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SCHEDULE 14A

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BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC. ONE BAXTER PARKWAY DEERFIELD, IL 60015 M21522-P89161

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: March 08, 2010

Date: May 04, 2010 **Time:** 9:00 AM CDT

Location: Baxter International Inc.

One Baxter Parkway Deerfield, IL 60015

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2009

How to View Online:

Have the 12-Digit Control Number available (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

1) *BY INTERNET*: www.proxyvote.com 2) *BY TELEPHONE*: 1-800-579-1639

3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the 12-Digit Control N u m b e r (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 20, 2010 to facilitate timely delivery.

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How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: You must bring this Notice or other proof of share ownership for admittance to the Annual Meeting. Please review other details regarding meeting attendance and directions to the meeting in the Proxy Statement, which is available at www.proxyvote.com. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the 12 Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR each of the following Nominees:

1. Election of Director

Nominees:

- 1a. Blake E. Devitt
- 1b. John D. Forsyth
- 1c. Gail D. Fosler
- 1d. Carole J. Shapazian

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposal 2:

2. Ratification of independent registered public accounting firm.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST proposal 3:

3. Shareholder Proposal Relating to Simple Majority Voting.

To act upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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