

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(Rule 14a-101)  
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT  
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**STERIS CORPORATION**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on July 28, 2011.**

STERIS CORPORATION

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** May 31, 2011

**Date:** July 28, 2011

**Time:** 9:00 AM EDT

**Location:** STERIS Corporation (Corporate  
Headquarters)  
5960 Heisley Road  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

For information on how to obtain directions to be able to attend the annual meeting and vote in person, please contact **Julie Winter, Director, Investor Relations at 440-392-7245.**

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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 AND PROXY STATEMENT      ANNUAL REPORT

#### How to View Online:

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## How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**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 a vote FOR all the below nominees.**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

- |                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 01) Richard C. Breeden     | 06) Walter M Rosebrough, Jr. |
| 02) Cynthia L. Feldmann    | 07) Mohsen M. Sohi           |
| 03) Jacqueline B. Kosecoff | 08) John P. Wareham          |
| 04) David B. Lewis         | 09) Loyal W. Wilson and      |
| 05) Kevin M. McMullen      | 10) Michael B. Wood          |

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Proposals 2, 3, and 5 and FOR "1 YEAR" under Proposal 4.**

2. Approving the amendment and restatement of the STERIS Corporation 2006 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan.
3. Approving, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.
4. For, on a non-binding advisory basis, holding an advisory vote regarding executive compensation of our named executive officers to occur every 1, 2 or 3 years.
5. Ratifying the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.

In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or at any adjournment thereof.