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1241 East Main Street
Stamford, Connecticut 06902

Dear *WWE* Stockholder:

March 6, 2020

You are cordially invited to attend WWE's 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The meeting will be held on April 16, 2020, at the Company's Headquarters, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Details of the business to be conducted at this year's Annual Meeting are described in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

As a stockholder, you are being asked to vote on important matters. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, your vote is important. We therefore encourage you to vote. After reading the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement, please promptly fill out and submit your proxy. **We also invite you to utilize the convenience of Internet voting at the website indicated on the enclosed proxy card.** Alternatively, you can vote by telephone or complete, sign, date and promptly return via mail the enclosed proxy card. If you attend the meeting and wish to vote in person, you will have the opportunity to do so, even if you have already voted, and any such in-person vote will supersede all of your prior votes.

On behalf of the WWE Board of Directors, I greatly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent K. McMahon'.

Vincent K. McMahon
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A BUSINESS MEETING ONLY AND NOT AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT. The meeting will be limited to stockholders (or their authorized representatives) having evidence of their stock ownership. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, you must show proof of your ownership at the registration tables at the door. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and seating will begin at 9:30 a.m. Each stockholder may be asked to present valid government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, to enter the meeting. These procedures may require additional time, so please plan accordingly. Cameras, recording devices and other electronic devices will not be permitted, and cell phones may not be used for these purposes. The Annual Meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. To avoid disruption, admission may be limited once the meeting begins.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
AND PROXY STATEMENT**

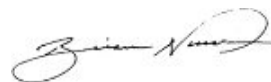
The Annual Meeting (the “Annual Meeting”) of Stockholders of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“WWE” or the “Company”), will be held on April 16, 2020 at the Company’s Headquarters, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The purpose of the Annual Meeting, as described in the attached Proxy Statement is as follows:

1. To elect ten (10) Directors to serve until the Company’s next Annual Meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2020;
3. To hold an advisory vote to approve executive compensation; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

The close of business on February 20, 2020 is the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at our Annual Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, your vote is important. We therefore urge you to vote by Internet, phone or mail by following the instructions set forth herein.

By the Order of the Board of Directors,



Brian M. Nurse
SVP, General Counsel & Secretary

Stamford, Connecticut
March 6, 2020

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PROXY STATEMENT
Annual Meeting of Stockholders
Thursday, April 16, 2020

The enclosed proxy is solicited on behalf of WWE's Board of Directors in connection with our Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time or any adjournment or postponement of this meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Company's Headquarters, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902. Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the Company has elected to provide electronic access to its proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, the Company is sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") to the Company's record and beneficial stockholders. All stockholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or to request a printed set of the proxy materials. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a printed copy may be found in the Notice. In addition, stockholders may request to receive proxy materials electronically by email on an ongoing basis. The Company encourages you to take advantage of the availability of the proxy materials on the Internet in order to help reduce the costs and environmental impact of printing proxy materials. We intend to mail the Notice on or about March 6, 2020, to each stockholder entitled to vote at our Annual Meeting.

We will pay all costs of this proxy solicitation. Directors or officers, or other WWE employees, may also solicit proxies in person or by mail, telephone or fax.

Only holders of record of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock at the close of business on February 20, 2020 (the "record date"), will be entitled to notice of and to vote at our Annual Meeting. At the close of business on the record date, 46,211,631 shares of Class A common stock and 31,099,011 shares of Class B common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote, with each Class A share entitled to one vote on all matters and each Class B share entitled to ten votes. We sometimes refer to Class A common stock and Class B common stock together as "Common Stock."

A majority of the collective voting power represented by our Common Stock, present in person or represented by proxy, constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Election of nominees to the Board (Proposal 1) is decided by plurality votes. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote at the meeting is required to approve Proposals 2 and 3. Proposal 3 is an advisory vote only and as discussed in more detail below, the voting result is not binding on us. Under New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules, if your broker holds your shares in its name as a nominee, and does not receive voting instructions from you, the broker is permitted to vote your shares only on the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 2). When a broker does not receive voting instructions and either declines to exercise discretionary voting or is barred from doing so under NYSE rules, the missing votes are referred to as "broker non-votes." Other unvoted shares in returned proxies will be voted in accordance with the Board recommendations set forth in this proxy statement. Both abstentions and broker non-votes in returned proxies will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum at the meeting. Broker non-votes are not, however, considered present and entitled to vote and will have no effect on the voting results of any of the proposals. An abstention in a returned proxy on either of Proposals 2 or 3 identified above will have the effect of a vote against that proposal. An abstention in a returned proxy will have no effect on the outcome of Proposal 1. **The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of the nominees for Director, FOR the ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm, and FOR the advisory approval of our executive compensation.**

If you vote via any of the following methods, you have the power to revoke your vote before the Annual Meeting or at the Annual Meeting. You may revoke a proxy by mailing us a letter that is received by us no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2020 that states that the proxy is revoked, by timely executing and delivering, by mail, Internet or telephone, a later-dated proxy or by attending our Annual Meeting and voting in person. While the Company does not plan to disseminate information concerning your vote, proxies given by stockholders of record will not be confidential. The voting instructions of beneficial owners will only be available to the beneficial owner's nominee and will not be disclosed to us unless required by law or requested by you. If you are a stockholder of record and write comments on your proxy card, your comments will be provided to us.

Vote by Internet:

The Company strongly prefers that you utilize our convenient Internet voting system which you can access and use whether you live in the United States or elsewhere. The website for Internet voting is printed on both the Notice and the proxy card. Internet voting is available 24 hours a day until 11:59 P.M. on April 15, 2020. You will be given the opportunity to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. **While at the site, you will be able to enroll in our electronic delivery program, which will ensure that you will receive future mailings relating to annual meetings as quickly as possible and will help us to save costs. If you vote via the Internet, please do NOT return your proxy card.**

Vote by Telephone:

You can also vote your shares by calling the toll-free number printed on your proxy card. Telephone voting is available 24 hours a day until 11:59 P.M. on April 15, 2020. The voice prompts allow you to vote your shares and confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. **If you vote by telephone, please do NOT return your proxy card.**

Vote by Mail:

If you choose to vote by mail, please mark your proxy, date and sign it, and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

PROPOSAL 1—ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Stockholders will elect ten (10) Directors at our Annual Meeting, each to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until a successor shall have been chosen and qualified. We intend to vote the shares of Common Stock represented by a proxy in favor of the nominees listed below, unless otherwise instructed in the proxy. Each nominee is currently a Director. We believe all nominees will be willing and able to serve on our Board. In the unlikely event that a nominee is unable or declines to serve, we will vote the shares represented by a proxy for the remaining nominees and, if there is one, for an alternate person duly nominated by our Board of Directors.

<u>Director/Nominee(1)</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Current Position with Company</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Director Since</u>
Vincent K. McMahon	74	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	Executive (Chair)	1980
Stephanie McMahon	43	Chief Brand Officer	Executive	2015
Paul Levesque	50	EVP, Global Talent Strategy & Development	Executive	2015
Frank A. Riddick, III	63	Interim Chief Financial Officer		2008
Stuart U. Goldfarb(1)	65	—	Audit; Governance & Nominating (Chair)	2011
Laureen Ong(1)	67	—	Compensation (Chair); Governance & Nominating	2014
Robyn W. Peterson(1)	44	—	Governance & Nominating	2015
Man Jit Singh(1)	63	—	Audit	2018
Jeffrey R. Speed(1)	57	—	Audit (Chair); Compensation	2008
Alan M. Wexler(1)	56	—	Compensation	2018

(1) Independent Director.

Vincent K. McMahon, co-founder of our Company, is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Executive Committee.

Stephanie McMahon has served as our Chief Brand Officer since November 2013. She is responsible for ensuring WWE’s global brand strength and growth across all lines of business, as well as overseeing WWE’s community relations and pop culture strategies. Among her many contributions, Ms. McMahon has been the driving force behind WWE’s women’s evolution, which has given female performers an equal share of the spotlight both in and out of the ring. She is also a TV personality who appears on WWE programming. Prior to her current role, Ms. McMahon was Executive Vice President, Creative and was the first woman to lead WWE’s Creative Writing, Digital Media, Talent Relations, Talent Brand Management and Live Events businesses. She was named a Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award Honoree at the 2017 ESPN Humanitarian Awards. Adweek has included her in their list of the Most Powerful Women in Sports for the past four years and recently chose her as a 2019 Brand Genius honoree. Ms. McMahon was also named to Forbes’ World’s Most Influential CMOs report in 2019. In 2014, she and her husband, Paul “Triple H” Levesque, established Connor’s Cure, a fund dedicated to fighting pediatric cancer. In partnership with The V Foundation and

Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Connor’s Cure has raised \$3 million to date. McMahon received her B.S. from Boston University in Communications and has been named a Distinguished Alumni by its School of Communications. She is a Henry Crown Fellow within the Aspen Global Leadership Network at the Aspen Institute and also an Eisenhower Fellow. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for USO Metropolitan Washington and Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation. Ms. McMahon is the daughter of Vince McMahon.

Paul “Triple H” Levesque has served as our Executive Vice President, Global Talent Strategy & Development since February 2020, and prior thereto was Executive Vice President, Talent, Live Events & Creative since August 2011. In his current role, he oversees the Company’s Talent Relations and Talent Development departments. Additionally, Mr. Levesque plays an integral role in the Company’s creative process, helping shape the creative direction and storylines of WWE’s programming. Mr. Levesque is revolutionizing the business with his global recruiting strategy and developmental training processes. In order to create a platform for future success, he established the Company’s state of the art training facility, the WWE Performance Center, which paved the way for the WWE’s third global brand, NXT. Mr. Levesque debuted as a WWE Superstar, “Triple H”, in 1995 and has held the WWE Heavyweight Championship title 14 times. He has captured every major championship, headlined thousands of WWE events, and entertained millions around the world. Mr. Levesque is married to Stephanie McMahon and together they established Connor’s Cure. Mr. Levesque is the son-in-law of Vincent McMahon.

Frank A. Riddick, III has, since January 2020, been our Interim Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Riddick was Chief Executive Officer of FloWorks International LLC (formerly named Shale-Inland Group LLC), a leading supplier of pipe, valves and related products (“FloWorks”) from September 2013 until November 2017. Prior to that, he was Chairman and then Executive Chairman of FloWorks since March 2012. Mr. Riddick is also currently a member of the Management Advisory Board of Tower Brook Capital Partners, L.P. (“TowerBrook”), a private equity firm that has FloWorks in its portfolio of companies. From August 2009 until joining FloWorks, Mr. Riddick was Chief Executive Officer of JMC Steel Group, the largest independent steel tubular manufacturer in North America. Prior to that, he was a consultant to TowerBrook. Before joining TowerBrook, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Formica Corporation, a manufacturer of surfacing materials, from January 2002 to April 2008. He served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Armstrong Holdings, Inc. from February 2000 to November 2001, and as Chief Financial Officer at Armstrong and its subsidiaries from 1995 to 2000. Mr. Riddick is Chairman of the Board of Apache Industrial Services, Inc., which provides scaffolding, insulation, fireproofing and coatings. Mr. Riddick is an Emeritus member of Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business Board of Visitors. Until its sale in July 2015, Mr. Riddick was a member of the board of directors, Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee of Geeknet, Inc., the owner and operator of ThinkGeek, an online retailer. Mr. Riddick is also a former director of GrafTech International Ltd, a manufacturer of graphite and carbon products, as well as related technical services.

Stuart U. Goldfarb is a member of our Audit Committee and Chair of our Governance & Nominating Committee. Since January 2014, Mr. Goldfarb has been Co-founder and Partner of Melo7 Tech Partners, LLC, which was founded by Carmelo Anthony and Mr. Goldfarb to invest in and develop opportunities primarily in early stage digital media, consumer internet and technology ventures. Prior to this, from January 2012, Mr. Goldfarb was President of Fullbridge, Inc., a provider of an accelerated, rigorous business education program. From June 2011 until January 2012, Mr. Goldfarb was President and Chief Executive Officer of Atrinsic, Inc., a marketer of direct-to-consumer subscription products and an Internet search marketing agency. Mr. Goldfarb served as a director of Atrinsic from January 2010 until December 2012. In June 2012, Atrinsic filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The filing was precipitated by Atrinsic’s cessation of certain businesses and its inability to raise financing. From 2001 to 2009, Mr. Goldfarb

was President and Chief Executive Officer of Bertelsmann Direct NA. Under his leadership, the company grew to be the world's largest direct marketer of music, DVDs and books, with household brands such as Columbia House, BMG Music, Doubleday Book Club, Book-of-the-Month-Club and ednow.com. Prior to that, Mr. Goldfarb was President and Chief Executive Officer of bol.com, Bertelsmann's premier online retailer of books and music, doing business in 18 European and Asian countries. Before joining Bertelsmann, he was Vice Chairman of Value Vision International, a cable TV home shopping and e-commerce company. He was formerly Executive Vice President, Worldwide Business Development at NBC.

Laureen Ong is Chair of our Compensation Committee and a member of our Governance & Nominating Committee. She is a consultant in the media industry. From April 2010 to October 2013, Ms. Ong served as President, Travel Channel LLC, a subsidiary of Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc., which operates a television network focusing on travel entertainment. From March 2007 to October 2009, she was Chief Operating Officer of Star Group Limited, which produces, broadcasts and distributes television programming via satellite in Asia. From April 2000 to April 2007, Ms. Ong was President of National Geographic Television, during which time she was the chief architect of the launch of its cable television network. Prior to that, she was a senior executive in several sports and media companies. Ms. Ong is a member of the Board, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of Presidio Property Trust, a contrarian real estate investor focused on out-of-the mainstream properties. She is also on the Board of Charter 100, an organization of Women Executives in Phoenix.

Robyn W. Peterson is a member of our Governance & Nominating Committee. Mr. Peterson has been Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President of CNN since December 2018 and, before that since February 2018, he was Head of Products and Platforms at Turner. From May 2011 until January 2018, Mr. Peterson was Chief Technology Officer of Mashable, Inc., a leading source of news information and resources for the connected generation. From January 2011 to March 2011, Mr. Peterson was Vice President of Product, News and Info for AOL, responsible for product strategy and development of the news, finance and sports sites until AOL's acquisition of the Huffington Post. From March 2010 to January 2011, Mr. Peterson was Product Director for Next Issue Media LLC, a company formed by five major U.S. publishers to develop, market and deliver interactive digital editions of magazines. Prior to that, from November 2008, Mr. Peterson was Vice President, Technology and Product for NBC Universal, Inc. From 2001-2004, and from 2005-2008, Mr. Peterson was an executive at Ziff Davis Media, where he was Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Peterson was previously involved in other digital companies since 1998.

Man Jit Singh is a member of our Audit Committee. He is a seasoned media executive with global experience across product innovation, growth strategy and business development. Mr. Singh was with Sony Pictures Entertainment from 2007 until March 2018 where he was most recently President, Home Entertainment. Prior to being President, Mr. Singh oversaw Sony's Multi Screen Media subsidiary in India, where he was instrumental in moving into the sports market with the launch of television and digital offerings. Prior to joining Sony, Mr. Singh was a senior executive at several technology, staffing, management consulting and consumer product companies.

Jeffrey R. Speed is Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of our Compensation Committee. He served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Six Flags, Inc., the world's largest regional theme park operator, from April 2006 until October 2010. In June 2009, Six Flags, Inc. filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, and it emerged from those proceedings in May 2010. Prior to joining Six Flags, Mr. Speed spent approximately 13 years with The Walt Disney Company, serving from 2003 until 2006 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Euro Disney SAS, the publicly-traded operator of the Disneyland Resort Paris, the number one tourist destination in Europe. Prior to that, Mr. Speed spent approximately nine years with the public accounting firm of Price Waterhouse (now PwC).

Alan M. Wexler is a member of our Compensation Committee. From February until June 2019, Mr. Wexler was Chairman of Publicis Sapient. Prior to that, he was CEO of Publicis Sapient since January 2018, and, prior thereto, CEO of Sapient Razorfish and Co-CEO of Publicis Sapient. He was President and then CEO of Sapient Nitro for several years prior to that and has been with Sapient Corporation, which was acquired by Publicis Group, in several other senior leadership positions for an aggregate of nearly 20 years. Publicis Sapient has offices globally, 17,000 employees and cultivates key agency relationships with a roster of blue-chip brands and advises clients on the impact of digital on their businesses. Mr. Wexler has been working at the intersection of creative, digital and technology for more than 30 years. He has extensive experience in the advertising and branding space.

Other Executive Officers

The following table provides information regarding our other executive officers as of March 1, 2020.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position with Company</u>	<u>With Company Since</u>
Bradley M. Blum	47	Executive Vice President, Operations and Chief of Staff	2006
Kevin Dunn	59	Executive Producer & Chief Global Television Production	1984
Brian M. Nurse	48	SVP, General Counsel & Secretary	2018

Bradley M. Blum has served as our Executive Vice President, Operations and Chief of Staff since November 2019. In this capacity, he provides leadership to WWE's Human Resources, Legal, Live Events, Creative Writing and Talent Relations organizations. Prior to this, Mr. Blum was our Executive Vice President, Chief of Staff since February 2018, and Senior Vice President, Chief of Staff since June 2006. Mr. Blum served as a US Army Military Officer for 10 years prior to joining WWE. He received his M.B.A. from Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business and his B.A. from the University of Redlands in English Literature.

Kevin Dunn has been Executive Producer & Chief Global Television Production since July 2014 and, prior thereto Executive Producer since November 2013, and Executive Vice President, Television Production, since July 2003. Before that, Mr. Dunn served as our Executive Producer for 11 years.

Brian M. Nurse has served as our Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary since September 2018. Prior to joining WWE, from March 2012 to September 2018, Mr. Nurse was Vice President, Associate General Counsel & Secretary at Nestle Waters North America Inc. Before that, from April 2001 to February 2012, Mr. Nurse was with PepsiCo, Inc. where he served as Senior Legal Counsel. Mr. Nurse started his legal career as an associate at two New York City law firms.

The Board and Committees

Our Board has standing Audit, Compensation, Governance & Nominating and Executive Committees. During the year ended December 31, 2019, there were 8 meetings of the Board of Directors, 13 meetings of the Audit Committee, 6 meetings of the Compensation Committee, and 3 meetings of the Governance & Nominating Committee. Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Directors are expected to prepare for and attend meetings of the Board and committees on which they sit. Each Director attended more than 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and committees on which he or she served. Directors are also expected to attend the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and all members attended last year's meeting.

Independent Directors. Each year our Board conducts a review to determine which of our Directors qualify as independent. Based on our most recent review, the six members of our Board noted in the table above (Stuart U. Goldfarb, Laureen Ong, Robyn W. Peterson, Man Jit Singh, Jeffrey R. Speed and Alan M. Wexler) qualified as independent under the NYSE and SEC regulations for Board members as well as those regulations, as applicable, relating to their role on the Audit, Compensation and/or Governance & Nominating Committee(s). These are the standards we use to determine independence. One of our independent Directors has a small stock ownership in a public company which is a licensee of the Company; another is an executive officer of a large company with which an affiliate of the Company did business in 2019 in an amount immaterial to the Company and the other company. The Board considered these relationships and affirmatively determined that none of them is material. None of the other independent Directors has any relationship with the Company other than his or her Director/Committee membership(s). Our Audit, Compensation and Governance & Nominating Committees consist solely of independent Directors. Patricia A. Gottesman, an independent Director and Chair of the Governance & Nominating Committee, will be leaving these positions at the Annual Meeting. The Company does not currently have a lead independent director.

NYSE Listing Standards. Certain provisions of the corporate governance rules of the NYSE are not applicable to “controlled companies.” “Controlled companies” under those rules are companies of which more than 50 percent of the voting power is held by an individual, a group or another company. The Company currently is a “controlled company” under this definition by virtue of the beneficial ownership by Mr. McMahon of approximately 37.1% of the Company’s outstanding equity and approximately 80.3% of the combined voting power of our Common Stock. As a “controlled company,” the Company is exempt from the NYSE listing standards of having a majority of independent directors and independent compensation and governance & nominating committees. However, the Company currently does not avail itself of these “controlled company” exemptions.

Board Structure and Risk Management. Mr. McMahon serves as both our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. The Board believes that the unique blend of creativity, entrepreneurship and management skills required to act as Chief Executive Officer at the Company would make filling this position extremely difficult. As a practical matter, Mr. McMahon’s combined role as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer reflects the larger reality that as the owner of a majority of the Company’s voting power, management of the Company is within his ultimate control. This notwithstanding, the Board recognizes the critical role it plays in risk oversight and believes that it works well with management to understand and give clear guidance on matters that it considers to pose possible risks to the Company, such as entering into new business ventures, cybersecurity and other matters disclosed as risk factors in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition, as described elsewhere in this proxy, certain committees of the Board have primary oversight responsibility for specific risk factors. Examples include (i) Audit Committee oversight of, among other things, SEC filings, internal and external audit functions and related party transactions; (ii) Compensation Committee oversight of compensation matters for senior executives, including mitigating instances where compensation could be tied to excessive risk taking by management; and (iii) Governance & Nominating Committee oversight of corporate governance and the recommendation of a slate of nominees for Director and Committee memberships. The Board believes that the administration of its risk oversight function has not been negatively affected by the Board’s current leadership structure, and the Board believes it appropriately addresses risk factors facing the Company.

Executive Sessions. Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the non-management/independent members of the Board meet at least quarterly in executive sessions (i.e. without the presence of management). In practice, most Board and Committee meetings include an executive session. Executive sessions are presided over by the chair of the appropriate Committee, if the principal item to be considered is within a Committee’s scope and, if not, such chairs alternate executive sessions.

Communications with Directors. Interested parties who wish to communicate with a member or members of the Board of Directors, including Committee chairs and the non-management/independent Directors as a group, may do so by addressing their correspondence to such members or group c/o WWE, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902, Attention: Corporate Secretary, and all such communications, which are not solicitations, bulk mail or communications unrelated to Company issues, will be duly forwarded.

Corporate Governance Guidelines. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines are posted on our corporate website (corporate.wwe.com).

Code of Business Conduct. We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct (the “Code”) which applies to all of our Directors, officers and employees, including our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and senior financial and accounting officers. Our Code requires, among other things, that all of our Directors, officers and employees comply with all laws, avoid conflicts of interest, conduct business in an honest and ethical manner and otherwise act with integrity and in the Company’s best interest. In addition, our Code imposes obligations on all of our Directors, officers and employees to maintain books, records, accounts and financial statements that are accurate and comply with applicable laws and with our internal controls. A copy of our Code is posted on our corporate website (corporate.wwe.com). We also plan to disclose any amendments to, and waivers from, the Code on this website.

Audit Committee. We have an Audit Committee meeting the definition of “audit committee” under Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). The Audit Committee consists of its Chair, Mr. Speed, and Messrs. Goldfarb and Singh. Each of these members satisfies the independence requirements of applicable NYSE and SEC rules relating to independence generally and to audit committees specifically, and is financially literate, with a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE. Mr. Speed has accounting and related financial management expertise and is qualified as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC. Pursuant to the charter of our Audit Committee, no Audit Committee member may simultaneously serve on the audit committee of more than three public companies.

The primary purpose of our Audit Committee is to provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities to our stockholders and the investment community relating to our corporate accounting and reporting practices and the quality and integrity of our financial reports. The Audit Committee’s charter is posted on our corporate website (corporate.wwe.com). The Audit Committee charter states that the Committee will, among other things, fulfill the following obligations:

- Review and discuss with management and the independent auditors our audited financial statements, quarterly financial statements and all internal control reports (or summaries thereof).
- Review any other relevant reports or financial information submitted by the Company to any governmental body, or the public, including management certifications as required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Sections 302 and 906) and relevant reports rendered by the independent auditors (or summaries thereof).
- Review with financial management and the independent auditors each Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and each Annual Report on Form 10-K (including, without limitation, the Company’s specific disclosures under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”) prior to its filing.
- Review and discuss earnings press releases with management, including the type and presentation of information, paying particular attention to any use of “pro-forma,” “adjusted” or other information which is not required by generally accepted accounting principles.

- Review and discuss with management financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. Such discussions may be on general terms (*i.e.*, discussion of the types of information to be disclosed and the type of presentation to be made) and need not be in advance of each earnings release or earnings guidance.
- Review the regular internal reports (or summaries thereof) to management prepared by the internal auditor(s) and management's response.
- Recommend to the Board whether the audited financial statements should be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- Obtain from the outside auditors assurance that the audit was conducted in a manner consistent with Section 10A of the Exchange Act, which sets forth certain procedures to be followed in any audit of financial statements required under the Exchange Act.
- Have sole authority to appoint (subject to stockholder ratification), compensate, retain and oversee the work performed by the independent auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing and issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company. The Audit Committee has the ultimate authority to approve all audit engagement fees and terms. The Audit Committee has sole authority to review the performance of the independent auditors and remove the independent auditors if circumstances warrant. The independent auditors report directly to the Audit Committee and the Audit Committee shall oversee the resolution of any disagreement between management and the independent auditors in the event that any may arise.
- Review with the independent auditor (without representatives of management when deemed necessary) reports or communications (and management's and/or the internal audit department's response thereto) submitted to the Audit Committee by the outside auditors required by or referred to in Auditing Standard No. 1301 and SEC Rule 2-07 of Regulation S-X; review any problems or difficulties with an audit and management's response, including any restrictions on the scope of the independent auditor's activities or any access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management; and review and hold timely discussions with the independent auditors.
- Review audit services and approve in advance non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors, taking into consideration SEC rules regarding permissible and impermissible services by such independent auditors. This duty may be delegated to one or more designated members of the Audit Committee with any such pre-approval reported to the Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Approval of non-audit services will be disclosed to investors in periodic reports to the extent required by the Exchange Act.
- Review major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles, and major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies.
- Prepare the Audit Committee report that the SEC requires be included in this proxy statement.
- Discuss policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management.
- Maintain procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee consists of its Chair, Ms. Ong and Messrs. Speed and Wexler. Each of these members satisfies the independence requirements of applicable NYSE and SEC rules relating to independence generally and compensation committees specifically. The primary purpose of the Compensation Committee is to provide assistance to the Board in evaluating and approving the structure, operation and effectiveness of the Company's compensation plans, policies and procedures. The Compensation Committee's charter is posted on our corporate website (corporate.wwe.com). The Compensation Committee charter states that the Committee will, among other things, fulfill the following obligations:

- Approve all employment agreements for the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and all officers of the Company who (i) have a title of Executive Vice President or have equal or higher seniority; (ii) are "officers" as defined in Rule 16a – 1(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act; or (iii) are other senior executives who report directly to the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (collectively, the "Senior Executives").
- Annually review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, evaluating his performance in light of those goals and objectives, and either as a Committee or together with the other independent Directors determine and approve the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer's compensation level based on this evaluation. In determining the long-term incentive component of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer's compensation, the Compensation Committee will consider the Company's and the individual's performance, relative total shareholder return, the value of similar incentive awards to chairs and chief executive officers at comparable companies and awards given in past years, among other factors.
- Review and approve for Senior Executives: (i) the annual base salary level; (ii) the annual incentive opportunity level; (iii) the long term incentive opportunity level; (iv) severance arrangements and change in control agreements/provisions in each case when and if appropriate; and (v) any special or supplemental benefits.
- Review management's recommendations and make recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to the compensation of all Directors and Senior Executives, including all compensation, incentive compensation plans, equity-based plans as well as the individuals or groups of individuals receiving awards under incentive and equity-based compensation plans.
- Administer the Company's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan and any successor or other incentive compensation plans of the Company.

The Compensation Committee has authority to hire compensation consultants, independent counsel and other advisors. For the past several years, the Committee retained the services of Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. In late 2019, the Compensation Committee retained Pearl Meyer & Partners, LLC (these two consultants the "Compensation Consultants"). The Compensation Committee regularly reviews its Compensation Consultants' independence and has determined that no conflicts of interest exist.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation. During 2019, no member of the Compensation Committee was an officer or employee of the Company or any of our subsidiaries nor is any such person a former officer of the Company or any of our subsidiaries. In addition, no "compensation committee interlocks," as described under SEC rules, existed during 2019.

Governance & Nominating Committee. The Governance & Nominating Committee consists of its Chair, Mr. Goldfarb, Ms. Ong and Mr. Peterson. Each of these members satisfies the independence requirements of applicable NYSE and SEC rules relating to independence generally. Patricia A. Gottesman, an independent Director and Chair of the Governance & Nominating Committee, will be leaving these positions at the Annual Meeting.

The Governance & Nominating Committee operates under a charter. This charter is posted on our corporate website (corporate.wwe.com). Under its charter, the Governance & Nominating Committee responsibilities include:

- Monitoring the implementation and operation of the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines.
- Reviewing from time to time the adequacy of the Corporate Governance Guidelines in light of broadly accepted practices of corporate governance, emerging governance issues and market and regulatory expectations, and advising and making recommendations to the Board with respect to appropriate modifications.
- Preparing and supervising the implementation of the Board's annual review of director independence.
- Developing an annual self-evaluation process for the Board and Committees, which process is overseen by the Governance & Nominating Committee, and recommending such process to the Board for its approval.
- Identifying, reviewing and evaluating candidates for election as Director, consistent with criteria approved by the Board, including appropriate inquiries into the background and qualifications of candidates, interviewing potential candidates to determine their qualification and interest, and recommending to the Board nominees for any election of Directors.
- Recommending to the Board the appointment of Directors to serve as members, and as chairs, of the standing Committees and any other Committees established by the Board.
- Recommending to the Board appropriate changes to the governance of the Company, including changes to the terms or scope of the Governance & Nominating Committee charter and the Committee's overall responsibilities.
- Making recommendations to the Board regarding any duly submitted stockholder proposal.
- Overseeing the Company's continuing education program for our Directors.

Nominees for Director. If the Board were to embark on a search for new directors, it would consider candidates, and follow the same process and use the same criteria for evaluating candidates, irrespective of whether they were suggested by Board members, management and/or stockholders. Any stockholder recommendations would need to be submitted to the Board at our principal address in care of the Corporate Secretary and would need to include a personal biography of the proposed nominee, a description of the background or experience that qualifies such person for consideration and a statement that such person has agreed to serve if nominated and elected. If stockholders wish to nominate a person for election to the Board, as contrasted with recommending a potential nominee to the Board for its consideration, they would need to fulfill the requirements detailed under "Stockholder Proposals for 2021 Annual Meeting."

The Board reviews potential nominees and decides whether to conduct a full evaluation of any one or more candidates. If additional consideration of one or more nominees is deemed by the Board to be warranted, the Board requests its third-party search firm to gather additional information about the prospective nominee's background and experience. The Board evaluates the prospective nominee taking into account whether the prospective nominee is independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE and applicable regulations of the SEC and such other factors as it deems relevant, including the then current composition of the Board, the need for Committee expertise, and the evaluations of other prospective nominees. While there is a general desire at least to maintain the mixture of viewpoints among its members, the Board does not have any specific policy relating to diversity. The Board will also determine when or how to interview prospective nominees. Each Director has the opportunity to participate in the consideration of the prospective nominee. The Governance & Nominating Committee oversees this process and recommends any nominees to the full Board.

The Board believes that its current members comprise an appropriate mix of background, diversity and expertise. In particular, Mr. McMahon is a seasoned manager who understands what is necessary for the Company to thrive in the dynamic and competitive markets in which we compete. As our co-founder, Mr. McMahon has decades of experience overseeing all of our revenue streams and is familiar with every aspect of our business and industry. He has significant expertise in creative matters, television, talent development and live events, each of which is a critical aspect of our business. Similarly, Ms. McMahon and Mr. Levesque have decades of experience in our Company and both have been important players in all aspects of our creative process, including television, talent and live events. They have extensive practical experience with many of our revenue streams and have been critically involved in our business transformation over the past several years as well as our continuing brand development. Of the independent directors, Mr. Goldfarb has more than 25 years of experience in media companies with revenue streams similar to those of the Company. For more than 12 years of his tenure, Mr. Goldfarb served at the CEO level. He has significant e-commerce and digital experience. Ms. Ong has decades of experience as a senior executive in television, and Mr. Peterson adds further expertise in the digital space. The digital expertise added to the Board by Messrs. Goldfarb and Peterson are of particular note in light of WWE Network. The television expertise added by Ms. Ong is of note because television (together with live events) traditionally has been at the core of the Company's business, and video programming, however it is distributed, will continue to be critical to our success. Mr. Singh brings years of experience as a seasoned professional in media and, in specific, has depth of knowledge about the India subcontinent, an important geographical area in the Company's strategy. Messrs. Riddick and Speed bring financial and auditing acumen as both have been chief financial officers of large companies. In the case of Mr. Speed, approximately 20 years of his experience has been spent in media and entertainment companies. Mr. Wexler has expertise in digital technology and direct-to-consumer communications, including a very extensive understanding of the advertising industry. The foregoing experience, qualifications and skills led the Board to conclude that each of these members should serve and be nominated for re-election at this year's Annual Meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Executive Summary

World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. is an integrated media and entertainment company. We have been involved in the sports entertainment business for nearly 40 years, and have developed WWE into one of the most popular brands in global entertainment today. We are principally engaged in the production and distribution of unique and creative content through various channels, including our premium over-the-top subscription network (“WWE Network”), content rights agreements, pay-per-view event programming, filmed entertainment, live events, licensing of various WWE themed products, and the sale of consumer products featuring our brands. At the heart of our success are the athletic and entertainment skills and appeal of our Superstars and our consistently innovative and multi-faceted storylines. Our distribution platforms provide significant cross-promotion and marketing opportunities that reinforce our brands while effectively reaching our fans.

2019 Highlights. 2019 was another record-breaking year for the Company. We believe management was highly effective in achieving the following results:

- Revenue increased to \$960.4 million, the highest in the Company’s history (the sixth year of consecutive record revenues).
- Operating income increased to a record \$116.5 million.
- *SmackDown* successfully transitioned to FOX Broadcast, where viewership increased by 20% over the prior year fourth quarter, and *NXT* extended its reach, airing live on USA Network for the first time.
- WWE completed content distribution agreements with BT Sport and ViacomCBS’ Channel 5 in the U.K., Fox Sports in Latin America, PP Sports in China and SuperSport in Africa, providing strong platforms for reaching WWE audiences in these regions.
- Digital engagement continued to grow with video views up 10% to 34.5 billion and hours consumed up 7% to nearly 1.3 billion across digital and social media platforms.

We believe these results validate our ongoing investment to support the Company’s long-term objectives.

For the Company to achieve our desired level of success, we must continue to attract, retain and incentivize management. The incentive compensation package for senior management in 2019 is described in detail below and was structured for precisely that purpose. On balance, we believe the ongoing compensation structure envisions and appropriately incentivizes achievement of long-term growth and transformation. At the same time, the program ties a meaningful portion of compensation to annual financial and strategic performance. In this regard, percentage payouts in respect of 2019 were below performance percentages in recent years. We believe that our compensation mix also continued to moderate the risk to drive short-term results by encouraging management to work toward long-term performance.

Named Executive Officers. Our named executive officers for 2019 are:

Name	Title
Vincent K. McMahon	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
George A. Barrios	Former Co-President
Michelle D. Wilson	Former Co-President
Paul Levesque	EVP, Global Talent Strategy & Development
Stephanie McMahon	Chief Brand Officer

Elements of WWE's Compensation Program. In general, the compensation package provided to our named executive officers consists of three major components:

Reward Component	Objectives	Determination of Component Value	
Base Salary	Provides a fixed element of compensation paid in cash to reward day-to-day contributions to the Company. Serves as an attraction and retention tool.	Salary for each executive is determined based on a number of factors including: job responsibilities, tenure and experience, individual performance, internal parity and a broad-based assessment of the market.	Fixed Compensation
Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation	Provides cash-based reward for achievement of annual performance measures that are integral to the success of the Company and reinforce its business strategy and vision.	Executives are assigned a target annual incentive opportunity expressed as a percentage of his or her base salary. Performance is measured against a detailed set of financial, strategic and individual performance measures. Payouts may be above or below target based on a rigorous assessment of performance relative to the goals established at the beginning of the performance period.	Variable Compensation
Longer-Term Equity Incentive Compensation	As a complement to the annual incentive plan, provides equity-based awards that are linked to the longer-term performance of the Company thereby aligning executives' and stockholders' interests.	In general, an executive receives 100% of his or her longer-term incentive opportunity in the form of Performance Stock Units ("PSUs"). Consistent with the pay for performance principles of our compensation plan, the PSU awards may be earned at levels above or below target based on actual performance relative to pre-established goals.	

The Compensation Committee believes that the Company's compensation program constitutes the appropriate mix of fixed and variable compensation as well as short-term and longer-term compensation, a significant portion of which is tied to Company performance, aligning the interests of management with those of our stockholders. Further, we believe our compensation program incentivizes management and serves our attraction, retention and motivation goals while remaining fiscally prudent and not encouraging excessive risks. We also believe that the design of our compensation program is generally consistent with other companies in the entertainment industry. The Company does not provide a defined benefit plan or other similar retiree benefits and generally does not provide its executive officers with perquisites such as cars, club memberships or personal services. Therefore, these three core components (base salary, short-term cash incentive through our management incentive plan, and longer-term equity incentives), when added together, reflect an accurate picture of the total compensation opportunity available to our senior executives.

Ms. McMahon and Mr. Levesque, as key performers for the Company, have certain additional compensation made pursuant to their agreements described below.

Aligning Interests with Stockholders. The table below highlights key executive compensation practices that the Compensation Committee has implemented to encourage a high level of performance and alignment of management and our stockholders' interests. The table also highlights compensation practices that the Committee has expressly avoided or rejected. We believe these efforts support a strong governance culture and are in the long-term interests of our stockholders.

What We Do . . .	What We Do Not Do . . .
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pay for Performance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Gross-up Payments to Cover Excise Taxes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tie Significant Levels of Compensation to Corporate and Individual Goals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Guaranteed Annual or Multi-Year Bonuses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caps on Annual Bonuses and Long-Term Incentives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Special Executive Retirement Programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stock Ownership and Stock Holding Requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Repricing of Underwater Stock Options
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Performance Metrics under Short- term and Longer-term Incentive Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Excessive Perquisites for Executives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Double Trigger for Change in Control Provisions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Dividend Equivalents Paid Prior to Vesting of Performance Awards (and Never on Unearned Portion of Awards)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use an Independent Consultant who Reports Directly to the Compensation Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Incentives to Excessively or Inappropriately Encourage Risk Taking Through our Compensation Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Tally Sheets When Making Executive Compensation Decisions	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Mitigation including the implementation of a Clawback Policy in the event of a restatement of financial results.	

Compensation Components

Salary. As part of our continuing effort to manage our fixed costs responsibly, we generally attempt to limit salary increases, restricting material increases to instances of promotions or extraordinary contributions to the Company's performance. The table below highlights recent annual base salaries for the named executive officers:

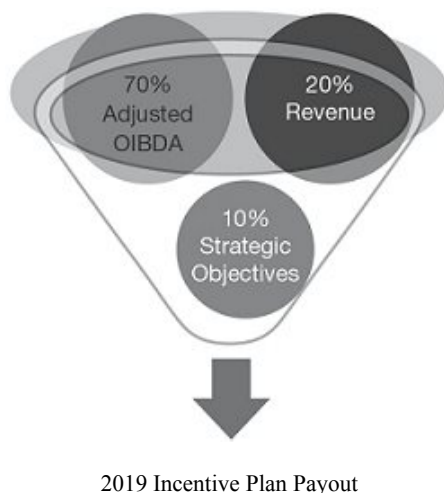
Name	2018	2019	2020
Vincent K. McMahon	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
George A. Barrios	\$870,000	\$935,250	N/A(1)
Michelle D. Wilson	\$870,000	\$935,250	N/A(1)
Paul Levesque	\$684,125	\$710,000	\$730,000
Stephanie McMahon	\$684,125	\$710,000	\$730,000

(1) Mr. Barrios and Ms. Wilson left the Company in January 2020.

Annual Incentive Bonuses. We believe that an annual management incentive plan ("MIP") that is based on personal and company-wide performance is generally an effective format to incentivize executives to focus on critical financial and strategic short and mid-term goals. Our approach ties the participant's interests to those of stockholders without the structural cost increases inherent in salary escalation and without encouraging unnecessary and excessive risk-taking. It acknowledges both individual efforts as well as the collective effort of all participants. For our named executive officers, MIP bonus targets in 2019 ranged from 50% to 100% of salary. Actual bonuses paid under the MIP to our named executive officers in respect of 2019 are set forth in column (g) of the Summary Compensation Table.

For 2019, the Company established a three-prong test for purposes of determining funding of the MIP.

- 90% of funding was based solely on financial objectives, with 70% based on Adjusted OIBDA and 20% based on total revenues.
- 10% of funding was based on the Company's progress toward four strategic objectives which relate to the Company's brand strength and certain growth and business development initiatives further described below.



The following table shows the MIP funding calculation with actual results for 2019 shaded.

Determination of MIP Funding Level (2019)

	Strategic Objectives (10% of MIP Funding)	Revenue (20% of MIP Funding)	Adjusted OIBDA (70% of MIP Funding)(1)
Below Threshold	0-2.9 out of 10. No funding for this factor.	Less than \$930 million. No funding for this factor.	Less than \$180 million. No funding for this factor.
Threshold	3 out of 10 (50% of factor is funded).	\$930 million (50% of factor is funded).	\$180 million (50% of factor is funded). Actual Result: \$180.0 million for 50% of this funding factor. Since the payout of the full 50% MIP bonus would have moved the Adjusted OIBDA below the \$180 million threshold, only the amount that was available (i.e., that would not have moved the Adjusted OIBDA below the threshold) was used to pay bonuses.
Between Threshold and Target	Each additional 1/10 of a point results in an additional 2.5% of this funding factor.	Each additional \$1 million results in an additional 0.63% of this funding factor. Actual Result: \$960.4 million for 69% of this funding factor.	Each additional \$1 million would result in an additional 2.5% of this funding factor.
Target	5 out of 10 (100% of factor is funded).	\$1,009 million (100% of factor is funded).	\$200 million (100% of factor is funded).
Between Target and Maximum	Each additional 1/10 of a point results in an additional 2.0% of this funding factor. Actual Result: 6.7 out of 10 for 134% of this funding factor.	Each additional \$1 million would result in an additional 0.5% of this funding factor until \$1,110 million and above that each additional \$1 million would result in an additional 1.0% of this funding factor.	Each additional \$1 million would result in an additional 2.5% of this funding factor until \$220 million and above that each additional \$1 million would result in an additional 5% of this funding factor.
Maximum.	200% funding of this factor at a strategic goal score of 10 out of 10.	200% funding of this factor at \$1,160 million or higher.	200% funding of this factor at \$230 million or higher.

(1) Adjusted OIBDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. Our definition of Adjusted OIBDA may be different from similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. Adjusted OIBDA is the primary measure used by management of the Company to evaluate segment performance and make decisions about allocating resources. We define Adjusted OIBDA as operating income before depreciation and amortization, excluding stock-based compensation, certain impairment charges and other non-recurring material items. See our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for a reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to operating income.

The determination of the Strategic Objectives score for the foregoing purposes is set forth in the following table. Although these objectives are not calculable on a purely mathematical basis, they are scored by the Compensation Committee based on certain measures of success. The Compensation Committee closely reviews and discusses performance relative to this scorecard on a quarterly basis.

Strategic Objectives	Indicative Benchmarks
Brand Strength (40%)	Certain key television ratings.
Next iteration of WWE Network (30%)	Transition of technology platform
Work toward Global Headquarters (20%)	Lease and planning.
Increase WWE Ratings among sports fans (10%)	Ratings.
Overall Score	6.7 (134% of factor funding).

The following table compares MIP funding for 2019 with that of the prior two years:

Calendar Year	Strategic Objectives Overall Score	OIBDA Target	Revenue Target	Aggregate Funding of Incentive Pool
2017	4.7	\$100.0 million	\$776 million	120%
2018	8.7	\$143.0 million	\$823 million	195%
2019	6.7	\$200.0 million	\$1,009 million	62%(1)

(1) The payout of the full MIP bonus would have moved the Company's Adjusted OIBDA below \$180.0 million, so only the amount that was available (i.e., that would not have moved Adjusted OIBDA below \$180.0 million) was used to pay bonuses.

Once funding is established based on achievement of the financial performance and strategic objectives described above, a participant is entitled to participate if his or her individual performance rating for the year is at or above a threshold. The aggregate amount of funding does not increase based upon individual payouts, with the result that the aggregate payout to all participants must be less than or equal to the established funding. Actual payouts are based on an individual's target, which is a percentage of his or her salary at the end of 2019 (this percentage is established based on the executive's title/position) multiplied by the MIP funding percentage for the Company as a whole with a possible multiplier for exceptional performance, in each case subject to the exercise of negative discretion by the Compensation Committee. The use of negative discretion to one executive will not necessarily result in an increased bonus to another executive. The overall MIP funding for the Company, and the overall payment to any individual, will not exceed 200% of the individual's target opportunity. In addition to the 200% of target cap, maximum payments under the MIP are capped at \$5 million to any named executive officer. The Committee also retains discretion to pay amounts outside of the plan but has rarely exercised this discretion historically and did not do so for named executive officers in respect of 2019.

Performance Stock Units ("PSUs"). Our compensation program includes a longer-term component consisting of stock unit grants. Consistent with past practice, our normal annual grant of stock units in 2019 had a performance requirement under the 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan which reinforces our pay for performance philosophy. There is also a service-based vesting requirement which extends beyond the performance period. The performance targets for our PSUs mirror those set for the MIP described above. For the 2019 grants if at least one of the three threshold performance criteria - strategic objectives overall score, total revenues or Adjusted OIBDA - is satisfied at the threshold level or above, the PSUs would begin to accrue dividends and vest in three equal annual installments, with the first vesting occurring on or about

July 20, 2020. The PSUs have a sliding scale of 10% of the target units if the strategic objectives factor is met at threshold up to a maximum cap of 200% of target if all three performance criteria are achieved at the maximum level. We believe this cap mitigates the potential risk that accompanies performance-based equity compensation. As referenced above under the description of our MIP, management achieved a level of 62% of overall target and this is the percentage of PSUs that were earned, subject to continued service vesting.

We expect to continue to make annual grants of PSUs for our senior executives. The Committee closely monitors share usage through the approval of an annual share budget or “pool” that management may use. From this pool, management proposes individual grants at a separate meeting of the Compensation Committee and these individual grants are reviewed and approved by the Committee. The awards (assuming we meet performance criteria) are subject to service vesting, generally in equal annual installments over three years in July beginning the year after the year in which the grant was made (and performance measures met). We do not plan grants or vesting dates of stock units around material news releases in order to provide any special benefits to our employees.

We believe that equity compensation for executive officers is different from salary and short-term cash incentives in that, due to its performance and time-vesting requirements, stock units serve both a retention and incentive purpose. Equity compensation (particularly where it has both performance and time-vesting requirements) aligns interests of management with stockholders. We also hope that stock units, together with our 401(k) Plan, will be utilized by employees for retirement planning, as we do not provide a defined benefits retirement plan.

The following table shows the aggregate number of stock units granted to all eligible employees (named executive officers and all others) as part of our normal annual grant for the past several years. The table also shows the actual number of stock units earned based on performance achieved for each relevant performance period. The table does not include grants for new hires/promotions:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Aggregate target stock units in Annual Grant (unadjusted)</u>	<u>Aggregate target stock units in Annual Grant (adjusted to reflect forfeitures)</u>	<u>Aggregate actual stock units earned in respect of such year</u>
2017	843,619	778,460	880,246
2018	888,062	814,628	1,166,124
2019	237,772	227,825	178,128

Other Compensation Matters

Employment and Other Agreements. We have an amended and restated employment agreement with our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Vincent K. McMahon, under which we pay him an annual salary of \$1,400,000 in respect of 2020 and he is entitled to participate in our Management Incentive Plan with a target bonus of 100% of base salary. Mr. McMahon also receives performance stock units as a part of our normal grant for employees. See “Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table.”

While we generally attempt to avoid entering into employment agreements with our other executives, we have individual severance arrangements with many of our executive officers including our named executive officers, which provide for a specified period of severance in the event of an involuntary termination of employment without cause. The Company also has a severance plan for all eligible employees (generally full-time employees and part-time employees who regularly work in excess of 30-hour weeks and, in either case, have at least one year of employment with the Company) which provides for severance in the case of involuntary termination of employment without cause, ranging, depending on length of service, from a minimum of four weeks to a maximum of one year. The employee is also entitled to a prorated bonus for

the year of termination (assuming the Company meets its performance tests), at rates to be determined, if his or her termination occurs after July 1 of the year. Employee health insurance is also provided during the severance period. The Company believes that these severance arrangements are important for the Company to attract and retain high caliber employees.

Mr. Levesque and Ms. McMahon also have booking agreements with the Company.

Stock Ownership Guidelines & Holding Requirements. We believe that it is in the best interests of our stockholders for management and directors to own a significant amount of our Common Stock. We have stock ownership guidelines for our Directors and our executive officers with a title of Executive Vice President or higher. Under the guidelines, the individual must attain the following multiple of base salary (or annual cash retainer, in the case of Directors):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Multiple</u>
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	6x
Director	5x
EVP	2x

Valuations of ownership are made at the beginning of each year based on the average of the prior calendar year's month-end closing stock prices. Until the required multiple of ownership is attained, 50% of the after-tax shares received upon the vesting of performance and restricted stock units must be held by the individual. For these purposes, performance units for which the performance test has been met, but which have not yet vested, count toward the ownership goal. Once the respective multiple is attained, so long as none of the shares required for such attainment are disposed, the obligation remains met despite any subsequent decline in stock price.

Anti-Hedging Policy: "Hedging" refers to instruments or transactions that have the effect of protecting an executive or director from the economic risk of a decline in our stock price and is often viewed as changing the alignment of long-term interests between management and stockholders. The Company does not believe that hedging and/or pledging of Company stock has created any disconnect in the alignment of the interests of our directors or executive officers with those of our stockholders. As a result, while hedging and pledging WWE stock is strongly discouraged and any hedging or pledging transaction by an executive officer or director of the Company would be closely reviewed by the Company, we have not made a blanket prohibition against them for any of our employees. The Company plans to continue to monitor the situation and may act if it perceives any movement in such activities by its executive officers or directors.

Clawbacks. The Company has not been faced with the situation of a restatement or adjustment of financial statements on which prior bonuses or stock performance decisions have been made. In an effort to continue to strengthen the Company's governance practices, effective for all awards on or after January 1, 2019, the Company has adopted a policy which will be administered by the Compensation Committee and will allow them in the event of any restatement of financial statements, to claw back any compensation paid or awarded in excess of what would have been paid or awarded in the absence of such misstatement. This policy does not require any wrongdoing by the party involved, and is in addition to any other available clawbacks required by law or otherwise.

Tally Sheets. Tally sheets are provided to the Compensation Committee annually to supplement its review of aggregate compensation for each executive officer in connection with setting salary, granting performance-based incentive compensation and longer-term equity incentive compensation for the year. Total compensation is reviewed from time to time vis-à-vis broad-based published market data to determine whether the compensation paid to our executives is generally competitive relative to the market. It should be noted that this market data is not obtained from a specified peer group but rather is a combination of both general industry and industry-specific (media) information. It is not the same as either of the groups used

for comparison in the Cumulative Total Return Chart included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Given the unique aspects of our business and inherent challenges associated with benchmarking our compensation against closely comparable peers, we do not attempt to maintain an established target percentile compensation level within a designated peer group.

Management's Role in the Compensation-Setting Process. The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the Human Resources Department annually review the performance of each executive officer shortly after the financial results for a fiscal year are known. The conclusions and recommendations resulting from this review, including proposed salary, bonuses and equity-based grants, to executive officers are presented to the Compensation Committee for its final approval.

Role of Compensation Consultants and Use of Market Data. During 2019, the Committee consulted with the Compensation Consultants who were paid by the Company and had access to management. The Compensation Consultants were hired by and reported directly to the Compensation Committee. To date, design aspects of compensation have been proposed by management, with these Compensation Consultants advising on the appropriateness of the design and market competitive levels of compensation. The Compensation Committee, however, did not specify limits either on the scope of these Compensation Consultants inquiry or on areas on which the Compensation Consultants were allowed to comment, other than to prohibit the Compensation Consultants from undertaking work on behalf of management without the Committee's consent. These Compensation Consultants have never provided consulting services to the Company other than for executive and Director compensation. The Committee regularly reviews its Compensation Consultants' independence and has affirmatively determined that no conflicts of interest exist or existed.

2019 Say-on-Pay Advisory Vote Outcome. The Compensation Committee considered the results of the 2019 advisory, non-binding vote to approve executive compensation in connection with the discharge of its responsibilities. In excess of 99% of the vote of our shareholders in 2019 was in favor of the compensation of our named executive officers, a result we feel affirms our pay practices, and no changes were made as a result of such vote.

Conclusion

The Compensation Committee of the Board understands its responsibility for evaluating and approving the Company's compensation programs, including reviewing and approving the Company's compensation philosophy as well as corporate goals and objectives relative to incentive compensation, evaluating performance in light of those goals and determining compensation levels based on this evaluation. Management and, in particular, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Human Resources Department, are instrumental in developing recommendations relating to the compensation program, subject to final approval by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee was assisted in this regard in respect of 2019 by its independent Compensation Consultants.

We believe that we have an appropriate mix of compensation components along with competitive compensation levels that incentivize management and serve our attraction, retention and motivation goals while remaining fiscally prudent and not encouraging excessive risks. We believe management compensation closely aligns them with shareholder interests and we believe the Company's strong financial performance over the past several years underscores the effectiveness of our compensation program. Going forward, while we may adjust certain aspects of the compensation program, we believe that it is fundamentally sound and abides by a strong pay for performance philosophy.

Compensation Committee Report

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of our previous filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act that might incorporate future filings, in whole or in part, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 and the Company's currently effective Registration Statements on Form S-8, the following Report, and the Audit Committee Report set forth under Proposal 2—Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, shall not be incorporated by reference into any such filings.

The Compensation Committee of the Company has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management and, based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

The Compensation Committee

Lauren Ong, Chair

Jeffrey R. Speed

Alan M. Wexler

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth certain information about the compensation of our Principal Executive Officer, our Principal Financial Officer and our three next most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers at December 31, 2019. As stated above, these individuals are our “named executive officers.”

Name and Principal Position (a)	Year (b)	Salary \$(c)	Bonus \$(d)	Stock Awards \$(e)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation \$(g)	All Other Compensation \$(f)	Total \$(j)
Vincent K. McMahon Chairman & Chief Executive Officer	2019	1,400,000	0	1,677,716(1)	406,000	19,987(2)	3,503,703
	2018	1,400,000	0	1,507,401	2,730,000	20,837	5,658,238
	2017	1,388,462	0	0	1,680,000	19,075	3,087,537
George A. Barrios Former Co-President (Principal Financial Officer)	2019	925,211	0	684,197(1)	176,295	10,152(2)	1,795,855
	2018	856,694	0	7,133,984(3)	1,102,725	14,939	9,108,342
	2017	780,570	0	683,940	470,106	9,192	1,943,808
Michelle D. Wilson Former Co-President	2019	925,211	0	684,197(1)	176,295	10,152(2)	1,795,855
	2018	857,853	0	7,217,054(3)	1,102,725	10,954	9,188,586
	2017	788,076	0	690,742	474,627	9,192	1,962,637
Paul Levesque EVP, Global Talent Strategy & Development	2019	706,019	0	502,146(1)	102,950	2,016,977(4)	3,328,092
	2018	678,875	0	615,895	667,022	3,069,667	5,031,459
	2017	643,288	0	696,788	390,000	1,493,640	3,223,716
Stephanie McMahon Chief Brand Officer	2019	706,019	0	502,146(1)	102,950	716,133(5)	2,027,248

(1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of awards of performance stock units pursuant to our 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan consistent with the estimate of aggregate compensation cost to be recognized over the service period determined as of the grant date under FASB ASC Topic 718, excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures. For additional disclosure on assumptions made in the valuation of our performance stock units awards, see “Note 19 – Stock-based Compensation” to our Consolidated Financial Statements. For these purposes, performance stock units (other than the Special Performance Grants which are described in footnote 3) are assumed to have been granted in amounts that would occur if the Company had met all performance criteria at 100% of target. Assuming hypothetically that the highest level of performance conditions for these performance stock units had been achieved, the number of such performance stock units would have been 200% of the numbers included in the table which for 2019 would result in maximum grant date values for those grants of \$3,355,432 for Mr. McMahon; \$1,368,394 for Mr. Barrios; \$1,368,394 for Ms. Wilson; \$1,004,292 for Mr. Levesque; and \$1,004,292 for Ms. McMahon. For 2019, the Company achieved 62% of the target number of these performance stock units, subject to vesting in three annual installments beginning July 2020. To the named executive officers, this totaled as follows: Mr. McMahon 12,456 shares; Mr. Barrios 5,080 shares; Ms. Wilson 5,080 shares; Mr. Levesque 3,728 shares; and for Ms. McMahon 3,728 shares. Mr. Barrios and Ms. Wilson forfeited these share units when their WWE employment ended in January 2020.

(2) Consists of matching contributions under our 401(k) plan and certain life insurance payments.

- (3) Includes certain special performance grants. The first performance period under these special performance grants would have ended March 18, 2020, so actual numbers for such grants are not available. They were reported in the Summary Compensation Table at 100% of target. Assuming hypothetically that the highest level of performance had been achieved, the maximum grant date values for these grants would be \$11,318,158 for Mr. Barrios and \$11,318,158 for Ms. Wilson. When these maximum numbers are added to the maximum values for the other grants of performance stock units to these individuals, for 2018, the aggregate maximum of all grants to them would have been \$12,651,089 for Mr. Barrios and \$12,817,227 for Ms. Wilson. All performance share units were forfeited when their employment ended in January 2020.
- (4) Consists principally of performance fees and royalties paid to Mr. Levesque. See “Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table – Employment and Booking Agreements.” Includes matching contributions under our 401(k) plan and certain life insurance payments.
- (5) Consists principally of performance fees, royalties and related minimum guarantees paid to Ms. McMahon. See “Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table – Employment and Booking Agreements.” Includes matching contributions under our 401(k) plan and certain life insurance payments.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards for 2019

Name (a)	Grant Date (b)	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)			Estimated Possible Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards(2)			Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards(3) (S)(l)
		Threshold (S)(c)	Target (S)(d)	Maximum (S)(e)	Threshold (#)(f)	Target (#)(g)	Maximum (#)(h)	
Vincent K. McMahon	2/7/19	70,000	1,400,000	2,800,000	1,005	20,090	40,180	1,677,716
George A. Barrios	2/7/19	30,396	607,913	1,215,825	410	8,193	16,386	684,197
Michelle D. Wilson	2/7/19	30,396	607,913	1,215,825	410	8,193	16,386	684,197
Paul Levesque	2/7/19	17,750	355,000	710,000	301	6,013	12,026	502,146
Stephanie McMahon	2/7/19	17,750	355,000	710,000	301	6,013	12,026	502,146

- (1) The amounts shown in column (c) reflect the generally applicable minimum payment level under the Company's 2019 management incentive plan administered under the 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan which is 50% of 10% (which equals 5%) of the target amount shown in column (d). This assumes the threshold of the strategic objectives funding factor is met and the other two performance measures are below thresholds. Actual minimums could be lower due to a restricted bonus pool available to the Company as a whole (this occurred in 2019 but not to the extent that it affected the threshold) or due to the exercise of negative discretion. The amount shown in column (e) is 200% of the individual's target, which was the maximum payment under the bonus plan.
- (2) The amounts shown in column (f) reflect the number of performance stock units that would be earned (subject to vesting) assuming the Company met the threshold level of the strategic objectives funding factor and the other two performance measures are below thresholds which would result in a minimum performance level equal to 50% of 10% (which equals 5%) of the target number of stock units shown in column (g). If the Company exceeds these thresholds, there is an increase to 100% of the target stock units at 100% attainment of all three funding factor targets, which is reflected in column (g). Above those targets, the stock units increase up to a maximum possible grant under the plan of 200% of target stock units. This maximum number is shown in column (h). For 2019, the Company achieved 62% of the target number of these performance stock units, subject to vesting in three annual installments beginning July 2020. To the named executive officers, this totaled as follows: Mr. McMahon 12,456 shares; Mr. Barrios 5,080 shares; Ms. Wilson 5,080 shares; Mr. Levesque 3,728 shares; and Ms. McMahon 3,728 shares. Mr. Barrios and Ms. Wilson forfeited these share units when their WWE employment ended in January 2020.
- (3) Reflects the full grant date fair value under FASB ASC Topic 718 of grants of stock units and is based upon the probable outcome of such conditions on the date of grant (which is the target number). The amounts are consistent with the estimate of aggregate compensation cost to be recognized over the service period determined as of the grant date under FASB ASC Topic 718, excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures, and correspond with the 2019 stock award values in the Summary Compensation Table. See "Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table" for more information about our performance stock units. For additional disclosure on assumptions made in the valuation of these awards, see "Note 19 – Stock-based Compensation" to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

The Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table above provide certain information regarding compensation of our named executive officers. This narrative provides additional explanatory information regarding compensation of our named executive officers and should be read in conjunction with those tables.

Employment and Booking Agreements. Vincent K. McMahon. We have an amended and restated employment agreement with Mr. McMahon. This employment agreement currently has a term ending December 31, 2020, but automatically extends for successive one-year periods unless either party gives notice of nonextension at least 180 days prior to the expiration date. Under his employment agreement, Mr. McMahon is entitled to salary, currently in the amount of \$1,400,000, subject to increase in the discretion of the Compensation Committee. Mr. McMahon is entitled to participate in the Company's incentive bonus plan with an annual target bonus of 100% of salary. Mr. McMahon also receives performance stock units as a part of our normal grant to employees.

In the event we terminate Mr. McMahon's employment other than for cause (as defined in his employment agreement) or if Mr. McMahon terminates his employment for good reason (as defined) within the two-year period following a change in control (as defined), we are obligated to pay to Mr. McMahon compensation and benefits that are accrued but unpaid as of the date of termination, plus a payment equal to two times his base salary and, assuming the Company meets its minimum (threshold) performance targets for the year in which the termination occurs, two times his target bonus for that year. Payment of severance is conditioned on Mr. McMahon's release of any claims against the Company and its affiliates. Mr. McMahon will also continue his health, accident, and life insurance benefit plan participation for a two-year period following such termination, unless he obtains substantially similar coverage with a new employer. The Company does not provide Mr. McMahon a tax gross up. Under his employment agreement, if any severance pay or benefits would constitute a "parachute payment," the Company would reduce such payments to Mr. McMahon to the extent required so that they do not subject Mr. McMahon to excise taxes and such payments will be deductible by the Company, to the full extent allowed by law, unless the full parachute payments would result in a greater net benefit to Mr. McMahon after he pays all related excise taxes.

If Mr. McMahon dies or becomes disabled (as defined in the agreement) during the term of his agreement, or if we terminate Mr. McMahon's employment for cause or if he resigns other than for good reason following a change in control, we are obligated to pay him (or his estate, as applicable) compensation and benefits accrued but unpaid as of the date of termination. The agreement also contains confidentiality covenants and covenants that, among other things, grant to the Company intellectual property ownership in his ideas, inventions and performances and prohibit him from competing with the Company and its affiliates in professional wrestling and our other core businesses during employment and for one year after termination. The agreement allows Mr. McMahon and members of his immediate family to use the Company's aircraft for personal travel when it is not being used for business purposes. Personal use of the jet is paid for by Mr. McMahon so that no incremental cost is incurred by the Company. Mr. McMahon's employment agreement allows him to participate in the ownership and operations of the XFL professional football league.

Paul Levesque. We have a booking agreement with Mr. Levesque which currently runs until March 30, 2021, and thereafter extends for successive one-year periods unless either party gives notice of nonextension at least 90 days prior to the expiration date. Under this agreement, Mr. Levesque is entitled to a minimum guaranteed annual payment of \$1 million which the Company is entitled to recoup from all payments under the agreement including pay for performing in live and televised events and royalties for merchandise sold utilizing Mr. Levesque's name and/or likeness.

Stephanie McMahon. We have a booking agreement with Ms. McMahon which currently runs until October 6, 2020, and thereafter extends for successive one-year periods unless either party gives notice of nonextension at least 90 days prior to the expiration date. Under this agreement, Ms. McMahon is entitled to a minimum guaranteed annual payment of \$750,000 which the Company is entitled to recoup from all payments under the agreement including pay for performing in live and televised events and royalties for merchandise sold including Ms. McMahon's name and/or likeness.

Performance Stock Units. Under the terms of our stock units, dividends accrue after the performance test has been met at the same rate as are paid on our shares of Class A common stock. This ensures that, to the extent shares are not earned due to a performance shortfall, no dividends will be paid on the stock units. Dividend accruals vest at the same time as the vesting of the stock units on which they accrue. Under their standard terms, stock units generally vest over three years (assuming that the performance test has been met). The units have a double trigger accelerated vesting provision so that in the event of a change of control, if the employee is terminated without cause or terminates his or her employment as a result of a decrease in base salary, a change in responsibility or reporting structure or a change in employment location of more than 25 miles, such vesting is accelerated.

Management Incentive Plan. Our management incentive plan is administered under the 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan and provides for incentive cash bonuses to be made annually based upon Company-wide and individual performance. The plan provides guidelines for the calculation of bonuses subject to Compensation Committee oversight and approval. For 2019, participants' bonuses were based on two components, individual performance and Company performance. The participant had to meet threshold goals for both components in order to receive any bonus under the management incentive plan. Individual performance was scored based on many factors, such as competency, creativity, leadership and communication. At the beginning of 2019, the Compensation Committee set a Company-wide performance target for revenue, Adjusted OIBDA and a series of strategic objectives, all as described above in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis." Bonuses paid under the management incentive plan to named executive officers are included in column (g) of the Summary Compensation Table.

Other Agreements and Programs. While we generally attempt to avoid entering into employment agreements with our other executives, we have severance arrangements with many of our executive officers including our named executive officers, which provide for a specified period of severance in the event of an involuntary termination of employment without cause. The Company also has a severance plan for all eligible employees (generally full-time employees and part-time employees who regularly work in excess of 30-hour weeks and, in either case, have at least one year of employment with the Company) which provides for severance in the case of involuntary termination of employment without cause, ranging, depending on length of service, from a minimum of four weeks to a maximum of one year. The employee is also entitled to a prorated bonus for the year of termination, at rates to be determined (based on actual Company performance), if his or her termination occurs after July 1 of the year. Employee health insurance is also provided during the severance period. This policy covers any executive officers who do not have individual severance agreements. The Company believes that these severance provisions are necessary for the Company to attract and retain high caliber employees.

Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2019

Name(a)	Stock Awards (1)	
	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested #(g)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested \$(h)(2)
Vincent K. McMahon	67,142	4,355,502
George A. Barrios	111,774(3)	7,250,793(3)
Michelle D. Wilson	114,933(3)	7,455,718(3)
Paul Levesque	40,665	2,637,939
Stephanie McMahon	40,082	2,600,119

- (1) Includes dividends that have accrued (at a non-preferential rate) as additional stock units that were not vested at December 31, 2019. Performance stock units vest in installments on or about July 20 of 2020, 2021 and 2022. Includes shares underlying the 2019 annual grant of performance share units earned in 2019 at 62% of target.
- (2) These amounts are calculated by multiplying the closing price of the Company's Common Stock of \$64.87 on December 31, 2019, the last trading day in 2019, by the number of unvested stock units reflected in the table.
- (3) Includes shares under special performance grants made in 2018 at threshold levels because none of the performance periods for these shares has ended. Mr. Barrios and Ms. Wilson forfeited all of their share units when their WWE employment ended in January 2020.

Stock Vested during 2019

Name (a)	Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting #(d)(1)	Value Realized on Vesting \$(e)(2)
Vincent K. McMahon	27,247	1,913,557
George A. Barrios	139,176	9,774,330
Michelle D. Wilson	140,949	9,898,848
Paul Levesque	38,920	2,733,352
Stephanie McMahon	38,767	2,722,606

- (1) The number of shares acquired on vesting reflects the gross number of shares that vested, including shares withheld by the Company to cover the withholding tax payable upon such vesting.
- (2) The amounts are calculated by multiplying the number of shares vested by \$70.23, the closing price on July 19, 2019, the last trading day before the vesting date for these shares.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

Certain agreements with our named executive officers provide for severance in the event of an involuntary termination without cause and/or severance and accelerated vesting of equity in the event of a termination (or Constructive Termination as clarified below) following a change in control. The Company also has a severance plan for all eligible employees (generally full-time employees and part-time employees who regularly work in excess of 30-hour weeks and, in either case, have at least one year of employment with the Company) which provides for severance in the case of involuntary termination of employment without cause, ranging, from a

minimum of four weeks to a maximum of one year. The employee is also entitled to a prorated bonus for the year of termination, at rates to be determined (based on actual Company performance), if his or her termination occurs after July 1 of the year. Employee health insurance is also provided during the severance period. In addition, under the standard terms of our PSUs, in the event that, within 24 months after a change of control, as defined in the agreement, (x) an employee terminates his or her employment as a result of a decrease in base salary, a change in responsibility or reporting structure or a change in employment location of more than 25 miles (“Constructive Termination”); or (y) such person is terminated without cause, such stock units and accrued dividend units will vest at the target level. Paul Levesque and Stephanie McMahon would also each be entitled to 90 days’ continued payments of minimum guarantees under their booking agreements. The following is a quantification of such provisions, assuming hypothetically that the triggering event took place on the last trading day of 2019 with the closing price per share of the Company’s Common Stock on that date of \$64.87.

Name	Executive Benefit and Payments Upon Separation	Involuntary Not For Cause Termination (\$)	Constructive Termination Following Change in Control (\$)
Vincent K. McMahon	Compensation:		
	Salary	2,800,000(1)	2,800,000(1)
	Bonus	2,800,000(1)(2)	2,800,000(1)(2)
	Long-Term Incentive Compensation:		
	Accelerated Vesting of Stock Units	0	3,110,776
	Continuation of health, accident and life insurance	27,719(3)	27,719(3)
	Total:	<u>5,627,719</u>	<u>8,738,495</u>
George A. Barrios	Compensation:		
	Salary	1,402,875(4)	0
	Bonus	176,295(2)(4)	0
	Long-Term Incentive Compensation:		
	Accelerated Vesting of Stock Units	0(4)	10,409,754(4)
	Continuation of health, accident and life insurance	16,656(3)	0
	Total:	<u>1,595,826</u>	<u>10,409,754</u>
Michelle D. Wilson	Compensation:		
	Salary	1,402,875(4)	0
	Bonus	176,295(2)(4)	0
	Long-Term Incentive Compensation:		
	Accelerated Vesting of Stock Units	0(4)	11,048,421(4)
	Continuation of health, accident and life insurance	6,755(3)	0
	Total:	<u>1,585,925</u>	<u>11,048,421</u>

Name	Executive Benefit and Payments Upon Separation	Involuntary Not For Cause Termination (\$)	Constructive Termination Following Change in Control (\$)
Paul Levesque	Compensation:		
	Salary	759,195(5)	0
	Bonus	355,000(2)	0
	Long-Term Incentive Compensation:		
	Accelerated Vesting of Stock Units	0	1,905,989
	Continuation of health, accident and life insurance	17,168(3)	0
	Total:	<u>1,131,363</u>	<u>1,905,989</u>
Stephanie McMahon	Compensation:		
	Salary	897,500(5)	0
	Bonus	355,000(2)	0
	Long-Term Incentive Compensation:		
	Accelerated Vesting of Stock Units	0	1,892,366
	Continuation of health, accident and life insurance	17,168(3)	0
	Total:	<u>1,269,668</u>	<u>1,892,366</u>

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- (1) Includes voluntary resignation for good reason. Under his employment agreement, Mr. McMahon is required to maintain the confidentiality of Company information indefinitely after his termination and has a one-year non-compete covenant.
 - (2) The Company met its minimum (threshold) performance goals under our MIP for 2019. Otherwise, this number would have been \$0.
 - (3) Estimate based on current rates and premiums for the Company under the Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act ("COBRA").
 - (4) In connection with their termination of employment in January 2020, Mr. Barrios and Ms. Wilson were granted continuation of salary and health insurance benefits for eighteen months as well as their 2019 MIP bonus. As a result, the numbers set forth herein are the actual amounts to be paid which, in the case of salary continuation, is payable over the severance period. All share units were forfeited when their employment ended in January 2020.
 - (5) Payable over the severance period. Includes ninety (90) day continued minimum guarantee under booking agreement.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2019.

<u>Plan Category</u>	<u>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u> (a)	<u>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u> (b)	<u>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))</u> (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders:			
<u>2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan</u>	0	N/A	1,486,348
<u>2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan</u>			
Performance and Restricted stock units	1,334,776(1)	N/A	3,319,210(1)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	<u>1,334,776(1)</u>		<u>4,805,558(1)</u>

(1) Calculated using target numbers. Information relating to aggregate units earned in respect of 2019 is found in “Executive Compensation – Compensation Discussion and Analysis.”

Director Compensation for 2019

For 2019, we paid our non-employee Directors a retainer at an annual rate targeted at \$170,000, payable in equal quarterly installments in arrears. In addition, we paid our Audit Committee members an annual fee of \$15,000; our Compensation Committee members an annual fee of \$10,000; our Governance & Nominating Committee members an annual fee of \$7,500; our Chairs of the Audit and Compensation Committees an additional \$15,000; and our Chair of the Governance & Nominating Committee an additional fee of \$10,000, in each case in equal quarterly installments in arrears. \$60,000 of a Director’s annual retainer, together with all Committee fees, were paid in cash and the remainder in unrestricted shares of our Class A common stock. The grant of shares is calculated using an average closing price for the last 30 trading days of the calendar quarter for which grants are made (so the actual aggregate grant date values set forth in the table may vary from the numbers for the grants described in this narrative description). All Directors received reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with participation in our Board and Committee meetings. Management Directors do not receive additional compensation for their services as a Director. The Company has Indemnification Agreements with its outside directors which, together with our Charter and By-laws, provide for indemnification to the fullest extent allowed by applicable law.

The following table sets forth the components of total compensation earned during 2019 by our non-employee Directors.

Name (a)	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash \$(b)	Stock Awards \$(c)(1)	Total \$(h)
Stuart U. Goldfarb	82,670	109,599	192,269
Patricia A. Gottesman	77,670	109,599	187,269
Laureen Ong	77,670	109,599	187,269
Robyn W. Peterson	67,670	109,599	177,269
Frank A. Riddick, III	100,170	109,599	209,769
Man Jit Singh	62,986	109,599	172,585
Jeffrey R. Speed	100,170	109,599	209,769
Alan M. Wexler	62,048	109,599	171,647

(1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value under FASB ASC Topic 718. See “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” for a description of the number of shares of our Class A common stock owned by each of our Directors.

Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions

Stephanie McMahon is the daughter of Vincent McMahon, and Paul Levesque is her husband. Both Stephanie McMahon and Paul Levesque are executive officers and directors of the Company and are nominated for election to the Board of Directors at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Each is a performer for the Company. These executives receive compensation in their capacities as employees and as independent contractor performers for the Company including participating in talent royalties for certain Company products bearing his or her name and/or likeness. Each has a booking contract with the Company. The compensation package of each of Ms. McMahon and Mr. Levesque is detailed in the Summary Compensation Table.

Shane B. McMahon is the son of Vincent McMahon, brother of Stephanie McMahon and brother-in-law of Paul Levesque. In 2019, Shane McMahon was a performer for the Company for which he received performance fees and royalties aggregating approximately \$2,082,011.

As previously announced, Vincent McMahon organized and owns a majority of Alpha Entertainment, LLC (“Alpha”), which owns and operates the professional football league XFL. Under arrangements made at the time of its organization, WWE received, among other things, an equity interest in Alpha without payment by, or other financial obligation on the part of, WWE; WWE sold certain intellectual property rights relating to XFL to Alpha for a payment in the amount of \$1 million; and WWE entered into a support services agreement under which WWE provides Alpha certain administrative support services on a cost-plus margin basis. During the year ended December 31, 2019, Alpha was billed approximately \$3.25 million for services under the administrative support services agreement, of which \$236,000 was due at year end and subsequently paid.

Under its charter, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving related party transactions, which the Company defines as those required to be disclosed by applicable SEC regulations. The Audit Committee does not review the retention of Stephanie McMahon, Paul Levesque or Shane McMahon each year. Nor does the Committee approve their levels of compensation. Instead, as to levels of compensation for Mr. Levesque and Ms. McMahon as employees, the Audit Committee relies on the approval procedures of the Compensation Committee. Their pay as performers, as well as that of Shane McMahon, is negotiated by the Company’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the Company’s Talent Relations Department and/or

the Company's film studio, as applicable. The Audit Committee believes this oversight to be consistent with relevant industry expertise and good business practice. While no written policies exist, the Audit Committee believes it would apply a standard of reasonable business practices to any other related party transactions.

CEO Pay Ratio

As required by applicable SEC rules, we are providing the following information about the relationship between the annual total compensation of our employees and the annual total compensation of Vincent K. McMahon, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

For 2019, the total compensation of our median employee was \$113,752, and, as reported in the Summary Compensation Table above, Mr. McMahon's total compensation was \$3,503,703.

For 2019, the ratio of the annual total compensation of our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer to the annual total compensation of our median employee was 30.8 to 1 (our "CEO Pay Ratio")

We have used the same median employee for our CEO pay ratio as we used in 2018 and 2019. While due to our organic growth, we have added to our employee headcount, we do not believe there were any changes in our employee population or employee compensation arrangements that would significantly change our CEO pay ratio disclosure. For the annual total compensation of our median employee, we identified and calculated the elements of that employee's compensation for 2019 in accordance with the requirements of Item 402(c)(2)(x).

Our reported CEO Pay Ratio is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with SEC rules for identifying the median employee and determining the ratio. These rules permit companies to employ a wide range of methodologies, estimates and assumptions. CEO pay ratios reported by other companies, which may have used other permitted methodologies or assumptions, and which may have a significantly different work force structure from ours, are likely not comparable to our CEO Pay Ratio.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT.

The following table sets forth certain information known to us with respect to beneficial ownership of our Common Stock as of March 1, 2020 by (1) each stockholder known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of either Class A common stock or Class B common stock; (2) each of the Directors and named executive officers; and (3) the Directors and executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each stockholder listed in the table below is 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

<u>Title of Class</u>	<u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership</u>	<u>% of Class</u>
Class B(1)	Vincent K. McMahon	28,697,568(2)	92.3
Class B(1)	Linda E. McMahon	566,770(3)	1.8
Class B(1)	Stephanie McMahon(4)	1,977,382	6.4
Class A	Lindsell Train Limited(5) 66 Buckingham Gate London SW1E 6AU UK	9,036,138	19.6
Class A	The Vanguard Group(6) 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	4,325,640	9.4
Class A	BlackRock, Inc.(7) 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10055	4,165,401	9.0
Class A	FMR LLC(8) 245 Summer Street Boston, MA 02210	3,373,088	7.3
Class A	Morgan Stanley(9) 1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036	2,605,277	5.6
Class A	George A. Barrios	103,523(10)	*
Class A	Michelle D. Wilson	0(10)	*
Class A	Paul Levesque	126,905(11)	*
Class A	Stuart U. Goldfarb	24,605	*
Class A	Patricia A. Gottesman	15,000	*
Class A	Laureen Ong	12,957	*
Class A	Robyn W. Peterson	10,853	*
Class A	Frank A. Riddick, III	19,859	*
Class A	Man Jit Singh	1,529	*
Class A	Jeffrey R. Speed	18,520	*
Class A	Alan M. Wexler	1,529	*
Class A and Class B(12)	All Executive Officers and Directors as a Group (16 Persons)	31,106,180	40.2

* Less than one percent.

(1) Class B common stock is fully convertible into Class A common stock, on a one-for-one basis, at any time at the election of the holder. The two classes are entitled to equal per share dividends and distributions and vote together as a class with each share of Class B entitled to ten votes and each share of Class A entitled to one vote, except when separate class voting is required by applicable law. If any shares of Class B common stock are beneficially owned by any person other than Vincent McMahon or his wife,

Linda McMahon, any descendant of either of them, any entity which is wholly owned and is controlled by any combination of such persons or any trust, all the beneficiaries of which are any combination of such persons, each of those shares will automatically convert into shares of Class A common stock.

- (2) Includes 14,620 shares of Class A Common Stock. Excludes 566,670 shares of Class B common stock and 100 shares of Class A common stock owned by Mr. McMahon's wife, Linda McMahon. Mr. McMahon has pledged 1,300,000 of these shares to secure certain contingent obligations relating to XFL's insurance matters.
- (3) Includes 100 shares of Class A held directly by Mrs. McMahon.
- (4) Includes (i) 127,989 shares of Class A common stock held by Ms. McMahon; and (ii) 1,849,393 shares of Class B common stock held by the Stephanie McMahon Levesque Trust u/a Vincent K. McMahon Irrev. Trust dtd. 12/23/2008 (the "2008 Trust"). Ms. McMahon is a beneficiary of the 2008 Trust. She has sole investment power over the shares held by the 2008 Trust. Excludes shares held by Paul Levesque, Ms. McMahon's husband.
- (5) The amount shown is from an Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13G, filed February 10, 2020. Lindsell Train Ltd, ("Lindsell Train") is an investment adviser with shared power to vote and dispose all of these shares. Messrs. Michael James Lindsell and Nicholas John Train each owns a significant membership interest in Lindsell and therefore may be deemed to control shares held in managed accounts by Lindsell Train. Each of the reporting persons disclaims beneficial ownership in such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) The amount shown is from an Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13G, filed February 2, 2020. The Vanguard Group is an investment adviser with sole dispositive power over 4,294,801 shares, shared dispositive power over 30,839 shares, sole voting power over 26,549 shares, and shared voting over 10,009 shares.
- (7) The amount shown is from an Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13G, filed February 6, 2020. BlackRock, Inc. is a parent holding company with sole power to vote 4,002,934 of the shares and sole power to dispose of all of the shares.
- (8) The amount shown is from a Schedule 13G, filed February 7, 2020. FMR LLC is a parent holding company with sole power to vote 1,022,692 shares and sole power to dispose of all the shares. Abigail P. Johnson is a member of a family group which may be deemed to control FMR LLC.
- (9) The amount shown is from an Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G, filed February 13, 2020. Morgan Stanley is a holding company and corporation with shared power to vote 2,493,766 and shared power to dispose all of the shares.
- (10) Based on last information available to Company.
- (11) Excludes shares held by Stephanie McMahon, Mr. Levesque's wife.
- (12) Assumes hypothetically that all shares of Class B common stock have been converted into Class A common stock.

PROPOSAL 2—RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors has recommended that the stockholders ratify the Audit Committee’s appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP (“Deloitte”) as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2020. Deloitte has audited our consolidated financial statements since 1999. In recommending to the Board of Directors the reappointment of Deloitte, the Audit Committee took into consideration a number of factors including the length of time Deloitte has been engaged, the quality of the Audit Committee’s discussions with representatives of Deloitte, reports of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (“PCAOB”) on Deloitte, Deloitte’s fees and the performance of the lead audit and consulting partners. Under SEC rules and Deloitte’s practice, the lead engagement audit partner, as well as consulting partner, are each required to change every five years, and a new lead audit partner was appointed in 2017. The consulting partner changed in 2018. The Committee interviewed and approved both the audit and consulting partners. Although ratification of this selection is not legally required, the Board of Directors believes that it is appropriate for the stockholders to ratify such action as a matter of good corporate governance. If the stockholders do not ratify the selection of Deloitte, the Audit Committee will reconsider their appointment as our independent registered public accounting firm. We expect that a representative of Deloitte will be present at the Annual Meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she wishes and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Independent Auditors Fees

The following table presents fees for professional audit services rendered by Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, and their respective affiliates (collectively, “Deloitte & Touche”) for the audit of our financial statements for calendar years 2018 and 2019, and fees for other services rendered by Deloitte & Touche during those periods.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Audit Fees (a)	\$ 1,336,099	\$ 1,377,221
Audit-Related Fees (b)	0	0
Tax Fees (b)	0	0
All Other Fees (b)	0	0
Total	<u>\$ 1,336,099</u>	<u>\$ 1,377,221</u>

(a) “Audit Fees” were for the audit of the Company’s annual financial statements, reviews of the Company’s quarterly financial statements and other services related to SEC matters including attestation of management’s assessment of internal control over financial reporting as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(b) No services other than those described in footnote (a) were performed for the Company by Deloitte & Touche in 2018 or 2019.

The Audit Committee has adopted policies and procedures for pre-approving all non-audit work performed by Deloitte & Touche. In general, the provision of such services must be compatible with the maintenance of that firm's independence in the conduct of its auditing functions. The Audit Committee annually reviews and pre-approves services on a list of generally pre-approved services, subject to projected dollar fees, and the Committee is updated from time to time at regularly scheduled meetings as to the actual fees vis-à-vis these projections. All of the services provided by Deloitte & Touche in the table above were pre-approved by the Audit Committee and the Committee has concluded that the provisions of these services at these costs is compatible with the maintenance of Deloitte's independence. If additional services are identified throughout the year, they are taken to the Audit Committee's Chair for pre-approval. The Audit Committee Chair is designated to pre-approve them, reporting such pre-approval to the entire Audit Committee at its next meeting, unless such services have projected fees in excess of \$25,000, in which case they are to be pre-approved by the entire Audit Committee.

Audit Committee Report

The primary purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in monitoring the integrity of our financial statements, our independent auditor's qualifications and independence, the performance of our independent auditors and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Board, in its business judgment, has determined that all members of the Committee are "independent," as required by applicable listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and applicable regulations of the SEC. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a charter, a copy of which is available on the Company's corporate website (corporate.wwc.com). For a description of this charter and the Audit Committee's responsibilities under it, please also refer to "Proposal 1 – Election of Directors – The Board and Committees."

Management is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Company's financial statements, accounting and financial reporting principles and internal controls and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. The independent auditors were responsible for performing an independent audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

In performing its oversight role, the Audit Committee has, among other things covered in its charter, reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management and the independent auditors. The Audit Committee has also discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 1301, *Communication with Audit Committees*, and Rule 2-07, *Communication with Audit Committees*, of Regulation S-X. The Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by applicable requirements of the Public Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditor's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence. The Audit Committee has also considered whether the provision of non-audit services by the independent auditors is compatible with maintaining the auditors' independence and has discussed with the auditors their independence.

Based on the reports and discussions described in this Report, and subject to the limitations on the role and responsibilities of the Audit Committee referred to in this Report and in the charter, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

While the members of the Audit Committee meet the independence, financial experience and other qualification requirements of the New York Stock Exchange and applicable securities laws, they are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting. Members of the Committee rely without independent verification on the information provided to them and on the representations made by management and the independent auditors. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight does not provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles or appropriate internal controls and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Audit Committee's considerations, efforts and discussions referred to above do not assure that the audit of the Company's financial statements has been carried out in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or that Deloitte is in fact independent.

The Audit Committee
Jeffrey R. Speed, Chair
Stuart U. Goldfarb
Man Jit Singh

PROPOSAL 3—ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

We are asking stockholders for a non-binding vote to approve the compensation for our named executive officers. As an advisory vote, this proposal is not binding upon the Company. However, the Compensation Committee, which is responsible for designing and administering the Company's executive compensation program, values the opinions expressed by stockholders and will continue to consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions for named executive officers.

As required by SEC compensation disclosure rules, we have described our executive compensation program in the "Executive Compensation" section of this proxy statement (which disclosure includes the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," the compensation tables and the narrative disclosures that accompany the compensation tables).

The Company's goal for its executive compensation program is to attract, motivate and retain a talented and creative team of executives who provide leadership for the Company and drive success across our numerous competitive revenue streams. We seek to accomplish this goal of rewarding performance while remaining aligned with the Company's stockholders' long-term interests. We want to avoid rewarding inappropriate risk taking. The Company believes that its executive compensation program satisfies this goal.

Our Board of Directors strongly endorses the Company's executive compensation program and recommends that stockholders vote in favor of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which disclosure shall include the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section and the related compensation tables and narrative disclosures, is hereby APPROVED.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholder proposals for inclusion in our proxy materials for our 2021 Annual Meeting must be received at the Company's principal executive offices, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902 Attention: Corporate Secretary on or before November 10, 2020. Under our By-laws, any stockholder proposal for consideration at our 2021 Annual meeting, but not for inclusion in our proxy materials for that meeting, will be considered timely for purposes of the 2021 Annual Meeting only if the stockholder provides our Corporate Secretary notice of the proposal no earlier than January 15, 2021, and not later than February 19, 2021; provided that if the 2021 Annual Meeting is held on or before April 1, 2021, our Corporate Secretary must receive a stockholder's notice no later than the close of business on the fifth business day following the day on which we make a public announcement of the meeting date.

"HOUSEHOLDING" OF PROXY MATERIALS


The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy delivery requirements for proxy materials with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single set of proxy materials addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as "householding," potentially provides extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies. The Company and some brokers household proxy materials, delivering a single proxy statement or Notice to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected stockholders. Once you have received notice from your broker or us that they or we will be householding materials to your address, householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in householding and would prefer to receive a separate set of proxy materials or if you are receiving multiple copies of the proxy materials and

wish to receive only one, please notify your broker if your shares are held in a brokerage account or, if you hold registered shares, you can notify us at 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902, Attention: Corporate Secretary or you can make a telephone request of our Corporate Secretary at (203) 352-8600.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters to present at the Annual Meeting. If any other matter is properly brought before the Annual Meeting, the persons named as proxies will exercise their discretionary authority to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment. **A copy of the 2019 Annual Report (which includes our Form 10-K for the year) is available on the website that is accessible as provided in the Notice. A copy is being sent with this Proxy Statement to all stockholders who requested them as provided in the Notice. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 is also available on our corporate website at corporate.wwe.com. We will also mail a copy of the Form 10-K to each record and beneficial owner of our securities without charge upon written request to us at 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902; Attention: Corporate Secretary. To register for electronic delivery for future mailings, you can go to proxyvote.com.**

By Order of the Board of Directors,



Brian M. Nurse
SVP, General Counsel & Secretary

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WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.
 1241 EAST MAIN STREET
 STAMFORD, CT 06902
 ATTN: INVESTOR RELATIONS

VOTE BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com

Use the internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS
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THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

<p>WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.</p> <p>The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:</p> <p>1. Election of Directors</p> <p>Nominees:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">01) Vincent K. McMahon</td> <td style="width: 50%;">06) Robyn W. Peterson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02) Stephanie McMahon Levesque</td> <td>07) Frank A. Riddick, III</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03) Paul Levesque</td> <td>08) Manjit Singh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>04) Stuart J. Goldfarb</td> <td>09) Jeffrey R. Speed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>05) Lauren Ong</td> <td>10) Alan M. Wexler</td> </tr> </table>	01) Vincent K. McMahon	06) Robyn W. Peterson	02) Stephanie McMahon Levesque	07) Frank A. Riddick, III	03) Paul Levesque	08) Manjit Singh	04) Stuart J. Goldfarb	09) Jeffrey R. Speed	05) Lauren Ong	10) Alan M. Wexler	<p>For All</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Withhold All</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For All Except</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "For All Except" and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.</p> <p>_____</p>	
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<p>2. Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.</p> <p>3. Advisory vote to approve Executive Compensation.</p> <p>NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.</p>					<p>For</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Against</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Abstain</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>								
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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:
The Notice and Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at www.proxyvote.com.

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**PROXY/VOTING INSTRUCTION CARD
WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 16, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. EASTERN TIME
FOR HOLDERS AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors

By signing this card, I (we) hereby authorize FRANK A. RIDDICK, III and BRIAN M. NURSE, or either of them, each with full power to appoint his substitute, to vote as Proxy for me (us) at WWE's Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at WWE's Headquarters, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902, on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, or any adjournment thereof, the number of shares which I (we) would be entitled to vote if personally present. The proxies shall vote subject to the directions indicated on the reverse side of this card and proxies are authorized to vote in their discretion upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments thereof.

By signing this card, I (we) instruct the proxies to vote as the Board of Directors recommends where I (we) do not specify a choice.

Address Changes/Comments: _____

(If you noted any Address Changes/Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)

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