governance section of our website at <a href="https://www.bostonscientific.com">www.bostonscientific.com</a>.

In determining our guidelines, we consulted with independent compensation experts and believe that they are comparable to the ownership guidelines of our peers and other large public companies. On the other hand, the AFSCME has proposed that our executives be required to retain 75% of their net after tax shares realized upon exercise of their options for as long as they are employed by the Company. We believe this type of retention guideline, with its high threshold and indefinite holding period, is not a prevalent practice and would result in a number of negative consequences.

First, our equity grants are a critical component of the compensation we provide to our executives and we believe that preventing an executive from realizing the value of 75% (after taxes) of that component would be heavy handed and undermine the value and effectiveness of the performance incentive that we try to create with our equity awards. Second, this type of retention guideline creates a perverse incentive in that the only way the executive can realize the value of his or her earned equity compensation would be to leave the Company. Third, we believe that forcing an executive to continually add Company stock to his or her portfolio, even after meaningful ownership thresholds are reached, would result in significant non-diversification of the personal portfolios of our executives, reducing the attractiveness of these awards. As a result, if the stock retention guidelines proposed by AFSCME were adopted, we believe it would be more difficult for us to recruit, motivate and retain talented executives.

Our ownership guidelines are designed to focus our executives on the Company s long-term success and to firmly align their interest with our stockholders, which are also the stated goals of AFSCME. We believe that our current executive stock ownership guidelines strike a better balance between allowing our executives to realize the value of their equity incentive compensation and ensuring that they maintain significant skin in the game. For these reasons, we believe that adopting the AFSCME proposal would not be in the best interests of our stockholders.

To be approved, Proposal 5 must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of shares participating in the voting on the Proposal.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE AGAINST PROPOSAL 5. PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS YOU OTHERWISE SPECIFY IN YOUR PROXY.

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# Proposal 6: Ratification of Appointment of Independent Auditors.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, retention, compensation and oversight of the work of our independent auditors (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditors regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work. In making its determination regarding whether to appoint or retain a particular firm of independent auditors, the Audit Committee takes into account the views of management and our internal auditors, and will take into account the vote of our stockholders with respect to the ratification of the selection of our independent auditors.

During 2006, Ernst & Young LLP served as our independent auditors and also provided certain tax and other audit-related services. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to attend the Annual Meeting and respond to appropriate questions and, if they desire, make a statement.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR THE 2007 FISCAL YEAR.

# Fees billed during 2005 and 2006 by Ernst & Young LLP for services provided

Type of fees	2005	2006		
Audit Fees(1)	\$ 3,989,000	\$ 7,662,000		
Audit-Related Fees(2) Tax Fees(3)	\$ 314,000 \$ 902,000	\$ 457,000 \$ 1,753,000		
All Other Fees(4)	\$ 38,000	\$ 6,000		
Total	\$ 5,243,000	\$ 9,878,000		

- (1) Audit fees are fees on an accrual basis for professional services rendered in connection with our annual audit, internal control reporting, statutory filings and registration statements.
- (2) Audit-related fees are fees for services related to assistance with internal control reporting, acquisition due diligence, employee benefit plan audits, accounting consultation and compliance with regulatory requirements.
- (3) Tax fees are fees for tax services related to tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice.
- (4) All other fees are fees for office rent and utilities in a foreign jurisdiction in 2005, and for an online accounting research tool in 2005 and 2006.

# Audit Committee s pre-approval policy

It is the Audit Committee s policy to approve in advance the types and amounts of audit, audit-related, tax and any other services to be provided by our independent auditors. In situations where it is not possible to obtain full Audit Committee approval, the Committee has delegated authority to the Chairman of the Audit Committee to grant pre-approval of auditing, audit-related, tax and all other services. Any pre-approved decisions by the Chairman are required to be reviewed with the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee has approved all of Ernst and Young LLP s services for 2005 and 2006 and, in doing so has considered whether the provision of such service is compatible with maintaining independence.

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# SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Under the securities laws of the United States, our directors, executive officers and persons holding more than 10% of our common stock are required to report their ownership of our common stock and any changes in that ownership to the SEC. Specific due dates for these reports have been established and we are required to report any failure to file by these dates during 2006. To the best of our knowledge, all of these filing requirements were timely satisfied by our directors, executive officers and 10% stockholders with the exception of the following Form 4 filed late due to our administrative oversight: one late Form 4 on behalf of Mr. Groves reporting the exchange of 100 shares of Guidant common stock for 167 shares of our common stock in connection with our acquisition of Guidant. In making these statements, we have relied upon the written representations of our directors, executive officers and 10% stockholders and copies of their reports that have been filed with the SEC.

#### STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

In accordance with SEC regulations, in order to be considered for inclusion in next year s proxy statement, stockholder proposals and director recommendations or nominations for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received on or before December 12, 2007. Please address your proposals to our Secretary at Boston Scientific Corporation, One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, Massachusetts 01760-1537. Proposals must satisfy the procedures set forth in Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

# HOUSEHOLDING

Applicable rules permit us and brokerage firms to send one annual report and proxy statement to multiple stockholders who share the same address under certain circumstances. This practice is known as householding. If you hold your shares through a broker, you may have consented to reducing the number of copies of materials delivered to your address. In the event that you wish to revoke a householding consent you previously provided to a broker, you must contact that broker to revoke your consent. If you are eligible for householding and you currently receive multiple copies of our annual report and proxy statement but you wish to receive only one copy of each of these documents for your household, please contact our transfer agent by mail at Mellon Investor Services LLC, Proxy Processing, P.O. Box 3510, South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606-9210, by telephone at (800) 898-6713, or by using their website at www.melloninvestor.com.

If you wish to receive a separate proxy for the 2007 Annual Meeting or a 2006 Annual Report, you may find these materials on our website, *www.bostonscientific.com*, or you may request printed copies free of charge by contacting Investor Relations, Boston Scientific Corporation, One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, MA 01760-1537 or by calling (508) 650-8555.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Copies of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are available free of charge through our website (www.bostonscientific.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file the material with or furnish it to the SEC. Or you can find our filings on the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the charters of the standing committees of the Board, and Code of Conduct, which applies to all of our directors, employees and officers, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, are also available on our website. Printed copies of these materials are available free of charge to stockholders who request them in writing from Investor Relations at Boston Scientific Corporation, One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, MA 01760-1537. Information on our website or

connected to it is not incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement.

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Appendix A

# FIFTH CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF THE SECOND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

#### BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

It is hereby certified that:

- 1. The name of the corporation (hereinafter called the corporation ) is Boston Scientific Corporation.
- 2. Article Eighth, Section 1 of the certificate of incorporation of the corporation is hereby amended to read as follows:

Subject to the rights of the holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation to elect additional Directors under specified circumstances, the number of Directors of the Corporation shall be fixed by the By-laws of the Corporation and may be increased or decreased from time to time in such a manner as may be prescribed by the By-Laws, but in no case shall the number be less than three (3) nor more than twenty (20) fifteen (15). The directors shall be elected annually by the stockholders at their annual meeting or at any special meeting the notice of which specifies the election of directors as an item of business for such meeting; provided that each director serving a three-year term on the date of this amendment may serve out the entirety of his or her term. Directors need not be stockholders of the Corporation.

The Directors shall be divided into three (3) classes, as nearly equal in number as possible. One class of Directors has been initially elected for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 1993, another class has been initially elected for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 1994, and another class has been initially elected for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 1995 with members of each class to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. At each succeeding annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation, the successors of the class of Directors whose term expires at that meeting shall be elected by purality vote of all votes cast at such meeting to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the third year following the year of their election.

3. The aforesaid amendment of the certificate of incorporation herein certified has been duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, Boston Scientific Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by Paul W. Sandman, its Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel this day of May, 2007.

Paul W. Sandman Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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Appendix B

### RESTATED BY-LAWS

**OF** 

# **BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION A Delaware Corporation**

## **ARTICLE I**

#### **OFFICES**

Section 1. Registered Office. The registered office of the corporation in the State of Delaware shall be at <del>1209</del> 1200 Corange Street 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19808. The name of the corporation s registered agent at such address shall be The Corporation Trust Service Company.

Section 2. Other Offices. The corporation may also have offices at such other places, both within and without the State of Delaware, as the board of directors may from time to time determine or the business of the corporation may require.

#### **ARTICLE II**

# MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. An annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held for the purpose of electing Directors and conducting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The date, time and place, within or without the State of Delaware, of the annual meeting shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of stockholders may be held at such time and place, within or without the State of Delaware, as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting or in a duly executed waiver of notice thereof. Special meetings of the stockholders may be called only by the Chairman of the Board or the President, and shall be called within 10 days after receipt of the written request of the Board of Directors, pursuant to a resolution approved by a majority of the Whole Board (as defined below). Any such resolution shall be sent to the Chairman of the Board or the President and the Secretary of the corporation and shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Business transacted at any special meeting is limited to the purposes stated in the notice. For the purposes of these By-Laws, the term Whole Board is defined as the total number of Directors which the corporation would have if there were no vacancies.

Section 3. Notice. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the stockholders, stating the place, date, time, and, in the case of special meetings, the purpose or purposes, of such meeting, shall be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting not less than ten nor more than sixty days before the date of the meeting. All such notices shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Chairman of the Board or the President or the Board of Directors, and if mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the stockholder at his or her address as it appears on the records of the corporation, with postage prepaid. When a meeting is adjourned to another place, date or time, written notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting if the place, date and time thereof are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is

taken; provided, however, that if the adjournment is for more than 30 days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, written notice of the place, date and time of the adjourned meeting shall be given in conformity herewith. At any adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting.

Section 4. Stockholders List. The officer having charge of the stock ledger of the corporation shall make, at least ten days before every meeting of the stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at such meeting arranged in alphabetical order, specifying the address of and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder.

Section 5. Quorum. The holders of a majority of the stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the stockholders

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except as otherwise provided by statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation. If a quorum is not present, the holders of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting, and entitled to vote thereat, shall have the power, by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of such shares, to adjourn the meeting to another time and/or place, without notice other than announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment was taken, until a quorum shall be present or represented.

Section 6. Notice of Stockholder Business. At an annual meeting of the stockholders, only such business shall be conducted as shall have been properly brought before the meeting. To be properly brought before an annual meeting, business must be (a) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, (b) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, or (c) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by a stockholder. For business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the corporation. To be timely, a stockholder is notice must be delivered to or mailed to and received at the principal executive offices of the corporation, not less than 80 120 calendar days prior to the meeting; provided, however, that in the event that less than 90 days—notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or such public disclosure made before the date of the Company is proxy statement released to shareholders in connection with the previous year is annual meeting. However, if the Company did not hold an annual meeting the previous year, or if the date of the current year—s annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date of the previous year is meeting, then the deadline is a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and mail its proxy materials.

A stockholder s notice to the Secretary shall set forth as to each matter the stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting (a) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (b) the name and address, as they appear on the corporation s books, of the stockholder proposing such business, (c) the class and number of shares of the corporation which are beneficially owned by the stockholder, and (d) any material interest of the stockholder in such business. Notwithstanding anything in the By-Laws to the contrary, no business shall be conducted at an annual meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 6 of Article II.

The presiding officer of an annual meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare to the meeting that business was not properly brought before the meeting in accordance with this Section 6 of Article II, and, if the presiding officer should so determine, the presiding officer shall so declare to the meeting and any such business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted.

Section 7. Inspectors. The Board of Directors shall appoint inspectors of election to act as judges of the voting and to determine those entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders, or any adjournment thereof, in advance of such meeting, but if the Board of Directors fails to make such appointments or if an appointee fails to serve, the presiding officer of the meeting of stockholders may appoint substitute inspectors.

Section 8. Voting. Except as otherwise provided by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation, each stockholder shall be entitled at every meeting of the stockholders to one vote for each share of stock having voting power standing in the name of such stockholder on the books of the corporation on the record date for the meeting and such votes may be cast either in person or by written proxy. Every proxy must be duly executed and filed with the Secretary of the corporation. A stockholder may revoke any proxy which is not irrevocable by attending the meeting and voting in person or by filing an instrument in writing revoking the proxy or another duly executed proxy bearing a later date with the Secretary of the corporation. The vote upon any question brought before a meeting of the stockholders may be by voice vote, unless otherwise required by these By-Laws or unless the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of all classes of stock entitled to vote thereon present in person or by proxy at such meeting shall so determine.

Every vote taken by written ballot shall be counted by the inspectors of election. When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the holders of a majority of the stock which has voting power present in person or represented by proxy and which has actually voted shall decide any question properly brought before such meeting, except the election or removal of Directors or as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation or a Preferred Stock Designation or by applicable law. With respect to any election or

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questions required to be decided by any class of stock voting as a class, the vote of the holders of a majority of such class of stock present in person or by proxy and which actually voted shall decide any such election or question.

Section 9. Order of Business. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors prior to the meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting of stockholders shall determine the order of business and shall have the authority in his discretion to regulate the conduct of any such meeting, including, without limitation, by imposing restrictions on the persons (other than stockholders of the corporation or their duly appointed proxies) who may attend any such meeting of stockholders, by ascertaining whether any stockholder or his proxy may be excluded from any meeting of stockholders based upon any determination by the presiding officer, in his sole discretion, that any such person has unduly disrupted or is likely to disrupt the proceedings thereat, and by determining the circumstances in which any person may make a statement or ask questions at any meeting of stockholders.

## **ARTICLE III**

## NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Section 1. Notification of Nominees. Subject to the rights of holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation, nominations for the election of Directors may be made by the Board of Directors or a committee appointed by the Board of Directors or by any stockholder entitled to vote in the election of Directors generally. However, any stockholder entitled to vote in the election of Directors generally may nominate one or more persons for election as Directors at a meeting only if written notice of such stockholder s intent to make such nomination or nominations has been given, either by personal delivery or by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the Secretary of the corporation not later than 80 days prior to the date of any annual or special meeting. In the event that the date of such annual or special meeting was not publicly announced by the corporation by mail, press release or otherwise more than 90 days prior to the meeting, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such announcement of the date of the meeting was communicated to the stockholders. 120 calendar days before the date of the Company is proxy statement released to shareholders in connection with the previous year is annual meeting. However, if the Company did not hold an annual meeting the previous year, or if the date of the current year is annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date of the previous year is meeting, then the deadline is a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and mail its proxy materials.

If the nomination or nominations is for a meeting of stockholders other than a regularly scheduled annual meeting, the deadline is a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and mail its proxy material.

Each such notice shall set forth: (a) the name and address of the stockholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person or persons to be nominated; (b) a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of stock of the corporation entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (c) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by the stockholder, (d) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by such stockholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission had the nominee been nominated, or intended to be nominated, by the Board of Directors; and (e) the consent of each nominee to serve as a Director of the corporation if so elected.

Section 2. Substitution of Nominees. If a person is validly designated as a nominee in accordance with Section 1 of this Article III, and shall thereafter become unable or unwilling to stand for election to the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors or the stockholder who proposed such nominee, as the case may be, may designate a substitute nominee upon delivery, not fewer than five days prior to the date of the meeting for the election of such nominee, of a

written notice to the Secretary setting forth such information regarding such substitute nominee as would have been required to be delivered to the Secretary pursuant to Section I of this Article III, had such substitute nominee been initially proposed as a nominee. Such notice shall include a signed consent to serve as a Director of the Corporation, if elected, of each substitute nomine.

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Section 3. Compliance with Procedures. If the presiding officer of the meeting for the election or Directors determines that a nomination for any candidate for election as a Director at such meeting was not made in accordance with the applicable provisions of these By-Laws, such person will not be eligible for election as a Director and such nomination shall be void; provided, however, that nothing in these By-Laws shall be deemed to limit any voting rights upon the occurrence of dividend arrearages provided to holders of Preferred Stock pursuant to the Preferred Stock Designation for any series of Preferred Stock.

#### ARTICLE IV

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Powers. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of its Board of Directors, which may exercise all such powers of the corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation directed or required to be exercised or done by the stockholders.

Section 2. Number, Qualification, Election and Terms. Except as otherwise fixed by, or pursuant to, the provisions of Article FOURTH of the Certificate of Incorporation relating to the rights of the holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation to elect additional Directors under specified circumstances, the number of Directors shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, but shall not be less than three nor more than fifteen twenty persons. The Directors, other than those who may be elected by the holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation, shall be classified, with respect to the time for which they severally hold office, into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, as determined by the Board of Directors. One class shall hold office initially for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 1993, another class to hold office initially for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 1994, another class to hold office initially for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 1995, with the members of each class to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. At each succeeding annual meeting of the stockholders of the corporation, the successors of the class of directors whose term expires at that meeting shall be elected by plurality vote by written ballot to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the third year following the year of their election. The directors shall be elected by plurality vote annually by the stockholders at their annual meeting or at any special meeting the notice of which specifies the election of directors as an item of business for such meeting; provided that each director serving a three-year term on the date of this amendment may serve out the entirety of his or her term.

Section 3. Removal. Subject to the rights of the holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation to elect additional Directors under specified circumstances, any Director may be removed from office by the stockholders in the manner provided in this Section 3 of Article IV. At any annual meeting of the stockholders of the corporation or at any special meeting of the stockholders of the corporation, the notice of which shall state that the removal of a Director or Directors is among the purposes of the meeting, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80 percent of the combined voting power of the outstanding shares of Voting Stock (as defined below), voting together as a single class, may remove, with or without cause, such Director or Directors. For the purposes of these By-Laws, Voting Stock shall mean the outstanding shares of capital stock of the corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors.

Section 4. <u>Vacancies and New Directorships</u>. Except as otherwise fixed by or provided for or pursuant to the provisions of Article FOURTH of the Certificate of Incorporation relating to the rights of the holders of any class or series of stock having a preference over the Common Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation to elect additional Directors under specified circumstances, vacancies and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the

authorized number of Directors shall be filled solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office though less than quorum, or by a sole remaining Director, except as may be required by law. Any Director so chosen shall hold office for the remainder of the full term of the class of Directors in which the new directorship was ereated or the vacancy occurred until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until such Director s successor shall have been elected and qualified. No decrease in the authorized number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent Director.

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Section 5. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice immediately after the annual meeting of the stockholders and at such other time and place as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Special Meetings and Notice. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman of the Board of the President on one day s written notice to each Director by whom such notice is not waived, given either personally or by mail, telephone, telegram, telex, facsimile or similar medium of communication, and shall be called by the President or the Secretary in like manner and on like notice on the written request of any three Directors.

Section 7. Resignation. Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice of his resignation to the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary, to be effective upon its acceptance by the Board of Directors or at the time specified in such notice. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective.

Section 8. Quorum. Subject to Section 4 of this Article IV and except as provided by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, at all meetings of Directors, a majority of the total number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except for the designation of committees (as provided in Section 9 of this Article IV), the vote of a majority of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time to another place, time or date, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

Section 9. Committees. The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the Whole Board, designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of one or more of the Directors of the corporation, which to the extent provided in such resolution shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors in the management and affairs of the corporation and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it, except as otherwise limited by statute. The Board of Directors may designate one or more Directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. Such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and report the same to the Directors when required. Each committee of the Board of Directors may fix its own rules of procedure and shall hold its meetings as provided by such rules, except as may otherwise be provided by the resolution of the Board of Directors designating such committee, and unless otherwise prescribed by the Board of Directors, the presence of at least a majority of the members of such committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 10. Compensation. The Directors may be paid for expenses of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors and may be paid a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or a stated salary. No such payment shall preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor. Members of committees designated by the Board of Directors may be allowed like compensation for attending committee meetings.

Section 11. Rules. The Board of Directors may adopt such special rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings and the management of the affairs of the corporation as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE V**

## **OFFICERS**

Section 1. Number. The officers of the corporation shall be chosen by the Board of Directors and shall consist of a president, a chairman and/or co-chairman of the board, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Board of Directors. Any number of offices may be held by the same person. In its discretion, the Board of Directors may choose not to fill any office for any period as it may deem advisable, except the offices of the president and secretary.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of stockholders. If

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the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Vacancies may be filled or new offices created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors or until a successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. Removal. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interest of the corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term by a majority vote of the directors then in office.

Section 5. Compensation. Compensation of all officers shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such compensation by virtue of the fact that he or she is also a director of the corporation. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer, upon whom the power of appointing subordinate officers may have been conferred, to fix the compensation of such subordinate officers.

Section 6. The President and Vice-President. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation; in the absence or disability of the chairman of the board, shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders; shall have general and active management of the business of the corporation; and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. The president shall executed bonds, mortgages, and other contracts requiring a seal, under the seal of the corporation, except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the corporation. The vice-president, or if there shall be more than one, the vice-presidents in the order determined by the Board of Directors, shall, in the absence or disability of the president, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president and shall perform such other duties and have such powers as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine or these By-Laws may prescribe.

Section 7. The Chairman of the Board. The chairman and/or the co-chairman of the board shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and directors; in the absence or disability of the president, be the chief executive officer of the corporation; and have such other duties as may be assigned to him or them from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. The Secretary and Assistant Secretaries. The secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the stockholders and record all the proceedings of the meetings of the corporation an of the Board of Directors in a book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. The secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the stockholders and special meetings of the Board of Directors; perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or president, under whose supervision he or she shall be; shall have custody of the corporate seal of the corporation and the secretary, or an assistant secretary, shall have authority to affix the same to any instrument requiring it and when so affixed, it may be attested by his or her signature or by the signature of such assistant secretary. The Board of Directors may give general authority to any other officer to affix the seal of the corporation and to attest the affixing by his or her signature. The assistant secretary, or if there be more than one, the assistant secretaries in the order determined by the Board of Directors, shall, in the absence or disability of the secretary, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the secretary and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 9. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. The treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities; shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the corporation; shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements; and shall render to the president and the Board of Directors, at its regular meetings, or when the Board of Directors so requires, an account of the corporation. If required by the Board of Directors, the treasurer shall give the corporation a bond (which shall be rendered every six years) in such sums and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of the office of treasurer and for the restoration to the corporation, in case of death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money,

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and other property of whatever kind in the possession or under the control of the treasurer belonging to the corporation. The assistant treasurer, or if there shall be more than one, the assistant treasurers in the order determined by the Board of Directors, shall in the absence or disability of the treasurer, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the treasurer and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 10. Other Officers, Assistant Officers and Agents. Officers, assistant officers and agents, if any, other than those whose duties are provided for in these By-laws, shall have such authority and perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, authorize any officer to appoint and remove such subordinate officers and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND OTHERS

Section 1. The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party, his or her heirs, executors or administrators, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or other agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as director, officer, employee or other agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonable believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party, his or her heirs, executors or administrators, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was an officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as director or officer of another corporation, against expenses (including attorneys fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonable entitled to indemnification for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 3. To the extent that an officer of the corporation or person serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article VI or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

Section 4. Any indemnification under Sections 1 and 2 of this Article VI (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the officer or person serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article VI. Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the stockholders.

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Section 5. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the officer or person serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this Article VI.

Section 6. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other subsections of this Article VI shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in other capacity while holding such office.

Section 7. The corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was an officer of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of this Article VI.

Section 8. For purposes of this Article VI, references to the corporation shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors and officers so that any person who is or was a director or officer of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director or officer of another corporation shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article VI with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he or she would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

Section 9. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this section shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be an officer, employee or person serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

Section 10. This Article VI may be amended or repealed only by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Voting Stock; provided that no such amendment or repeal shall adversely affect any right to indemnification for any act or omission of any person referred to in Section 1 and 2 of this Article VI which occurred or allegedly occurred prior to the effective date of such amendment or repeal.

Section 11. # If in any action, suit or other proceeding or investigation, a Director of the corporation is held not liable for monetary damages because that Director is relieved of personal liability under Article NINTH of the Certificate of Incorporation or otherwise, the Director shall be deemed to have met the standards of conduct set forth above and to be entitled to indemnification as provided above.

## **ARTICLE VII**

## **CERTIFICATES OF STOCK**

Section 1. Form. Every holder of stock in the corporation shall be entitled to have a certificate, signed by, or in the name of the corporation by, (1) the president or a vice-president and (2) the treasurer or an assistant treasurer, or the secretary or an assistant secretary of the corporation, certifying the number of shares owned by him or her in the

corporation. Where a certificate is signed (1) by a transfer agent or an assistant transfer agent other than the corporation or its employee or (2) by a registrar, other than the corporation or its employee, the signature of any such president, vice-president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, secretary, or assistant secretary may be facsimile. In case any officer or officers who have signed, or whose facsimile signature or signatures have been used on, any such certificate or certificates shall cease to be such officer or officers of the corporation whether because of death, resignation or otherwise before such certificate or certificates have been delivered by the corporation, such certificate or certificates may nevertheless be issued and delivered as though the person or persons who signed such certificate or certificates or whose facsimile signature or signatures have been used thereon had not ceased to be such officer or officers of the corporation.

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Section 2. Lost Certificates. The Board of Directors may direct a new certificate or certificates to be issued in place of any certificate or certificates theretofore issued by the corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen, or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate of stock to be lost, stolen, or destroyed. When authorizing such issue of a new certificate or certificates, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, require the owner of such lost, stolen, or destroyed certificate or certificates, or his or her legal representative, to give the corporation a bond in such sum as it may direct as indemnity against any claim that may be made against the corporation with respect to the certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

Section 3. Fixing a Record Date. Except as otherwise provided by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors may fix in advance a date, not more than sixty nor less than ten days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders, or the date for the payment of any dividend, or the date for the allotment of rights, or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of capital stock shall go into effect, or a date in connection with obtaining any consent, as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, any such meeting, and any adjournment thereof, or entitled to receive payment of any such dividend, or to any such allotment of rights, or to exercise the rights in respect to any such change, conversion, or exchange of capital stock, or to give such consent, and in such case such stockholders and only such stockholders as shall be stockholders of record on the date so fixed shall be entitled to such notice of, and to vote at, such meeting and any adjournment thereof, or to receive payment of such dividend, or to receive such allotment of rights, or to exercise such rights, or to give such consent, as the case may be notwithstanding any transfer of any stock on the books of the corporation after any such record date fixed as aforesaid. If no record date is fixed, the time for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given, or if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held. The time for determining stockholders for any other purpose shall be at the close of business on the date on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating thereto. A determination of stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

Section 4. Registered Stockholders. The corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and to hold liable for calls and assessments a person registered on its books as the owner of shares, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of the other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of Delaware.

#### ARTICLE VIII

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Dividends. Dividends upon the capital stock of the corporation, subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, if any, may be declared by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, pursuant to law. Dividends may be paid in cash, in property, or in shares of the capital stock, subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation. Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any funds of the corporation available for dividends such sum or sums as the directors from time to time, in their absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve or reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the corporation, or for such other purpose as the directors shall think in the best interest of the corporation, and the directors may modify or abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

Section 2. Checks. All checks or demands for money and notes of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

*Section 3.* Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the period ending December 31 of each year or as otherwise fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Seal. The seal of the corporation shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation, the year of its organization and the words Corporate Seal, Delaware. The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced or otherwise.

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Section 5. Securities Owned By Corporation. Voting securities in any other corporation held by the corporation shall be voted by the president, treasurer or any vice president, unless the Board of Directors specifically confers authority to vote with respect thereto, which may be general or confined to specific instances, upon some other person or officer. Any person authorized to vote securities shall have the power to appoint proxies, with general power of substitution.

Section 6. Conflict of Interest. No contract or transaction between the corporation and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the corporation and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the board of or committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because the votes of the Director or officer are counted for such purpose, provided that the material facts as to the relationship or interest of the Director or officer and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board of Directors or the committee and the Board of Directors or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum or provided that the contract or transaction is otherwise authorized in accordance with the laws of Delaware. Common or interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorizes the contract or transactions.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

## **AMENDMENTS**

Subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the stockholders or at any special meeting thereof duly called for that purpose by a majority vote of the shares represented and entitled to vote at such meeting provided that in the notice of such special meeting notice of such purpose shall be given. Subject to the laws of the State of Delaware, the Certificate of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Board of Directors may by majority vote of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present amend or repeal these By-Laws, or adopt such other By-Laws as in their judgment may be advisable for the regulation of the conduct of the affairs of the corporation.

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#### **PROXY**

## BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors



The undersigned hereby appoints PETE M. NICHOLAS, PAUL W. SANDMAN, LAWRENCE J. KNOPF and KRISTIN S. CAPLICE, each of them acting solely, as proxies, with full power of substitution and with all powers the undersigned would possess if personally present, to represent and vote, as designated hereon, all of the shares of common stock of Boston Scientific Corporation (the Company), par value \$.01 per share, and if applicable, hereby directs the trustees and fiduciaries of the employee benefit plans shown on the reverse side hereof to vote all of the shares of common stock allocated to the account of the undersigned, which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at the Bank of America Northeast Training and Conference Center, 100 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10:00 A.M. (Eastern Time), and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY REVOKES ANY PROXY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN AND ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE OF AND PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED BY THE UNDERSIGNED STOCKHOLDER. IF NO DIRECTION IS GIVEN, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 6 and AGAINST PROPOSAL 5.

(Please sign and date on reverse side and return promptly in the enclosed envelope)

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# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 AND A VOTE AGAINST PROPOSAL 5.

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- 1. To elect Director Nominees:
  - (01) Ursula M. Burns;
  - (02) Marye Anne Fox, Ph.D.;
  - (03) N. J. Nicholas, Jr.; and
  - (04) John E. Pepper

FOR ALL WITHHOLD
NOMINEES

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For all nominees, except as noted below:

o (Print name of nominee(s) in the space provided below).

2.	To amend the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws to declassify Board of Directors	FOR o	AGAINST o	ABSTAIN o
3.	To amend the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws to increase the maximum size of the Board of Directors from 15 to 20 directors	FOR o	AGAINST o	ABSTAIN o
4.	To approve a stock option exchange program for Boston Scientific employees (other than executive officers)	FOR o	AGAINST o	ABSTAIN o
5.		FOR o	AGAINST o	ABSTAIN o

To approve a stockholder proposal requiring executives to meet specified stock retention guidelines

6. To ratify Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditors	FOR o	AGAINST o	ABSTAIN o		
7. To transact such other business as may properly come before the	FOR o	AGAINST o	ABSTAIN o		
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Signature Signature Date

Sign exactly as your name appears on this Proxy. If the shares are registered in the names of two or more persons, each person should sign. Executors, administrators, trustees, partners, custodians, guardians, attorneys and corporate officers, please add your full title(s).

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# **Electronic Proxy Materials**

An electronic version of the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement with respect to the Boston Scientific Corporation Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 8, 2007, is also available at www.bostonscientific.com by selecting SEC Filings from the Investor Relations section of our website and at www.proxyvoting.com/bsx.

Vote by Internet or Telephone or Mail

24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Internet and telephone voting is available through 11:59 PM Eastern Time, May 7, 2007

Your Internet or telephone vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

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http://www.proxyvoting.com/bsx		1-866-540-5760		Mark, sign and date	
Use the internet to vote your proxy.		Use any touch-tone telephone to		your proxy card and	
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you access the web site.		card in hand when you call.		envelope.	

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