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Digital Ally, Inc. 9705 Loiret Boulevard Lenexa, Kansas 66219

Stanton E. Ross
President, Chief Executive Officer and
Chairman of the Board

April 26, 2013

To our Stockholders:

I am pleased to invite you to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of Digital Ally, Inc. ("Digital") to be held on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., CDT, at our Company facility at 9705 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219. Details regarding admission to the annual meeting and the business to be conducted are more fully described in the accompanying notice of annual meeting and proxy statement.

We have elected to take advantage of Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow issuers to furnish proxy materials to their stockholders on the Internet. We believe that the rules will allow us to provide our stockholders with the information they need, while lowering the costs of delivery and reducing the environmental impact of our annual meeting.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, I hope that you will vote as soon as possible. Please review the instructions on each of your voting options described in the proxy statement and the notice of annual meeting you received in the mail.

Thank you for your ongoing support of, and continued interest in, Digital.

Sincerely,

Admission to the annual meeting will be limited to stockholders. Please note that admission ticket and picture identification will be required to enter the annual meeting. Each stockholder will be entitled to bring a guest to the annual meeting. For stockholders of record, an admission ticket is printed on the back cover of these proxy materials and on the notice of annual meeting. An individual arriving without an admission ticket will not be admitted unless it can be verified that the individual was a Digital stockholder as of the record date. Backpacks, cameras, cell phones with cameras, recording equipment and other electronic recording devices will not be permitted at the annual meeting. Digital reserves the right to inspect any persons or items prior to their admission to the annual meeting. Failure to follow the meeting rules or permit inspection will be grounds for exclusion from the meeting.

Digital Ally, Inc.

9705 Loiret Blvd Lenexa, Kansas 66219 (913) 814-7774

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held on Thursday, May 30, 2013

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Digital Ally, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("Digital" or the "Company"), will be held at the Corporate facility located at 9705 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas, 66219 on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., CDT, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect seven directors;
- 2. To approve an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of our capital stock that we may issue from 9,375,000 to 85,000,000, of which 75,000,000 shares shall be classified as common stock and 10,000,000 shares shall be classified as blank check preferred stock.
- 3. To approve the 2013 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan;
- 4. To give an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the compensation tables and narrative discussion in the accompanying proxy statement;
- 5. To give an advisory (non-binding) vote as to whether the stockholder votes regarding our executive compensation should occur every three years, every two years or every year;
- 6. To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm; and
- 7. To act upon such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this notice. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 8, 2013 will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, please sign, date and return your proxy to us promptly. Your cooperation in signing and returning the proxy will help avoid further solicitation expense.

Pursuant to rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials both by sending you this full set of proxy materials, including a notice of annual meeting, proxy statement, and 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders, and by notifying you of the availability of our proxy materials on the Internet. Copies of our notice of annual meeting, proxy statement and 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders are available at www.digitalallyinc.com.

By order of the Board of Directors

Stanton E. Ross Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer April 26, 2013 Lenexa, Kansas

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, WE URGE YOU TO VOTE AND SUBMIT YOUR PROXY AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM. TO ASSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING, PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY EXACTLY AS YOUR NAME APPEARS ON IT AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.

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Digital Ally, Inc. PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

General

The enclosed proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Digital Ally, Inc., a Nevada corporation, for use at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., CDT, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth herein and in the accompanying notice of annual meeting of stockholders. The annual meeting will be held at our corporate facility, located at 9705 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas, 66219. The telephone number at that location is (913) 814-7774.

These proxy solicitation materials were first mailed on or about April 26, 2013 to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting.

Record Date and Voting Securities

Stockholders of record at the close of business on April 8, 2013 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. At the record date, 2,075,564 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding and held of record by 82 stockholders.

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name. If on April 8, 2013, your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, First American Stock Transfer, then you are a stockholder of record. As a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the annual meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, we urge you to complete and return the enclosed proxy card or vote by proxy via telephone or the Internet as instructed on your proxy card to ensure your vote is counted.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank. If on April 8, 2013, your shares were held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting.

As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent on how to vote the shares in your account. If you do not provide instructions for voting the shares that you beneficially own, the organization holding your shares cannot vote them for you for Proposals 1 through 5, as follows: Proposal 1, the election of directors; Proposal 2, to approve an amendment of our Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of our common stock from 9,375,000 to 75,000,000 and to authorize 10,000,000 shares of blank check preferred stock; Proposal 3, to approve the 2013 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan; Proposal 4, to give an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the compensation tables and narrative discussion in the accompanying proxy statement; and Proposal 5, to give an advisory (non-binding) vote as to whether the stockholder votes regarding our executive compensation should occur every three years, every two years or every year.

We encourage you to provide voting instructions to the brokerage firm, bank, dealer, or other similar organization that is the record holder of your shares. A number of brokers and banks enable beneficial holders to give voting instructions via telephone or the internet. Please refer to the voting instructions provided by your bank or broker. You are also invited to attend the annual meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the annual meeting unless you provide a valid proxy from your broker, bank or other

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Revocability of Proxies

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the annual meeting. In order to do this, you may either:

sign and return another proxy bearing a later date; provide written notice of the revocation to Thomas J. Heckman, our Secretary, prior to the time we take the vote at the annual meeting; or attend the annual meeting and vote in person.

Quorum Requirement

A quorum, which is a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock as of the record date, must be present or represented by proxy in order to hold the annual meeting and to conduct business. Your shares will be counted as being present at the annual meeting if you attend the meeting in person or if you submit a properly executed proxy card.

Voting

You are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock that you hold on the record date.

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name. If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card, vote by proxy on the internet or by telephone, or vote in person at the annual meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the annual meeting and vote in person if you have already voted by proxy.

- -> To vote using the proxy card, simply complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. If you return your signed proxy card to us before the annual meeting, we will vote your shares as you direct.
- -> To vote on the internet, please follow the instructions provided on your proxy card.
- -> To vote by telephone, please follow the instructions provided on your proxy card.
- -> To vote in person, come to the annual meeting and we will give you a ballot when you arrive.

If you hold your shares in your own name as a holder of record, you may instruct the proxy holders how to vote your common stock by signing, dating and mailing the proxy card in the postage paid reply envelope that we have provided. Of course, you may also choose to come to the annual meeting and vote your shares in person. The proxy holders will vote your shares in accordance with those instructions. If you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted as recommended by our Board of Directors.

We provide internet proxy voting to allow you to vote your shares online, with procedures designed to ensure the authenticity and correctness of your proxy vote instructions. However, please be aware that you must bear any costs associated with your internet access, such as usage charges from your internet provider.

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Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank. If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker, bank, or other agent, you should have received instructions for granting proxies with these proxy materials from that organization rather than from the Company. A number of brokers and banks enable beneficial holders to give voting instructions via telephone or the internet. Please refer to the voting instructions provided by your bank or broker. To vote in person at the annual meeting, you must provide a valid proxy from your broker, bank, or other custodian. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form.

If you return a signed and dated proxy card without marking any voting selections, your shares will only be voted for Proposal 6, and not for Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. Thus, if you are not a record holder and hold your shares through a bank or broker, you must provide voting instructions to the record holder of the shares in accordance with its requirements in order for your shares to be properly voted for the following proposals: Proposal 1, the election of directors; Proposal 2, to approve an amendment of our Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of our common stock from 9,375,000 to 75,000,000 and to authorize 10,000,000 shares of blank check preferred stock; Proposal 3, to approve the 2013 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan; Proposal 4, to give an advisory (non-binding) vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the compensation tables and narrative discussion in the accompanying proxy statement; and Proposal 5, to give an advisory (non-binding) vote as to whether the stockholder votes regarding our executive compensation should occur every three years, every two years or every year. If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxy (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his or her best judgment.

If you beneficially own your shares in street name and you do not instruct your bank or broker how to vote on Proposals 1 through 5, no votes will be cast on your behalf at the annual meeting as to these proposals. Your bank or broker will, however, have discretion to vote any uninstructed shares on Proposal 6.

Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

If you return a proxy card that indicates an abstention from voting on all matters, the shares represented will be counted as present for the purpose of determining a quorum, but they will not be voted on any matter at the annual meeting. Consequently, if you abstain from voting on Proposals 1 through 6, your abstention will have no effect on the outcome of the vote with respect to these proposals.

If your shares are held by your broker as your nominee (that is, in "street name"), you will need to obtain a proxy form from the institution that holds your shares and follow the instructions included on that form regarding how to instruct your broker to vote your shares. If you do not give instructions to your broker, your broker can vote your shares with respect to "discretionary" items, but not with respect to "non-discretionary" items. Discretionary items are proposals considered routine under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") on which your broker may vote shares held in street name without your voting instructions. On non-discretionary items for which you do not give your broker instructions, the shares will be treated as broker non-votes. Under NYSE rules, any election of a member of the Board of Directors, whether contested or uncontested, is considered "non-discretionary" and therefore brokers are no longer permitted to vote your shares held in street name for the election of directors in the absence of instructions from you. Each of Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are "non-discretionary." Therefore, if you hold your shares through a broker, nominee, fiduciary or other custodian, your shares will not be voted on those proposals unless you provide voting instructions to the record holder.

A "broker non-vote" occurs when a broker expressly instructs on a proxy card that it is not voting on a matter, whether routine or non-routine. Broker non-votes are counted for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of a quorum, but are not counted for determining the number of votes cast for or against a proposal. Your broker will have

discretionary authority to vote your shares on Proposal 6 only.

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Stockholder List

The stockholder list as of the record date will be available for examination by any stockholder at our corporate office, 9705 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219, beginning May 10, 2013, which is at least ten business days prior to the date of the annual meeting and the stockholder list will be available at the annual meeting.

Proxy Solicitation Costs

This solicitation of proxies is made by our Board of Directors, and we will bear all related costs. None of our directors intends to oppose any action for which stockholder approval is being solicited. In addition, we may reimburse brokerage firms and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares for their expenses in forwarding solicitation materials to such beneficial owners. Proxies may also be solicited by certain of our directors, officers and regular employees, without additional compensation, personally or by telephone or facsimile.

Our Voting Recommendations

Our Board of Directors recommends that you vote:

FOR the seven nominees to the Board of Directors;

FOR approval of an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of our capital stock from 9,375,000 to 85,000,000, of which 75,000,000 shares will be classified as common stock and 10,000,000 shares as blank check preferred stock;

FOR approval of the 2013 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan;

FOR approval of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the compensation tables and narrative discussion in the accompanying proxy statement;

FOR the advisory (non-binding) stockholder vote regarding our executive compensation to occur every three years;

FOR ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm; and

On such other matters that may properly come before the annual meeting in accordance with the best judgment of the individual proxies named in the proxy.

Voting Results

The preliminary voting results will be announced at the annual meeting. The final voting results will be calculated by our Inspector of Elections and published in our report on Form 8-K within four business days of the meeting.

Stockholders Sharing the Same Address

Digital has adopted a procedure called "householding," which has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Under this procedure, Digital is delivering only one copy of the annual report and proxy statement to multiple stockholders who share the same address, unless Digital has received contrary instructions from an affected stockholder. This procedure reduces Digital's printing costs, mailing costs, and fees. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards.

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Digital will deliver, promptly upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the annual report and the proxy statement to any stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of either of those documents was delivered. To receive a separate copy of the annual report or proxy statement, you may write or call Digital's Investor Relations Department at 9705 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219, telephone (913) 814-7774. Any stockholders of record who share the same address and currently receive multiple copies of Digital's annual report and proxy statement and who wish to receive only one copy of these materials per household in the future should contact Digital's Investor Relations Department at the address or telephone number listed above to participate in the householding program.

A number of brokerage firms have instituted householding. If you hold your shares in "street name," please contact your bank, broker, or other holder of record to request information about householding.

Deadline for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals for 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

As a stockholder, you may be entitled to present proposals for action at an upcoming meeting if you comply with the requirements of the proxy rules established by the Securities and Exchange Commission and our bylaws. Stockholders wishing to present a proposal at our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders must submit such proposal to us by December 27, 2013, if they wish it to be eligible for inclusion in the proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting. In connection with our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, we intend to solicit proxies granting discretionary authority to the proxyholders to vote on any matters submitted by stockholders by December 27, 2013. In addition, under our bylaws, a stockholder wishing to make a proposal at the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders must submit such a proposal to us by December 27, 2013. Any such proposals should be in compliance with our bylaws and should be submitted to Digital Ally, Inc., 9705 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219, Attention: Thomas J. Heckman, Secretary.

Other Matters

Other than the proposals listed above, our Board of Directors does not intend to present any other matters to be voted on at the meeting. Our Board of Directors is not currently aware of any other matters that will be presented by others for action at the meeting. However, if other matters are properly presented at the meeting and you have signed and returned your proxy card, the proxy holders will have discretion to vote your shares on these matters to the extent authorized under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 30, 2013:

Copies of our notice of annual meeting, proxy statement and 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders are available online at www.digitalallyinc.com.

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Proposal One

Election of Directors

Nominees

A Board of seven directors is to be elected at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the seven nominees named below, of all of which are presently directors of Digital.

If any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the annual meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee who shall be designated by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. We are not aware of any nominee who will be unable or will decline to serve as a director. The term of office for each person elected as a director will continue until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until a successor has been elected and qualified. The names of the nominees and certain information about them as of the date of this proxy statement are set forth below:

			Director
Name of Nominee	Principal Occupation	Age	Since
Stanton E. Ross	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	51	2005
Leroy C. Richie (1)(2)(3)(4)	Lead Outside Director, Chairman of the Nominating and	71	2005
	Governance Committee and attorney		
Daniel F. Hutchins (1)(3)(4)	Certified Public Accountant; Chairman of Audit	57	2007
	Committee		
Elliot M. Kaplan (3)(4)	Attorney	62	2005
Bernard A. Bianchino (1)(2)(4)	Consultant; Chairman of the Compensation Committee	64	2009
	and the Strategic Planning Committee		
Stephen Gans (1)(2)	Investor	41	2012
Steven Phillips	Director of Engineering at Garmin Ltd.; Former Digital	64	2012
^	Ally, Inc. Vice President Engineering		

- (1) Member of Audit Committee
- (2) Member of Compensation Committee
- (3) Member of Nominating and Governance Committee
- (4) Member of Strategic Planning Committee

Stanton E. Ross has served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer since September 2005. From March 1992 to June 2005, Mr. Ross was the Chairman and President of Infinity Energy Resources, Inc., a publicly held oil and gas exploration and development company ("Infinity"), and served as an officer and director of each of Infinity's subsidiaries. He resigned all of his positions with Infinity in June 2005, except Chairman, but was reappointed President in October 2006. Mr. Ross served on the board of directors of Studio One Media, Inc., a publicly held company, from January 2013 to March 2013. From 1991 until March 1992, he founded and served as President of Midwest Financial, a financial services corporation involved in mergers, acquisitions and financing for corporations in the Midwest. From 1990 to 1991, Mr. Ross was employed by Duggan Securities, Inc., an investment banking firm in Lenexa, Kansas, where he primarily worked in corporate finance. From 1989 to 1990, he was employed by Stifel,

Nicolaus & Co., a member of the New York Stock Exchange, where he was an investment executive. From 1987 to 1989, Mr. Ross was self-employed as a business consultant. From 1985 to 1987, Mr. Ross was President and founder of Kansas Microwave, Inc., which developed a radar detector product. From 1981 to 1985, he was employed by Birdview Satellite Communications, Inc., which manufactured and marketed home satellite television systems, initially as a salesman and later as National Sales Manager. Mr. Ross devotes such time to the business of the Company as he deems necessary to discharge his fiduciary duties to it. Mr. Ross estimates he devoted most of his time to Digital Ally and the balance to Infinity in 2012. In late 2007, Infinity sold a substantial portion of its operating assets and has not required a substantial amount of his time since such point. Mr. Ross holds no public company directorships other than with the Company and Infinity and has not held any others during the previous five years, except for Studio One Media, Inc. The Company believes that Mr. Ross's broad entrepreneurial, financial and business expertise and his experience with micro-cap public companies and his role as President and Chief Executive Officer give him the qualifications and skills to serve as a Director.

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Leroy C. Richie has been the Lead Outside Director of Digital Ally since September 2005. He is also a member of the Audit, Strategic Planning and Compensation Committees and is the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee. Since June 1, 1999 Mr. Richie has been a director of Infinity Energy Resources, Inc., a publicly held oil and gas exploration and development company. Additionally, Mr. Richie serves as a member of the boards of directors of the following corporations and serves in the additional capacities noted: OGE Energy Corp., Chairman of the Compensation Committee and a member of the Corporate Governance Committee; and member of the board of directors of Columbia Mutual Funds, an investment company within the mutual fund family managed by Ameriprise Financial, Inc. Since 2004, he has been of counsel to the Detroit law firm of Lewis & Munday, P.C. From September 2000 to November 2004, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Q Standards World Wide, Inc. From April 1999 to August 2000, he was President of Capitol Coating Technologies, Inc. He holds no other public directorships and has not held any others during the previous five years, except for Kerr-McGee Corporation. Mr. Richie was formerly Vice President of Chrysler Corporation and General Counsel for automotive legal affairs, where he directed all legal affairs for that company's automotive operations from 1986 until his retirement in 1997. Before joining Chrysler, he served as director of the New York office of the Federal Trade Commission. Mr. Richie received a B.A. from City College of New York, where he was valedictorian, and a J.D. from the New York University School of Law, where he was awarded an Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellowship. The Company believes that Mr. Richie's extensive experience as a lawyer and as an officer or director of public companies gives him the qualifications and skills to serve as a Director.

Daniel F. Hutchins was elected a Director in December 2007. He serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee and is the Board's financial expert. He is also a member of the Strategic Planning and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees. Mr. Hutchins, a Certified Public Accountant, is a Principal with the accounting firm of Hutchins & Haake, LLC and currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer of Infinity Energy Resources, Inc., a publicly held oil and gas exploration and development company, of which Stanton E. Ross is the Chairman and President. He was previously a member of the Advisory Board of Digital Ally. Mr. Hutchins has served as an instructor for the Becker CPA exam with the Keller Graduate School of Management and has over 17 years of teaching experience preparing CPA candidates for the CPA exam. He has 30 years of public accounting experience, including five years with Deloitte & Touche, LLP. He has served on the boards of various non-profit groups and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Hutchins earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Hutchins holds no other public company directorships currently and has not held any others during the previous five years. The Company believes that Mr. Hutchins' significant experience in finance and accounting gives him the qualifications and skills to serve as a Director.

Elliot M. Kaplan has been a Director since September 2005 and is a member of the Strategic Planning and Nominating and Governance Committees. Mr. Kaplan was a practicing attorney with Daniels & Kaplan, P.C. from 1994 through 2006, with a concentration in corporate strategy. During the years 1985 through 1993, Mr. Kaplan practiced with the law firms of Berman, DeLeve, Kuchan and Chapman (1991-1993); DeWitt, Zeldin and Bigus (1990-1991); and Husch, Eppenberger, Donahue, Cornfeld and Jenkins (1985-1990). From 1983 to 1985, he served as Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of Air One, Inc. He also served on the board of directors of Infinity Energy Resources, Inc., a publicly held oil and gas exploration and development company, from July 2004 through June 18, 2008. Mr. Kaplan served as the chairman of the Advisory Board of Executive Action and was a member of the SCCA ProRacing Board of Directors until early 2011. Mr. Kaplan holds no other public company directorships currently and has not held any others during the previous five years. The Company believes that Mr. Kaplan's broad legal and business expertise give him the qualifications and skills to serve as a Director.

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Bernard A. Bianchino has been a Director since June 2009 and is Chairman of the Compensation and Strategic Planning Committees and a member of the Audit Committee. Mr. Bianchino is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Jaguar Telecom, LLC, a company he founded in 2003, which seeks to develop new business products and concepts and provide consulting services to the wireless telecommunications industry. Jaguar Telecom is a member, and Mr. Bianchino is the Chairman, of B2 Telecom, LLC a privately-held company which provides carrier services to telecommunications companies. In 2003, Mr. Bianchino was employed by the Bryan Cave, LLP law firm in Kansas City, Missouri. In 2001, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of OnFiber Communications, a local fiber services venture headquartered in Austin, Texas that was founded to provide the delivery of fiber optic broadband services to service providers in major metropolitan areas throughout the U.S. Mr. Bianchino served as Chief Executive Officer of Pegaso PCS, in 2000, a Mexican national wireless and wireline telecommunications company, which served four of the largest cities in Mexico. From 1995 until 2000, Mr. Bianchino was the Chief Business Development Officer for Sprint PCS in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1994 and 1995, Mr. Bianchino served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and External Affairs Officer of Owest Communications in Denver, Colorado, During the years 1986-1994, Mr. Bianchino served in a number of legal capacities with US Sprint and Sprint Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri, completing his service as Vice President – Law and General Business of Sprint Corporation. From 1978 until 1994, Mr. Bianchino worked as Legal Counsel for Exxon Corporation's new venture group, Exxon Enterprises. During the years 1974-1978, Mr. Bianchino worked for the U.S. Government in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, completing his service as a Senior Attorney with the United States Department of Energy. Mr. Bianchino received his undergraduate and law degrees from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Bianchino holds no other public company directorships and has not held any others during the previous five years. He is a member of the Johnson County Charter Commission in Johnson County, Kansas. The Company believes that Mr. Bianchino's legal, financial and business expertise, including a background of managing and directing a technology-based company, gives him the qualifications and skills to serve as a Director.

Stephen Gans has been a director since May 2012. Mr. Gans has served as a director of Hollywood Media (Nasdaq: HOLL) since December 2009, where he is a member of its Audit and Stock Option Committees. Since March 2005, Mr. Gans has served as Managing Member of Gans Family Investments LLP, an investment firm focused on the technology, media and telecommunications industries. Mr. Gans also served on the Board of Directors of City National Bancshares, the holding company of City National Bank of Florida, from January 2000 until November 2008. Mr. Gans received a B.A. in Business and a Masters in Accounting from The University of Texas at Austin in 1994. Mr. Gans holds no other public company directorships and has not held any others during the previous five years. The Company believes that Mr. Gans' experience as the Managing Member of an investment firm focusing on the technology, media and telecommunications industries gives him the qualifications and skills to serve as a director would make him a valuable member of our Board.

Steven Phillips has been a director since July 2012. Mr. Phillips is the Director of Marine Engineering for Garmin, Ltd from July 2012 through the present. Previously, Mr. Phillips served as Vice President—Engineering for Digital Ally from March 2009 through July 2012. From 1998 through March 2009, Mr. Phillips held a variety of engineering and management positions with Garmin International, where he was in charge of that company's development program for its marine radar product line. He was also the leader of a team that designs or consults on the designs of Garmin's antennas for all of its products. Mr. Phillips initially joined Garmin to develop its second-generation GPS RF integrated circuit, which was used in all of Garmin's navigation products. From 1988 through 1998, Mr. Phillips worked for Puritan Bennett, a medical electronics company that produced mechanical ventilation and respiratory care devices, where he was responsible for oximetry and ventilator product engineering design teams. While at Puritan Bennett, he was issued a patent on a circuit that senses and controls a patient's airflow. From 1981 to 1986, Mr. Phillips served as Vice President of Engineering at Birdview Satellite Communications, a microwave electronics design and manufacturing company. He was responsible for, and contributed to the design of, Birdview's line of microwave products, including C-band low-noise block converters, antennas and baseband receivers. Mr. Phillips joined Kustom Electronics (now Kustom Signals, Inc.), which currently designs, manufactures and markets traffic

speed radar systems, lidar, in-car video systems, and mobile roadside speed monitoring trailers,. During his years at Kustom Electronics, he was involved in the design of mobile terminals for law enforcement, aviation test equipment, and audio products. Mr. Phillips graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering in 1971. Mr. Phillips holds no other public company directorships and has not held any others during the previous five years. The Company believes that Mr. Phillips' experience with technology companies gives him the qualifications and skills to serve as a director would make him a valuable member of our Board.

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Our Directors are elected annually and hold office until the next annual meeting of our stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified. Officers are elected annually and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. There is no family relationship between any of our directors, director nominees and executive officers. Board vacancies are filled by a majority vote of the Board.

Vote Required and Board Recommendation

If a quorum is present and voting, the seven nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to the Board of Directors. Votes withheld from any nominee will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for transaction of business at the meeting, but will have no other legal effect upon the election of directors under Nevada law.

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that our stockholders vote FOR each of the seven nominees named above.

Board of Directors and Committee Meetings

Our Board of Directors held six regular and four telephonic meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. Each of our directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the committees on which he served in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. Our directors are expected, absent exceptional circumstances, to attend all Board meetings and meetings of committees on which they serve, and are also expected to attend our annual meeting of stockholders. All directors then in office attended the 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

Committees of the Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors currently has four committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Nominating and Governance Committee and a Strategic Planning Committee. Each committee has a written charter approved by the Board of Directors outlining the principal responsibilities of the committee. These charters are also available on the Investor Relations page of our website. All of our directors, other than our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, have met in executive sessions without management present on a regular basis in 2012 and 2013.

Audit Committee

Our Audit Committee appoints the Company's independent auditors, reviews audit reports and plans, accounting policies, financial statements, internal controls, audit fees, and certain other expenses and oversees our accounting and financial reporting process. Specific responsibilities include selecting, hiring and terminating our independent auditors; evaluating the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent auditors; approving the audit and non-audit services to be performed by our auditors; reviewing the design, implementation, adequacy and effectiveness of our internal controls and critical accounting policies; overseeing and monitoring the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial statements or accounting matters; reviewing any earnings announcements and other public announcements regarding our results of operations in conjunction with management and our public auditors; conferring with management and the independent auditors regarding the effectiveness of internal controls, financial reporting processes and disclosure controls; consulting with management and the independent auditors regarding Company policies governing financial risk management; reviewing and discussing reports from the independent auditors on critical accounting policies used by the Company; establishing procedures, as required under applicable law, for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and the confidential and anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters; reviewing and approving related-person transactions in accordance with the Company's policies and

procedures with respect to related-person transactions and applicable rules; reviewing the financial statements to be included in our annual report on Form 10-K; and discussing with management and the independent auditors the results of the annual audit and the results of quarterly reviews and any significant changes in our accounting principles; and preparing the report that the Securities and Exchange Commission requires in our annual proxy statement. The report of the Audit Committee for the year-ended December 31, 2012 is included in this proxy statement.

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The Audit Committee is comprised of three Directors, each of whom is independent, as defined by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Audit Committee held four meetings during the year-ended December 31, 2012. On September 22, 2005, the Company created the Audit Committee and adopted a written charter for it. The members of our Audit Committee are Daniel F. Hutchins, Leroy C. Richie, Stephen Gans and Bernard A. Bianchino. Mr. Hutchins was the Chairman of the Committee during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. The Board of Directors determined that Mr. Hutchins qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert," as defined under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and is independent as noted above.

Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, all audit and non-audit services performed by the Company's independent accountants must be approved in advance by the Audit Committee to assure that such services do not impair the accountants' independence from the Company. Accordingly, the Audit Committee has adopted an Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy (the "Policy") that sets forth the procedures and the conditions pursuant to which services to be performed by the independent accountants are to be pre-approved. Pursuant to the Policy, certain services described in detail in the Policy may be pre-approved on an annual basis together with pre-approved maximum fee levels for such services. The services eligible for annual pre-approval consist of services that would be included under the categories of Audit Fees, Audit-Related Fees and Tax Fees in the table, as well as services for limited review of actuarial reports and calculations. If not pre-approved on an annual basis, proposed services must otherwise be separately approved prior to being performed by the independent accountants. In addition, any services that receive annual pre-approval but exceed the pre-approved maximum fee level also will require separate approval by the Audit Committee prior to being performed. The Audit Committee may delegate authority to pre-approve audit and non-audit services to any member of the Audit Committee, but may not delegate such authority to management.

Compensation Committee

Our Compensation Committee assists our Board of Directors in determining the development plans and compensation of our officers, directors and employees. Specific responsibilities include approving the compensation and benefits of our executive officers; reviewing the performance objectives and actual performance of our officers; administering our stock option and other equity compensation plans; and reviewing and discussing with management the compensation discussion and analysis that the Securities and Exchange Commission requires in our future Form 10-Ks and proxy statements.

Our Compensation Committee is comprised of three Directors, whom the Board considers to be independent under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The members of our Compensation Committee are Bernard A. Bianchino, who serves as Chairman, Stephen Gans and Leroy C. Richie. The Compensation Committee held two meetings during the year-ended December 31, 2012. Mr. Ross, our Chief Executive Officer, does not participate in the determination of his own compensation or the compensation of directors. However, he makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding the amount and form of the compensation of the other executive officers and key employees, and he often participates in the Compensation Committee's deliberations about their compensation. Thomas J. Heckman, our Chief Financial Officer also assists the Compensation Committee in its executive officer, director and employee compensation deliberations. No other executive officers participate in the determination of the amount or the form of the compensation of executive officers or directors. The Compensation Committee does not utilize the services of an independent compensation consultant to assist in its oversight of executive and director compensation. On September 22, 2007, the Board of Directors adopted a written charter.

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Nominating and Governance Committee

Our Nominating and Governance Committee assists our Board of Directors by identifying and recommending individuals qualified to become members of our Board of Directors, reviewing correspondence from our stockholders, and establishing, evaluating and overseeing our corporate governance guidelines. Specific responsibilities include the following: evaluating the composition, size and governance of our Board of Directors and its committees and making recommendations regarding future planning and appointing directors to our committees; establishing a policy for considering stockholder nominees for election to our Board of Directors; and evaluating and recommending candidates for election to our Board of Directors.

Our Nominating and Governance Committee strives for a Board composed of individuals who bring a variety of complementary skills, expertise or background and who, as a group, will possess the appropriate skills and experience to oversee our business. The diversity of the members of the Board relates to the selection of its nominees. While the Committee considers diversity and variety of experiences and viewpoints to be important factors, it does not believe that a director nominee should be chosen or excluded solely or largely because of race, color, gender, national origin or sexual orientation or identity. In selecting a director nominee for recommendation to our Board, our Nominating and Governance Committee focuses on skills, expertise or background that would complement the existing members on the Board. Accordingly, although diversity may be a consideration in the Committee's process, the Committee and the Board of Directors do not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees.

When the Nominating and Governance Committee has either identified a prospective nominee or determined that an additional or replacement director is required, the Nominating and Governance Committee may take such measures as it considers appropriate in connection with its evaluation of a director candidate, including candidate interviews, inquiry of the person or persons making the recommendation or nomination, engagement of an outside search firm to gather additional information, or reliance on the knowledge of the members of the Board of Directors or management. In its evaluation of director candidates, including the members of the Board eligible for re-election, the Nominating and Governance Committee considers a number of factors, including: the current size and composition of the Board of Directors, the needs of the Board of Directors and the respective committees of the Board, and such factors as judgment, independence, character and integrity, age, area of expertise, diversity of experience, length of service, and potential conflicts of interest.

The Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board selects director nominees and recommends them to the full Board of Directors. In relation to such nomination process, the Committee:

determines the criteria for the selection of prospective directors and committee members;

reviews the composition and size of the Board and its committees to ensure proper expertise and diversity among its members:

evaluates the performance and contributions of directors eligible for re-election;

determine the desired qualifications for individual directors and desired skills and characteristics for the Board;

identifies persons who can provide needed skills and characteristics;

screens possible candidates for Board membership;

reviews any potential conflicts of interests between such candidates and the Company's interests; and

shares information concerning the candidates with the Board, and solicit input from other directors.

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The Nominating and Governance Committee has specified the following minimum qualifications that it believes must be met by a nominee for a position on the Board: the highest personal and professional ethics and integrity; proven achievement and competence in the nominee's field and the ability to exercise sound business judgment; skills that are complementary to those of the existing Board; the ability to assist and support management and make significant contributions to our success; the ability to work well with the other directors; the extent of the person's familiarity with the issues affecting our business: an understanding of the fiduciary responsibilities that are required of a member of the Board of Directors; and the commitment of time and energy necessary to diligently carry out those responsibilities. A candidate for director must agree to abide by our Code of Ethics and Conduct.

After completing its evaluation, the Nominating and Governance Committee makes a recommendation to the full Board of Directors as to the persons who should be nominated to the Board, and the Board of Directors determines the nominees after considering the recommendation and report of the Committee.

Our Nominating and Governance Committee is comprised of three Directors, whom the Board considers to be independent under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Nominating and Governance Committee held one meeting during the year ended December 31, 2012. The members of our Nominating and Governance Committee are Leroy C. Richie, who serves as Chairman, Elliot M. Kaplan and Daniel F. Hutchins. The Committee was created by our Board of Directors on December 27, 2007, when the Board of Directors adopted a written charter, which charter was amended in February 2010.

Strategic Planning Committee

Our Strategic Planning Committee assists our Board of Directors by providing guidance in the formulation of both short and long-term business development plans, including identifying and recommending new strategic initiatives and alternatives, technologies and products for the Company. Specific responsibilities include the following: evaluating the Company's current product composition, markets to address, new research and development directions and commercialization of new products.

Our Strategic Planning Committee is comprised of four Directors. The Strategic Planning Committee held one meeting during the year ended December 31, 2012. The members of our Strategic Planning Committee are Bernard A. Bianchino, who serves as Chairman, Daniel F. Hutchins, Leroy C. Richie and Elliot M. Kaplan. The Strategic Planning Committee was created by our Board of Directors on July 28, 2009, when the Board of Directors adopted a written charter.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Compensation Committee is made up of three independent, non-employee directors, Messrs. Richie, Gans and Bianchino. No interlocking relationship exists between the members of our Compensation Committee and the board of directors or compensation committee of any other company.

Board of Directors' Role in the Oversight of Risk Management

We face a variety of risks, including credit, liquidity, and operational risks. In fulfilling its risk oversight role, our Board of Directors focuses on the adequacy of our risk management process and overall risk management system. Our Board of Directors believes that an effective risk management system will (i) adequately identify the material risks that we face in a timely manner; (ii) implement appropriate risk management strategies that are responsive to our risk profile and specific material risk exposures; (iii) integrate consideration of risk and risk management into our business decision-making; and (iv) include policies and procedures that adequately transmit necessary information regarding material risks to senior executives and, as appropriate, to the Board or relevant committee.

The Board of Directors has designated the Audit Committee to take the lead in overseeing risk management at the Board of Directors level. Accordingly, the Audit Committee schedules time for periodic review of risk management, in addition to its other duties. In this role, the Audit Committee receives reports from management, certified public accountants, outside legal counsel, and other advisors, and strives to generate serious and thoughtful attention to our risk management process and system, the nature of the material risks we face, and the adequacy of our policies and procedures designed to respond to and mitigate these risks.

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Although the Board of Directors has assigned the primary risk oversight to the Audit Committee, it also periodically receives information about our risk management system and the most significant risks that we face. This is principally accomplished through Audit Committee reports to the Board of Directors and summary versions of the briefings provided by management and advisors to the Audit Committee.

In addition to the formal compliance program, our Board of Directors and the Audit Committee encourage management to promote a corporate culture that understands risk management and incorporates it into our overall corporate strategy and day-to-day business operations. Our risk management structure also includes an ongoing effort to assess and analyze the most likely areas of future risk for us. As a result, the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee periodically ask our executives to discuss the most likely sources of material future risks and how we are addressing any significant potential vulnerability.

Board Leadership Structure

Our Board of Directors does not have a policy on whether or not the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors should be separate and, if they are to be separate, whether the Chairman of the Board should be selected from the non-employee directors or be an employee. Our Board of Directors believes that it should be free to make a choice from time to time in any manner that is in the best interest of us and our stockholders. The Board of Directors believes that Mr. Ross' service as both Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board is in the best interest of us and our stockholders. Mr. Ross possesses detailed and in-depth knowledge of the issues, opportunities and challenges we face and is thus best positioned to develop agendas, with the input of Mr. Richie, the lead director, that ensure that the Board's time and attention are focused on the most critical matters. His combined role enables decisive leadership, ensures clear accountability, and enhances our ability to communicate our message and strategy clearly and consistently to our stockholders, employees, customers and suppliers, particularly during times of turbulent economic and industry conditions.

Our Board of Directors also believes that a lead director is part of an effective Board leadership structure. To this end, the Board has appointed Mr. Richie as the lead director. The independent directors meet regularly in executive sessions at which only they are present, and the lead director chairs those sessions. As the lead director, Mr. Richie calls meetings of the independent directors as needed; sets the agenda for meetings of the independent directors; presides at meetings of the independent directors; is the principal liaison on Board issues between the independent directors and the Chairman and between the independent directors and management; provides feedback to the Chairman and management on the quality, quantity and timeliness of information sent to the Board; is a member of the Compensation Committee which evaluates the CEO's performance; and oversees the directors' evaluation of the Board's overall performance. The Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board believe that the Board's leadership structure, which includes the appointment of an independent lead director, is appropriate because it, among other things, provides for an independent director who gives board member leadership and each of the directors, other than Mr. Ross, is independent. Our Board of Directors believes that the independent directors provide effective oversight of management.

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders may communicate with the Board of Directors by writing to us as follows: Digital Ally, Inc., attention: Corporate Secretary, 9705 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219. Stockholders who would like their submission directed to a particular member of the Board of Directors may so specify and the communication will be forwarded as appropriate.

Policy for Director Recommendations and Nominations

Our Nominating and Governance Committee will consider candidates for Board membership suggested by Board members, management and our stockholders. It is the policy for our Nominating and Governance Committee to consider recommendations for candidates to the Board of Directors from any stockholder of record in accordance with our bylaws. A director candidate recommended by our stockholders will be considered in the same manner as a nominee recommended by a Board member, management or other sources. In addition, a stockholder may nominate a person directly for election to the Board of Directors at an annual meeting of stockholders, provided the stockholder meets the requirements set forth in our bylaws. We do not pay a fee to any third party to identify or evaluate or assist in indentifying or evaluation potential nominees.

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Stockholder Recommendations for Director Nominations. Stockholder recommendations for director nominations may be submitted to the Company at the following address: Digital Ally, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 9705 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219. Such recommendations will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for consideration, provided that they are accompanied by sufficient information to permit the Board to evaluate the qualifications and experience of the nominees, and provided that they are in time for the Nominating and Governance Committee to do an adequate evaluation of the candidate before the annual meeting of stockholders. The submission must be accomplished by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board of Directors and to serve if elected and to cooperate with a background check.

Stockholder Nominations of Directors, Our bylaws provide that in order for a stockholder to nominate a director at an annual meeting, the stockholder must give timely, written notice to the Secretary of the Company and such notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 120 days before the date of its release of the proxy statement to stockholders in connection with its previous year's annual meeting of stockholders. Such stockholder's notice shall include, with respect to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election as a director, all information relating to such nominee, including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee, serving as a director, that is required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and cooperating with a background investigation. In addition, the stockholder must include in such notice his name and address, as they appear on our records, of the stockholder proposing the nomination of such person, and the name and address of the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made, the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Company that are owned beneficially and of record by such stockholder of record and by the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made, and any material interest or relationship that such stockholder of record and/or the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made may respectively have in such business or with such nominee. At the request of the Board of Directors, any person nominated for election as a director shall furnish to the Secretary of the Company the information required to be set forth in a stockholder's notice of nomination which pertains to the nominee.

To be timely in the case of a special meeting or if the date of the annual meeting is changed by more than thirty (30) days from such anniversary date, a stockholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices no later than the close of business on the tenth day following the earlier of the day on which notice of the meeting date was mailed or public disclosure of the meeting date was made.

Code of Ethics and Conduct

Our Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Ethics and Conduct that is applicable to all of our employees, officers and directors. Our Code of Ethics and Conduct is intended to ensure that our employees act in accordance with the highest ethical standards. The Code of Ethics and Conduct is available on the Investor Relations page of our website at http://www.digitalally.com. and the Code of Ethics and Conduct has been filed as an exhibit to our annual report on Form 10-K filed March 4, 2008.

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Director Compensation

Our non-employee directors received the stock option and restricted stock grants noted in the section below entitled "Stock Option and Restricted Stock Grants to Directors" for agreeing to serve on the Board of Directors in 2012, including on the Audit, Nominating and Governance, Strategic Planning and Compensation Committees.

Effective September 2, 2011, our Board of Directors terminated cash compensation to all non-employee Board members as part of the Company's cost reduction program. The non-employee directors who attended Board meetings and meetings as members of various committees of the Board were reimbursed for their out-of-pocket costs in attending the meetings of the Board of Directors.

In 2012, non-employee members of the Board have not received cash compensation for their services, but we have reimbursed them for their out-of-pocket costs in attending the meetings of the Board of Directors. Neither the chairmen of each committee of the Board nor any members of any committee have received any additional cash compensation for their service on such committees in 2012.

In May 2012, we issued Messrs. Kaplan and Hutchins 8,750 options to purchase common stock at an exercise price of \$3.52 per share for their service on the Board through May 2013. We granted Messrs. Richie and Bianchino each 4,375 and Mr. Gans 7,500 shares of restricted stock valued at \$3.52 per share in May 2012 for their service on the Board through May 2013.

Director compensation for the year ended December 31, 2012 was as follows:

Director Compensation

Name	Fees earned or paid in cash (\$)	Stock awards (\$) (3)	Option awards (\$) (3)	Total (\$)
Stanton E. Ross, Chairman of the Board (1)	\$ —	\$	\$	\$
Leroy C. Richie	\$ —	\$15,400	\$	\$15,400
Elliot M. Kaplan	\$ —	\$ —	\$10,086	\$10,086
Daniel F. Hutchins	\$ —	\$ —	\$10,086	\$10,086
Bernard A. Bianchino	\$ —	\$15,400	\$ —	\$15,400
Stephen Gans	\$ —	\$26,400	\$ —	\$26,400
Steven Phillips (2)	\$ —	\$ —	\$27,226	\$27,226

⁽¹⁾ Mr. Ross's compensation and option awards are provided in the Executive Compensation table because he did not receive compensation or stock options for his services as a director.

⁽²⁾ Mr. Phillips resigned his position as Vice President – Engineering effective July 13, 2012. Mr. Phillips was elected as a Director concurrent with his resignation as an officer of the Company. For purposes of the above table, Mr. Phillips stock option and restricted stock grants during 2012 have been included as director compensation.

⁽³⁾ Represents aggregate grant date fair value pursuant to ASC Topic 718 for the respective year for stock options and restricted stock granted. Please refer to Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements for further description of the awards and the underlying assumptions utilized to determine the amount of grant date fair value related to such grants.

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Director Stock Option and Restricted Stock Grants

	Number of Restricted Shares of Common Stock	Number of Options	Average per Share Exercise
Name of Individual	Granted	Granted	Price
Stanton E. Ross (1)	_	_	\$ —
Leroy C. Richie (2)	4,375	_	\$ —
Elliot M. Kaplan	_	8,750	\$3.52