

NUVASIVE INC  
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Voting Items The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR Proposals 1 and 2. 1. Election of Class II Directors, to hold office until the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are elected and qualified. Nominees: 01) Peter C. Farrell, Ph.D., AM 02) Lesley H. Howe 03) Eileen M. More 2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. 3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof. The Board recommends that you vote FOR the above proposals. This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed above. WHEN NO CHOICE IS INDICATED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ABOVE PROPOSALS. This proxy may be revoked by the undersigned at any time, prior to the time it is voted by any of the means described in the accompanying proxy statement. As of the time of preparation of this Proxy Statement, neither the Board nor management intends to bring before the meeting any business other than the matters referred to in the Notice of Annual Meeting and this Proxy Statement. If any other business should properly come before the meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the persons named in the proxy will vote on such matters according to their best judgment. R1NUV3

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