

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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(Rule 14a-101)**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT  
SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Filed by the Registrant

Filed by a Party other than the Registrant

Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

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(as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))

Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Pursuant to § 240.14a-12

**STERIS CORPORATION**

**(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to be Held on July 23, 2009**

STERIS CORPORATION

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STERIS CORPORATION  
5960 HEISLEY ROAD  
MENTOR, OH 44060-1834

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual  
**For holders as of:** 5/26/2009  
**Date:** 7/23/2009 **Time:** 9:00 AM EDT  
**Location:** STERIS Corporation (Product Showroom)  
5914 Heisley Road  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

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

**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. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Shareholders are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)**

**You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).**

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

**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**

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

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**If you want to receive a paper or email copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before July 9, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery:**

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| 1) <b>BY INTERNET:</b>  | <a href="http://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>                   |
| 2) <b>BY TELEPHONE:</b> | 1-800-579-1639   |
| 3) <b>BY EMAIL*:</b>    | <a href="mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com">sendmaterial@proxyvote.com</a> |

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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.

**Vote By Internet or Telephone:** To vote now by Internet or Telephone, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://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.

<b>Voting Items</b>
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**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the below nominees.**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

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

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Proposal 2**

2. Ratifying the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

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