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**CYBEROPTICS CORPORATION**

5900 Golden Hills Drive  
Minneapolis, MN 55416

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

May 18, 2015

To the Shareholders of  
CYBEROPTICS CORPORATION:

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of CyberOptics Corporation will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015, at the offices of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 50 South Sixth Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Minneapolis, Minnesota at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1) To elect five directors to serve until the annual meeting in 2016;
- 2) To approve, on a nonbinding advisory basis, compensation to our executive officers;
- 3) To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as independent registered public auditors; and
- 4) To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Only holders of record of Common Stock at the close of business on April 6, 2015, will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting. Shareholders who do not expect to attend the meeting in person are urged to fill in, date, sign and promptly return the proxy in the enclosed envelope, or, for registered shareholders, promptly return your proxy online at [www.proxypush.com/cybe](http://www.proxypush.com/cybe), as described more completely on the enclosed proxy card. If you later desire to revoke your proxy, you may do so at any time before it is exercised.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Thomas Martin  
*Secretary*

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
April 10, 2015

**Important notice**

regarding the availability of proxy materials for the shareholder meeting to be held on May 18, 2015.

**Our proxy statement, the form of our proxy card, and annual report on Form 10-K can be viewed online at <http://www.idelivercommunications.com/proxy/cybe/>**

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**PROXY STATEMENT**  
**Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held**  
**on May 18, 2015**

We have prepared this proxy statement on behalf of our Board of Directors for use in soliciting proxies for our Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held Monday, May 18, 2015. The annual meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of the offices of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 50 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota at 3:00 p.m. We will bear the cost of soliciting proxies, including the cost of preparing and mailing the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and this Proxy Statement. We have not retained a proxy solicitation agent or any other consulting firm to assist us with the proxy process. Instead, our officers or other regular employees may solicit proxies in person, by mail, telephone or facsimile, but will not receive any special compensation for these services.

The only matters that our Board of Directors knows will be presented at the annual meeting are (i) the election of directors, (ii) approval, on a nonbinding advisory basis, of compensation to our executive officers and (iii) the ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. **The Board of Directors recommends that you vote in favor of the election of each Director who has been nominated, in favor of our executive compensation, and in favor of the ratification of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.** If you return a signed proxy form and any other matter properly comes before the meeting, the persons named in the proxy form will have authority to vote your shares on the additional matter in accordance with their judgment.

**VOTING RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES**

If you return a proxy card, we will vote your shares in the manner that you have directed in the card. If you complete the proxy card but do not direct us how to vote, your shares will be voted for the election of the nominees for director named in this proxy statement, for approval of the executive compensation described in this proxy statement, for the ratification of appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, and in the manner the proxies decide on any other matter properly brought before the meeting. If you withhold vote for one or more directors or abstain from the vote on executive compensation, or on ratification of the auditors, we will consider your shares present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at the meeting and as unvoted, although present and entitled to vote, for purposes of the item for which you have abstained. If a broker submits a proxy that indicates the broker does not have discretionary authority to vote shares, those shares will be counted as shares that are present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at the meeting, but will not be considered as present and entitled to vote on the matter for which the broker lacks discretionary authority.

You may revoke your proxy at any time before the meeting by delivering to our corporate secretary a written notice of termination of the proxies authority, or a signed proxy bearing a later date.

You must be a holder of record of our Common Stock at the close of business on April 6, 2015, to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting. On April 6, 2015, we had 6,685,866 shares of common stock outstanding. Each outstanding share is entitled to one vote on all matters presented at the meeting.

Enclosed with this Proxy Statement is a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. We are mailing this Proxy Statement and proxy card on or about April 10, 2015.

**PROPOSAL 1 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our Nominating Committee has nominated five persons for election at the Annual Meeting: Alex B. Cimochoowski, Craig D. Gates, Subodh Kulkarni, Irene M. Qualters and Michael M. Selzer, Jr. Each nominee has served as one of our directors for more than one year. The following information is furnished with respect to each nominee as of February 16, 2015.

**Alex B. Cimochoowski**, age 75, has been a director of CyberOptics since its formation in 1984. Mr. Cimochoowski, received a BS in Engineering Physics from Penn State and a MS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and started his career as an engineer with IBM Corporation. From 1964 until 1983, he held various management positions with Control Data Corporation, then the largest producer of supercomputers in the world, including Group Vice President. He founded Edge Computer Corporation in 1983, a venture capital backed company that developed a complete computer workstation, that was for a time during the early stages of the desktop computer industry the fastest workstation available. He was President of Edge until 1988. From 1988 until 1995, he was Chief Executive Officer of Delphax Systems, a manufacturer of high speed electronic printing solutions. From 1996 until his retirement in 2009, Mr. Cimochoowski was President and owner of Four Peaks Technologies, Inc., a printing company. Mr. Cimochoowski brings to our Board not only historical perspective of the operations of CyberOptics, but detailed knowledge of the computer development process, assembly process and markets, and substantial experience with the management and finance of both emerging and established companies.

**Craig D. Gates**, age 56, has been a director of the Company since February 2012. Mr. Gates has been a director since July 2009 and President and CEO since April 2009 of Key Tronic Corporation, a publicly held electronic manufacturing services company. He was Executive Vice President of Marketing, Engineering and Sales of Key Tronic from July 1997 to April 2009; Vice President and General Manager of New Business Development of Key Tronic from October 1995 to July 1997; and Vice President of Engineering of Key Tronic from October 1994 to October 1995. From 1982 to October 1994, Mr. Gates held various engineering and management positions with the Microswitch Division of Honeywell Inc., lastly as Director of Operations, Electronics. Mr. Gates has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Illinois, Urbana. Mr. Gates brings to our Board considerable experience as the CEO of a growing public company in an electronics market served by the Company, as well as valuable technical and management experience in engineering and development.

**Subodh Kulkarni**, age 50, has been a director of CyberOptics since 2009, has been our President and Chief Executive Officer since February 2014, was our Executive Chairman from September 2013 to February 2014 and was lead director from December 2012 until election as Executive Chairman. He was Chief Executive Officer from January 2013 to February 2014 of Prism Computational Sciences, a developer of software tools for scientific and commercial applications in simulation of hot gases and plasma used in many applications, including the semiconductor industry. He was Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President, OEM/Emerging Business, of Imation Corp from 2009 until 2012; Vice President, Global Commercial Business, R&D and Manufacturing of Imation from 2007 through 2009; Vice President, R&D and Manufacturing of Imation from 2006 through 2007; Vice President of R&D of Imation from March 2006 until October 2006; and Executive Director of R&D of Imation from 2004 until March 2006. Prior to 2004, Dr. Kulkarni held various research management positions with 3M Corporation, and prior to that, with IBM. Dr. Kulkarni received his B.S. in chemical engineering (first in his class) from IIT Bombay, India, and went on to obtain a master's degree and a PhD in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with thesis work on disilane surface decomposition used in the manufacture of semiconductors. He has won a number of awards for commercializing technologies he and others have developed in the electronics industry. Dr. Kulkarni brings to our Board significant expertise in management of technology-focused entities, in commercialization of technologies in the electronics, computer and semiconductor industries, and in the markets for our products.

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**Irene M. Qualters**, age 65, has been a director of CyberOptics since 1999. Since December 2009, she has been employed at the National Science Foundation where she is currently the Division Director for Advanced Cyberinfrastructure. From 2008 until 2009, she was Senior Vice President Products of Silicon Graphics, Inc., a manufacturer of high-performance computing solutions. From 2005 until 2008, Ms. Qualters was Vice President, Software Engineering of Ageia Technologies, Inc., a developer of gaming physics technology. From 1999 until 2005, she was Vice President, Research Information Services at Merck & Company, a global pharmaceuticals company. From 1995 until 1999, she held various executive positions with Cray Research, a developer of super computers, lastly as President of Cray Research and Senior Vice President of Silicon Graphics, Inc., then its holding company. Ms. Qualters received her Bachelor's degree from Duquesne University, and a Masters in Computer Science from the University of Detroit. Ms. Qualters has significant technical and senior management experience in both start-up and public companies. She brings particular expertise regarding the computer industry, where she engaged in both software and semiconductor development.

**Michael M. Selzer, Jr.**, age 62, has been a director of CyberOptics since 1999 and Chairman of the Board since February 2014. Mr. Selzer has been the President of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Foundation since 2011. From 2009 until 2011, he served as a consultant to medical products companies. He was a founder of ConcepTx Medical, Inc., a developmental-stage medical device company, and served as the Chief Executive Officer and a Director of ConcepTx, from 2007 until 2009. He was President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Optobionics Corp., a technology startup that attempted to apply semiconductors to human optical disorders, from 2003 until 2007. He was Chief Executive Officer of Urologix, Inc., a publicly held, medical device manufacturer from 1999 to 2003 and was Vice President and General Manager Neurostimulation Business of Medtronic, Inc. from 1994 until December 1998. Mr. Selzer received his B.S. in electrical engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and his MBA from Arizona State University. Mr. Selzer brings to the Board expertise in semiconductor and circuit board fabrication, as well as considerable experience and expertise in public company management and sales, and emerging company finance, operations and management.

All nominees that are elected will serve until the next annual meeting or until their earlier death, resignation, removal or disqualification. We intend to vote the proxies in favor of the nominees named above as directors, unless you otherwise direct us in the proxy card. If a nominee for director becomes unavailable for any reason, the proxies will be voted in accordance with the best judgment of the named representatives. We have no reason to believe that any candidate will be unavailable.

**Directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast. The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each nominee.**

**INFORMATION ABOUT OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES,  
AND OTHER CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

**Our Board and Board Leadership**

**Composition and Independence.** Under the Minnesota Business Corporation Act, and our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board of Directors. Our officers are responsible for day to day management of operations. Our Board currently consists of five members, all of whom are standing for reelection at the annual meeting.

We require that a majority of the members of our Board of Directors be independent within the meaning of the requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market listing standards. Based on information contained in questionnaires completed by each nominee for director and otherwise available to us, and based on inquiry of each of our directors, our Board of Directors has concluded that each of Mr. Cimochoowski, Mr. Gates, Ms. Qualters and Mr. Selzer, constituting a majority of our Board, is independent not only within the meaning of the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules, but within the meaning of the heightened standards applicable to members of an audit committee contained in Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 5605(c)(2)(A) of the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules. In considering the independence of our directors, our Board inquired and was advised that, to the knowledge of these individuals, neither they nor any member of their immediate family had engaged in any transaction with us except in their capacities as directors.

**Meetings and Attendance.** Our Board strives to maintain sound corporate governance, consistent with the scope of our operations and the integrity of our personnel. Accordingly, attendance by our Board members at all meetings has been a continuing goal and we devote considerable effort to scheduling meetings so that all directors may attend and may review financial information regarding our quarterly and annual results prior to public release. During the year ended December 31, 2014, we had four meetings of the Board. Each director attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and the committees on which such director served. Our directors met in separate, executive session without management four times during 2014.

We require that all Board members use their best efforts to attend our annual shareholder meeting. All of our directors attended the annual meeting held on May 19, 2014.

**Our Chairman.** Since September 2013, we have separated the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman. Dr. Kulkarni served as executive chairman until he assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer after the retirement of Kathleen Iverson at the end of January 2014, and Michael M. Selzer, Jr., an independent board member currently serves as our Chairman of the Board.

**Responsibility for Risk Management.** Our Board considers the identification and management of risk a responsibility of the Board as a whole. Nevertheless our Audit Committee has specifically undertaken to identify and direct management in the control of financial risk, and in its role in reviewing the periodic reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, continues to focus on articulating known risks and identifying them for the Board. The audit committee considers and acts on transactions that may involve a conflict of interest between CyberOptics and our management, the Board and employees and members of their immediate family, and administers our Code of Ethics.

Our Compensation Committee is responsible for ensuring that the executive compensation plans and stock benefit plans that it establishes and oversees do not encourage our officers and employees to undertake unnecessary risks. The Compensation Committee has concluded that, given the size of grants made under and the time based vesting of grants under our Stock Incentive Plan as well as the multiple metrics required for incentive compensation under our Management Incentive Plan, our compensation policies are not likely to present risks that would have a material adverse effect on CyberOptics.

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Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers risks presented by changing law and regulation and recommends changes in governance and operations to comply. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has also prepared a management succession plan, which it periodically revisits and revises to address the risk of loss of an executive. Each of these committees reports its recommendations on risk management to the Board as a whole.

### Committees of Our Board

Our Board has three committees: An Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, each of which has a written charter. Copies of the charters for all three committees may be reviewed on our website at [www.cyberoptics.com](http://www.cyberoptics.com).

**Audit Committee.** Our Audit Committee assists our Board in overseeing and monitoring our accounting and financial reporting processes, audits of our financial statements, the independence and performance of our independent auditors and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee reviews all interested party transactions and oversees our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The Audit Committee generally requires any transaction between CyberOptics and a director or officer, the immediate family of a director or officer, or any entity that a director or officer controls to be reported to our Ethics Officer. The Ethics Officer, in turn, is obligated to report the transaction to the Committee. Although it has not adopted written standards of approval, the Audit Committee generally considers these transactions consistent with its fiduciary obligations and approves transactions only if they are fair and reasonable, in the best interests of the corporation, and on terms no less favorable than could be obtained from an unaffiliated third party.

The Audit Committee has sole authority to appoint, determine funding for, retain and oversee our independent registered public accounting firm and to pre-approve all audit services and permissible non-audit services. It is our policy to present to the entire Committee proposals for all audit services and permissible non-audit services prior to engagement.

Our Audit Committee consists of Mr. Cimochoowski (Chair), Mr. Gates, and Ms. Qualters. Each of Mr. Cimochoowski, Mr. Gates, and Ms. Qualters is an independent director within the meaning of Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Nasdaq listing standards applicable to audit committees. Our Board of Directors has identified Mr. Cimochoowski as an audit committee financial expert within the definition established by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Audit Committee held six meetings and acted once by unanimous written consent during 2014. All members of the Committee attended at least 75% of the meetings. The report of the Audit Committee is contained on page 15 of this proxy statement.

**Compensation Committee.** Our Compensation Committee establishes the compensation of our executive officers, including our Chief Executive Officer, administers our stock-based benefit plans, including our 1998 Stock Incentive Plan and our Employee Stock Purchase Plan, and makes recommendations to our Board regarding director compensation. The Compensation Committee currently consists of Ms. Qualters (Chair), Mr. Selzer and Mr. Cimochoowski, each of whom is an independent director under Nasdaq listing standards, including the listing standards applicable to compensation committee independence. During 2014, the Compensation Committee held three meetings. All members of the Committee attended 100% of the meetings.

**Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.** Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies individuals qualified to become Board members, recommends to the Board nominees to fill vacancies in membership of the Board as they occur, recommends a slate of nominees for election as Directors at the annual meeting, and monitors our corporate governance function. The Nominating Committee currently consists of all of our independent directors, including Mr. Cimochoowski, Mr. Gates, Ms. Qualters and Mr. Selzer (Chair). During 2014, the Nominating and



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Corporate Governance Committee held one meeting. All members of the Committee attended 100% of the meetings.

We require that each nominee for Director be an individual of the highest character and integrity, have substantial experience that is of particular relevance to CyberOptics, have sufficient time available to devote to our affairs, and represent the best interests of all our stakeholders, including our shareholders. Because of the business in which CyberOptics functions, a technical background, or a background in marketing, sales, finance or related pursuits for technology companies, is favored. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has discretion as to the determination of which individuals will best fit these criteria. We believe that all of the current nominees to the Board possess these characteristics. Although the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers the diversity of Board members, including diversity of experience, gender and ethnicity, when considering candidates, we have not adopted any diversity policies in the nomination of candidates for director. We believe our current Board members reflect our commitment to diversity.

When seeking additions to, or replacements for, Board positions, we first poll members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and the Board as a whole, as to the specific characteristics that they perceive are most desirable for an additional member of the Board, which normally includes characteristics that Board members believe may be partially absent among the current board. Although we could employ a search firm in the future, we have historically been able to locate suitable candidates through the recommendations of members of our Board and our professional advisors. After candidates are identified, a background check is completed and the resume of each candidate is circulated among members of the Committee. If the Committee believes that it is advisable to proceed with a candidate, the candidate is interviewed by several members of the Committee and the Board Chair, and the impressions generated from these interviews are circulated to all members of the Committee and discussed at a Committee meeting. If the impressions are favorable and the Committee so determines, the candidate is asked to stand for election.

Although most candidates have originated from recommendations of officers, Board members, or professional advisors, and all of the nominees for the 2015 annual meeting are currently directors and are being re-nominated as such, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider suggestions from other stakeholders, including shareholders, for nominees for the 2016 annual meeting. A candidate suggested by a shareholder would be considered using the same process as a candidate suggested by a Board member or other adviser. Any shareholder who wishes to recommend that a specific individual (other than the shareholder and other than someone who would not be independent under Nasdaq listing standards) be considered for nomination for the 2016 meeting should contact the Board with specific information about the proposed nominee, including an appropriate resume, prior to February 17, 2016. Methods of communicating with our Board are described on our website at [www.cyberoptics.com](http://www.cyberoptics.com). The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider these recommendations, but has absolute discretion as to whether to recommend any individual for nomination. For the 2015 annual meeting, we did not receive any nominations from shareholders.

### **Code of Conduct and Shareholder Communications with the Board**

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is posted on our website at [www.cyberoptics.com](http://www.cyberoptics.com), is applicable to all of our officers, directors and employees, including our senior financial officers.

We have also established procedures for communication by our shareholders with our directors. Shareholders may send communications by mail to the attention of:

Ethics Officer  
CyberOptics Corporation  
5900 Golden Hills Drive  
Golden Valley, MN 55416

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You may also send communications by e-mail to board@cyberoptics.com. Our Ethics Officer will review all communications received and provide copies, or summaries, of those communications which are not frivolous or vexatious to the Chair of our Audit Committee for consideration. These procedures may also be found at our website at www.cyberoptics.com.

### Compensation of Our Independent Directors

None of Mr. Cimochoowski, Mr. Gates, Ms. Qualters or Mr. Selzer receives any compensation from us for services other than services in their capacities as members of our Board of Directors or of a committee of our Board of Directors. For 2014, we paid our independent directors an annual retainer of \$25,000 plus directors' fees of \$1,000 per meeting of the Board of Directors attended in person and \$500 per meeting of the Board of Directors attended by conference call. We also pay fees of \$500 for each meeting of a committee attended that is not associated with a Board meeting. Our independent director serving as Chairman receives an additional annual retainer of \$5,000. Until 2008, each independent director automatically received an option under our Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors to purchase 4,500 shares on the date of each annual meeting. These options were fully exercisable from the date of grant at a price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on that date. Effective with our 2008 Annual Meeting, these option grants were replaced with the grant of 1,000 shares to each non-employee director at the annual meetings at which they are reelected. We do not provide any other stock awards, non-equity incentive compensation, pension benefits or any other form of compensation to our directors who are not employees.

Ms. Iverson, who served as our CEO until her retirement on January 31, 2014, did not receive any additional compensation for service as a Board member. Dr. Kulkarni ceased being an independent director upon his appointment as Executive Chair in September 2013 and received no additional fees for service as a director after that time.

During 2014, we provided the following compensation to directors who were not also employees:

#### Director Compensation

| Name                   | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) | Stock Awards <sup>1</sup> (\$) | Total (\$) |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Alex B. Cimochoowski   | \$32,500                         | \$8,050                        | \$40,550   |
| Craig D. Gates         | \$31,000                         | \$8,050                        | \$39,050   |
| Irene M. Qualters      | \$31,500                         | \$8,050                        | \$39,550   |
| Michael M. Selzer, Jr. | \$34,500                         | \$8,050                        | \$42,550   |

1. Stock awards represent the expense recorded in 2014 for 1,000 shares granted to each re-elected director based on the \$8.05 closing price on the date of our 2014 annual meeting. Options to purchase 13,500 shares for each of Mr. Cimochoowski, Ms. Qualters, and Mr. Selzer were outstanding at December 31, 2014.

**PROPOSAL 2 ADVISORY APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

As described in more detail in the Executive Compensation section of this proxy statement, the compensation we pay our executive officers generally reflects our results of operations. Our Board selects salary levels for executives adequate to compensate them relative to their peers, annually creates an incentive program for all management employees that is based primarily upon our revenue, operating income and cash results, and provides longer-term equity-based incentives designed to align executive officer compensation with long-term strategic operating and financial goals. Our Board believes these compensation policies achieve the objective of aligning compensation with performance. Consistent with requirements of the federal securities law, we are asking our shareholders, on an advisory basis, to approve the compensation of our named executive officers by adopting the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the shareholders approve the compensation of executives as described in the Summary Compensation Table and the other executive compensation tables and related discussion contained in the proxy statement dated April 10, 2015.

**Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this resolution.** Your vote is advisory and will not be binding upon our Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future compensation arrangements.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

**Executive Officers**

We describe in this section the executive compensation paid to our two current executive officers, Dr. Subodh Kulkarni and Jeffrey A. Bertelsen and to Kathleen P. Iverson, who was our Chief Executive Officer from 2003 until her retirement on January 31, 2014.

**Dr. Kulkarni**, our Chief Executive Officer, serves on our Board of Directors and his background is described above under the caption Proposal 1 Election of Directors.

**Jeffrey A. Bertelsen**, 52, started as Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer in 2005. On February 21, 2014, Mr. Bertelsen was appointed Chief Operating Officer, and also retained his positions as Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Before joining CyberOptics, Mr. Bertelsen was Vice President, Finance, Corporate Controller and Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of Computer Network Technology Corporation ( CNT ), a provider of storage networking equipment and solutions. During his ten years at CNT, Mr. Bertelsen held various positions starting as controller in 1995. Prior to joining CNT, Mr. Bertelsen was a CPA with KPMG LLP.

**Compensation**

We provide three principal forms of compensation to our executives: (1) an annual cash salary; (2) annual cash-incentive pay based on a combination of financial performance goals and operating objectives; and (3) longer-term equity-based compensation in the form of stock options and restricted stock units. Our Compensation Committee, consisting solely of independent directors, sets executive compensation. We have not historically employed a compensation consultant and did not use a consultant in setting executive compensation for 2013 or 2014. Although our Chief Executive Officer participates in formulating compensation for other employees, the Compensation Committee approves all executive compensation, and in the case of the Chief Executive Officer, without the CEO's participation.

*Salaries.* Dr. Kulkarni, who became our Executive Chairman in September 2013, did not participate in our executive compensation plan for 2013 but instead was paid \$15,000 per month for his services until he was appointed Chief Executive Officer effective February 1, 2014. We executed an employment agreement with Dr. Kulkarni under which his salary was set at \$300,000 in 2014, he was

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granted options to purchase 80,000 shares of the Company's common stock, and he was granted restricted stock units with respect to 20,000 shares of common stock. For 2014, we increased Mr. Bertelsen's salary 3%, consistent with increases for our other employees and management as a whole. Mr. Bertelsen's salary was increased a further 5% effective with his February 21, 2014 appointment as our Chief Operating Officer.

*Incentive Compensation.* Our Compensation Committee established an annual cash incentive plan for fiscal 2014 in February 2014. The cash incentive plan for 2014, like the plan in 2013, based 70% of the incentive pay upon financial performance relative to targeted performance, and 30% on specific operating goals. The plan provided for incentive pay equal to a percentage of base pay multiplied by financial targets, including revenue, operating earnings (loss), and cash balances, as well as four operating goals, including beta release of a new MRS based sensor product, beta release for a new 3D AOI product, revenue from a new WaferSense product and revenue for a new memory inspection product. Mr. Kulkarni could earn up to 50% of his salary (\$150,000) and Mr. Bertelsen could earn up to 32.3% of his salary (\$71,070) at target. The following table sets forth the payout, as a percentage of salary, at threshold performance, targeted performance and maximum performance of financial objectives, and separately for operating objectives, that could be achieved and were actually achieved for 2014:

|                      | Threshold <sup>1</sup> | Financial Goals     |                      | Actual | Operating Goals |         | Total <sup>5</sup> |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------|---------|--------------------|
|                      |                        | Target <sup>2</sup> | Maximum <sup>3</sup> |        | Minimum         | Maximum |                    |
| <b>Dr. Kulkarni</b>  |                        |                     |                      |        |                 |         |                    |
| Revenue              | 2.8%                   | 14.0%               | 28.0%                | 24.2%  | 3.75%           | 30.0%   | 16.8%              |
| Operating Profit     | 2.1%                   | 10.5%               | 21.0%                | 12.6%  |                 |         |                    |
| Cash Balance         | 2.1%                   | 10.5%               | 21.0%                | 15.4%  |                 |         |                    |
|                      | 7.0%                   | 35.0%               | 70.0%                | 52.2%  |                 |         | 16.8%              |
|                      |                        |                     |                      |        |                 |         | 69.1%              |
| <b>Mr. Bertelsen</b> |                        |                     |                      |        |                 |         |                    |
| Revenue              | 1.8%                   | 9.0%                | 16.3%                | 14.3%  | 2.4%            | 9.7%    | 7.3%               |
| Operating Profit     | 1.4%                   | 6.8%                | 12.2%                | 7.8%   |                 |         |                    |
| Cash Balance         | 1.4%                   | 6.8%                | 12.2%                | 9.4%   |                 |         |                    |
|                      | 4.6%                   | 22.6%               | 40.7%                | 31.5%  |                 |         | 7.3%               |
|                      |                        |                     |                      |        |                 |         | 38.8%              |

- (1) Threshold was set at revenue of \$38.95 million, an operating loss of \$3.49 million and cash of \$18.5 million.
- (2) Target, based upon an operating budget that recognized the need to rebuild momentum, was set at revenue of \$40.55 million, an operating loss of \$2.69 million and cash of \$19.40 million.
- (3) Maximum was set at revenue of \$48.55 million, an operating profit of \$1.80 million and cash of \$21.4 million.
- (4) Three of four operating goals were achieved in 2014.
- (5) The maximum payable under Dr. Kulkarni's incentive plan was 100% of salary, and under Mr. Bertelsen's plan was 58% of salary.

Dr. Kulkarni earned a bonus under our executive incentive compensation plan for 2014 equal to 138.12% of his targeted payout (69.1% of his salary) or \$207,179, while Mr. Bertelsen earned a bonus under this plan equal to 120.22% of his targeted payout (38.8% of his salary) or \$85,440. Because they were not employed for the entire year, neither Ms. Iverson nor Mr. Good participated in the incentive plan.

*Long-Term Equity Incentive.* We typically grant options and restricted stock units to continuing management employees as long-term compensation in December of each year, with both RSUs and options vesting over a four-year period commencing one year from the date of grant and options having a seven-year term. Mr. Bertelsen received an additional option for 10,000 shares with his February 21, 2014 appointment as our Chief Operating Officer. Because Ms. Iverson was retiring, she did not receive options or RSUs. Dr. Kulkarni received options and RSUs when he agreed to the terms of his

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employment in January 2014. Consistent with our regular policies we granted RSUs and options to Dr. Kulkarni and Mr. Bertelsen in December 2014 at the same time we granted equity incentives to other management employees.

*Other Benefits.* We do not maintain a pension plan and do not provide our executives non-qualified deferred compensation, but instead encourage retirement savings through our 401K Retirement Savings Plan. We have historically matched 50% of employee, including executive, contributions to the 401K plan, up to contributions by the employee equal to 6% of annual compensation.

*Employment/Severance Agreements.* We have an employment agreement with Dr. Kulkarni and a severance pay agreement with Mr. Bertelsen. Ms. Iverson, who also had a severance pay agreement, executed a separation agreement in December 2013 in connection with her retirement that replaced her severance pay agreement. Under her separation agreement, we paid Ms. Iverson a lump sum payment equal to one times her annual salary effective upon her retirement, and we extended the exercisability of three options with respect to an aggregate of 41,666 shares for an additional four months.

Under our severance pay agreement with Mr. Bertelsen, we would be obligated to pay him one times his annual compensation averaged over the three years preceding termination, and vest the restricted stock units and options he holds, if we terminate his employment without cause or he terminates his employment with good reason after a change of control. For purposes of these agreements *cause* is defined as the willful misconduct, or failure to perform services, by the executive, and *good reason* is defined as the failure of the successor to assign the executive comparable responsibilities, a relocation by more than 50 miles, or a reduction in compensation. A *change of control* is defined as a public announcement that any person or persons acting in concert have acquired 40% of our voting stock; a change of control required to be reported under proxy rules; a change in a majority of our directors, other than by succession; shareholder approval of a merger, consolidation or sale of substantially all our assets; or a decision of our directors that a change of control has occurred.

Dr. Kulkarni's employment agreement provides for an initial annual salary of \$300,000, for participation in our annual incentive compensation plan at 50% of salary at targeted performance, for the grant of options to purchase 80,000 shares and RSUs with respect to 20,000 shares, for severance of one times salary if terminated prior to a change of control without cause, and for severance of twice salary if terminated within one year after a change of control by the company without cause or by Dr. Kulkarni for good reason. For such purposes, *cause*, *good reason* and *change of control* are defined in the same manner as in the severance pay agreement for Mr. Bertelsen. Dr. Kulkarni agreed in the employment agreement to assign intellectual property he develops while an employee and to refrain from competing with us, or from soliciting our employees, for a period of one year after his employment terminates.

**Summary Compensation Table**

The following table summarizes, for 2014 and 2013, the total compensation that we paid or accrued for our executive officers. The stock awards and option awards reflected in the table represent the grant date value of the awards in the year in which they are granted. No discretionary bonuses were paid in the years presented.

|   | Year | Salary     | Stock Awards <sup>1</sup> | Option Awards <sup>1</sup> | Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation <sup>2</sup> | All Other Compensation <sup>3</sup> | Total        |
|---|------|------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Subodh Kulkarni <sup>4</sup><br>Chief Executive Officer<br>& President            | 2014 | \$ 303,462 | \$ 199,525                | \$ 394,434                 | \$ 207,179  | \$ 7,800                            | \$ 1,112,400 |
|   | 2013 | 50,538     |                           |                            |   |                                     | 50,538       |
| Kathleen P. Iverson <sup>5</sup><br>Former Chief Executive<br>Officer & President | 2014 | 345,919    |                           | 19,070                     |   |                                     | 364,989      |
|   | 2013 | 291,300    |                           |                            | 34,920  | 8,245                               | 334,465      |
| Jeffrey A. Bertelsen<br>Chief Financial & Chief<br>Operating Officer              | 2014 | 218,217    | 30,784                    | 104,985                    | 85,440  | 7,058                               | 446,484      |
|   | 2013 | 200,135    | 14,823                    | 39,604                     | 17,057  | 6,377                               | 277,996      |
| Daniel Good <sup>6</sup><br>VP of R&D/Corporate<br>Development                    | 2014 | 204,481    |                           |                            |   | 6,613                               | 211,094      |
|   | 2013 | 207,000    |                           | 35,466                     | 12,420  | 6,730                               | 261,616      |

1. Represents the grant date fair market value as determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model for stock options, and based upon the market value of our common stock for restricted stock units. See note 7 to our consolidated financial statements included as Item 8 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for a description of the calculation of grant date fair market value.
2. Payment for performance under our incentive plan.
3. Consists of company contributions to a 401K plan.
4. Does not include compensation paid to Dr. Kulkarni as an independent director prior to his election as executive chair in September 2013. Dr. Kulkarni was not required to provide services full time as Executive Chairman.
5. Amounts for salary in 2014 include the value of Ms. Iverson's separation agreement. The amount for option awards in 2014 represents the value as determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model for the extension of exercisability of three options with respect to an aggregate of 41,666 shares for an additional four months. Separation amounts for Ms. Iverson were accrued at the end of 2013.
6. Mr. Good resigned effective November 21, 2014.

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**Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following table lists the options and restricted stock units held by Dr. Kulkarni, Mr. Bertelsen and Mr. Good at December 31, 2014. Ms. Iverson did not hold any options or restricted stock units at December 31, 2014. All of the options become exercisable, to the extent not already vested, in annual increments of one-quarter of the number of shares to which they are subject and expire seven years from the date of grant.

| Name          | Option Awards   |   |                            |                        | Restricted Stock Unit Awards                                     |   |         |
|---------------|---|---|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---|---------|
|               | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable | Option Exercise Price (\$) | Option Expiration Date | Number of Shares or Units of Stock Held That Have Not Vested (#) | Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>1</sup> (\$) |         |
| Dr. Kulkarni  |   | 80,000  | 2                          | 6.97                   |  |   |         |
|               |   | 38,750  | 3                          | 9.62                   |  |   |         |
|               |   |   |                            |                        | 20,000   | 2   | 192,200 |
|               |   |   |                            |                        | 6,250  | 3   | 60,063  |
| Mr. Bertelsen | 26,400  |   |                            | 4.99                   |  |   |         |
|               | 15,000  |   |                            | 4.80                   |  |   |         |
|               | 10,000  |   |                            | 8.71                   |  |   |         |
|               | 11,667  | 11,666  | 4                          | 7.30                   |  |   |         |
|               | 8,334   | 8,333   | 5                          | 7.48                   |  |   |         |
|               | 4,188   | 12,562  | 6                          | 5.39                   |  |   |         |
|               |   | 10,000  | 7                          | 7.70                   |  |   |         |
|               | 18,500  | 3   | 9.62                       |                        |  |   |         |
|               |   |   |                            |                        | 1,944  | 4   | 18,682  |
|               |   |   |                            |                        | 1,389  | 5   | 13,348  |
|               |   |   |                            |                        | 2,062  | 6   | 19,816  |
|               |   |   |                            |                        | 3,200  | 3   | 30,752  |
| Mr. Good      | 40,000  |   |                            | 11.18                  |  |   |         |
|               | 3,750   |   |                            | 8.71                   |  |   |         |
|               | 6,667   |   |                            | 7.30                   |  |   |         |
|               | 3,334   |   |                            | 7.48                   |  |   |         |

1. Based on the closing price on December 31, 2014 of \$9.61 per share.
2. Vests with respect to 25% of such shares on January 14, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
3. Vests with respect to 25% of such shares on December 5, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
4. Vests with respect to 50% of shares on January 6, 2015 and 2016.
5. Vests with respect to 50% of shares on December 14, 2015 and 2016.
6. Vests with respect to 33% of such shares on December 6, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
7. Vests with respect to 25% of such shares on February 21, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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**BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

The following table provides information at February 28, 2015 about the ownership of our common stock by each person known to us to beneficially own 5% or more of our common stock, by each of our directors, by each of our executive officers, and by all our officers and directors as a group:

| Name and Address<br>of Beneficial Owner   | Amount and Nature of<br>Beneficial Ownership (1) | Percent<br>of Class |
|---|--|---------------------|
| T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.<br>100 E. Pratt Street<br>Baltimore, MD 21202 (2)                            | 535,583  | 8.0%                |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors LP<br>Palisades West, Building One,<br>6300 Bee Cave Road<br>Austin, TX 78746 (3) | 613,639  | 9.2%                |
| Perritt Capital Management, Inc.<br>300 South Wacker Drive, Suite 2880<br>Chicago, IL 60606 (4)             | 385,369  | 5.8%                |
| Heartland Advisors, Inc.<br>and William J. Nasgovitz<br>789 North Water Street<br>Milwaukee, WI 53202(5)    | 600,000  | 9.0%                |
| Jeffrey Bertelsen   | 97,139   | 1.4%                |
| Alex B. Cimoichowski (6)  | 27,444   | *                   |
| Craig D. Gates  | 3,000  | *                   |
| Subodh Kulkarni   | 29,500   | *                   |
| Irene M. Qualters   | 21,500   | *                   |
| Michael M. Selzer, Jr.  | 24,450   | *                   |
| All executive officers and directors<br>as a group (6 persons)  | 203,033  | 3.0%                |

\*Less than 1%

- (1) Includes 83,922 shares for Mr. Bertelsen, 13,500 shares for Mr. Cimoichowski, 13,500 shares for Ms. Qualters, 13,500 shares for Mr. Selzer, 20,000 shares for Dr. Kulkarni and 144,422 shares for all officers and directors as a group, purchasable upon exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2015.
- (2) Based on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed January 12, 2015 by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. and T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Value Fund, Inc. Includes 57,500 shares over which T. Rowe Price Associates has sole voting power and 535,583 shares over which it has sole power of disposition, and includes 478,083 shares over which T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Value Fund, Inc. has sole voting power.
- (3) Based on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed February 5, 2015. Represents shares held by investment companies over which Dimensional Fund Advisors has sole power of disposition and includes 610,739 shares over which it has sole voting power. Dimensional Fund Advisers disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (4) Based on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed February 13, 2015 by Perritt Capital Management, Inc., an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and Perritt Funds, Inc., an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, on behalf of its series, Perritt MicroCap Opportunities Fund, Inc. and its sole series, the Perritt MicroCap Opportunities Fund, the Perritt Ultra MicroCap Fund and the Perritt Low Priced Stock Fund, and includes 329,069, shares over which Perritt Capital Management and Perritt Funds have shared voting power and power of disposition, and 56,300 shares over which Perritt Capital Management and Perritt Funds have sole voting power and power of disposition.
- (5) Based on Schedule 13G filed February 13, 2015. Represents shares held by The Heartland Value Fund, for which Heartland Advisors, Inc. serves as investment advisor. William J. Nasgovitz is a control person of Heartland Advisors, Inc. and disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (6) Includes 4,463 shares held by a spouse or in trust for children.



**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Under federal securities laws, our directors and officers, and any beneficial owner of more than 10% of our common stock, are required to report their ownership of our equity securities and any changes in ownership to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Specific due dates for these reports have been established by the SEC, and we are required to disclose in this Proxy Statement any delinquent filing of those reports and any failure to file reports during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Based upon information provided by officers and directors, all our officers, directors and 10% shareholders filed all reports on a timely basis in the 2014 fiscal year.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Our management is responsible for our internal controls and our financial reporting process. Our independent accountants are responsible for performing an independent audit of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and to issue a report on those financial statements. The Audit Committee's responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes. The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K with management and Grant Thornton LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm. Management has represented to the Audit Committee that the consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

In connection with our consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Audit Committee discussed with the independent auditors matters required to be discussed by *PCAOB AU sec. 380, Communications with Audit Committees* and *SEC's Regulation S-X, Rule 2-07, Communications with Audit Committees*, which includes, among other items:

matters related to the conduct of the audit of our financial statements;

methods to account for significant unusual transactions;

the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus;

the process used by management in formulating particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the basis for the auditors' conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates; and

disagreements, if any, with management over the application of accounting principles, the basis for management's accounting estimates and the disclosures in the financial statements (there were no such disagreements).

Grant Thornton LLP also provided the Audit Committee with written disclosures and the letter required by Rule 3526 of the PCAOB, *Communications with Audit Committees Concerning Independence*, which relates to the auditors' independence from our company and its related entities, and the Audit Committee discussed with Grant Thornton LLP its independence.

Based upon the Audit Committee's discussion with management and the independent accountants and the Audit Committee's review of the representation of management and the report of the independent accountants to the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Members of the Audit Committee

Alex B. Cimoichowski

Craig D. Gates

Irene M. Qualters

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS AND PAYMENT OF FEES

Grant Thornton LLP has audited our financial statements since 2009. The following is a summary of the fees billed to us by Grant Thornton LLP for professional services rendered for the year ended December 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013:

| <b>Fee Category</b> | <b>2014 Fees</b> | <b>2013 Fees</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Audit Fees          | \$ 279,122       | \$ 225,588       |
| Audit-Related Fees  |                  |                  |
| Tax Fees            | 56,487           | 56,526           |
| All Other Fees      |                  | 16,610           |
| Total Fees          | \$ 335,609       | \$ 298,724       |

*Audit Fees* consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements and reviews of the interim consolidated financial statements included in our quarterly reports, and services that are normally provided by our independent public accounting firm in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

*Audit-Related Fees* consist of fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our consolidated financial statements and are not reported under *Audit Fees*. These services include audits in connection with acquisitions and divestitures, attest services that are not required by statute or regulation, tax consultation concerning treatment of income taxes in U.S. GAAP based financial statements and consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting standards.

*Tax Fees* consist of fees billed for professional services for corporate tax return preparation and filing, compliance, tax advice and tax planning, as well as some personal tax preparation services for US personnel (not associated with a financial reporting role) working on our behalf overseas. These services include assistance regarding federal, state and international tax compliance, tax audit defense, custom and duties, acquisitions and divestitures and international tax planning.

*All Other Fees* (if any) consist of fees for products and services other than the services reported above.

### PROPOSAL 3 RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Our Audit Committee is asking shareholders to ratify its appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2015, in order to ascertain the views of our shareholders on this appointment. In the event the shareholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider this appointment. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may appoint a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if the Audit Committee determines that such a change would be in the best interests of CyberOptics and its shareholders.

Representatives of Grant Thornton LLP will be present at the annual meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so. These representatives will also be available to respond to appropriate questions after the meeting.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present and entitled to vote at the annual meeting on this item of business is required for the approval of the proposal (provided that the number of shares voted in favor of the proposal constitutes more than 25% of the outstanding shares of our common stock).

**The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors recommends that the shareholders vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2015. Proxies solicited by the Board of Directors will, unless otherwise directed, be voted for the ratification of the appointment.**

**SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**

Any shareholder wishing to include a proposal in our proxy solicitation materials for our next annual meeting of shareholders must submit the proposal for consideration in writing to our corporate secretary at our principal executive offices, 5900 Golden Hills Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55416, no later than December 11, 2015.

Under our Bylaws, in order for business to be properly brought before the next annual meeting by a shareholder, or in order for a nominee for director to be considered at the next annual meeting, the shareholder must give us written notice of the shareholder's intent to bring a matter before the annual meeting, or nominate the director, no later than February 17, 2016. Each notice must describe the matter, the shareholder who intends to bring the matter before the meeting and the business desired to be conducted, as set forth in greater detail in our Bylaws.

Our management will use discretionary authority to vote against any shareholder proposal, or director nominee not made by management, presented at the next annual meeting if: (i) the proposal or nominee has been properly omitted from our proxy materials under federal securities laws; (ii) notice of the proposal or nominee was not submitted to the Secretary at the address listed above by February 17, 2016; or (iii) the proponent has not solicited proxies in compliance with federal securities laws from the holders of at least the percentage of our voting shares required to carry the proposal or elect the nominee.

**GENERAL**

Our Board of Directors does not know of any matters other than those described in this proxy statement that will be acted upon at the Annual Meeting. In the event that any other matters properly come before the meeting calling for a vote of shareholders, the persons named as proxies in the enclosed form of proxy will vote in accordance with their best judgment.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

Thomas Martin  
*Secretary*

Dated: April 10, 2015

**CYBEROPTICS CORPORATION**

**2015 ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING**

**Dorsey & Whitney  
50 South Sixth Street, 15th Floor  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**May 18, 2015 3:00 p.m.**

**proxy**

**This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors.**

The undersigned hereby appoints Subodh Kulkarni and Jeffrey A. Bertelsen, and each of them, with power to appoint a substitute, to vote all shares the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of CyberOptics Corporation, to be held on May 18, 2015 and any adjournments thereof, as specified below on the matters referred to, and, in their discretion, upon any other matters which may be brought before the meeting.

**PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY PROMPTLY BY  
MAIL OR ELECTRONICALLY AS DESCRIBED ON THE REVERSE SIDE.**

*See reverse for voting instructions.*

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**INTERNET/MOBILE** [www.proxypush.com/cybe](http://www.proxypush.com/cybe)  
Use the Internet to vote your proxy until  
11:59 p.m. (CT) on May 17, 2015.

**PHONE 1-866-883-3382**  
Use a touch-tone telephone to vote your proxy until  
11:59 p.m. (CT) on May 17, 2015.

**MAIL** Mark, sign and date your proxy card and  
return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.  
**If you vote your proxy by Internet or by Telephone,  
you do NOT need to mail back your Proxy Card.**

***TO VOTE BY MAIL AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS ON ALL ITEMS BELOW,***

***SIMPLY SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN THIS PROXY CARD.***

*Please detach here*

**The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Items 1, 2 and 3.**

- |  |                           |                                |                                     |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 01 Alex B.                             | 04 Irene M. Qualters      | <input type="radio"/> Vote FOR | <input type="radio"/> Vote WITHHELD |
| 1. Election of directors: Cimochoowski | 05 Michael M. Selzer, Jr. | all nominees                   | from all nominees                   |
| 02 Craig D. Gates                      |                           | (except as marked)             |                                     |
| 03 Subodh Kulkarni                     |                           |                                |                                     |

**(Instructions: To withhold authority to vote for any indicated nominee,  
write the number(s) of the nominee(s) in the box provided to the right.)**

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2. To approve compensation to our executive officers (nonbinding).                     For                     Against                     Abstain
3. To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as independent registered                     For                     Against                     Abstain  
public auditors.
4. To consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any  
adjournments thereof.

**THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED OR, IF NO DIRECTION IS GIVEN, WILL BE VOTED AS THE BOARD RECOMMENDS.**

Address Change? Mark box, sign, and indicate changes below:                        Date

Signature(s) in Box

When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign.  
When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee  
or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation  
please sign in full corporate name by President or other  
authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in  
partnership name by authorized person.