

BARNES GROUP INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 21, 2012

\*\*\* Exercise Your Right to Vote \*\*\*

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 4, 2012.

Meeting Information

BARNES GROUP INC.

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting  
For holders as of: March 8, 2012  
Date: May 4, 2012 Time: 11:00 AM, EDT  
Location: Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel  
Hartford, CT 06103

123 MAIN STREET BRISTOL, CT 06010

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company. This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side). We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

- Before You Vote -

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

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How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the box marked by the arrow à following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) BY INTERNET: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 22, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

- How To Vote -

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

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

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow à XXXX XXXX XXXX available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

## Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR all of the following:

1. Election of directors:

Nominees:

01) Thomas J. Albani 03) Gary G. Benanav  
02) Thomas O. Barnes 04) Mylle H. Mangum

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3:

2. Ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.
3. Advisory (non-binding) resolution to approve the Company's executive compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal:

4. Stockholder proposal regarding establishing a policy that the Board chairman be independent and have not previously served as an executive officer of the Company.

NOTE: To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.