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Notice of 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. local time

Meeting Location: Limelight Networks Global Headquarters  
222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor  
Tempe, Arizona 85281

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Limelight Networks, Inc.  
222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor  
Tempe, Arizona 85281

To Our Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Limelight Networks, Inc. The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. local time, at the Limelight Networks Global Headquarters, located at 222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

The expected actions to be taken at the Annual Meeting are described in the attached Proxy Statement and Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Included with the Proxy Statement is a copy of our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. We encourage you to read the Annual Report. It includes our audited financial statements and information about our operations, markets and services.

Stockholders of record as of April 10, 2015 may vote at the Annual Meeting.

We are pleased to inform you that this year we will be taking advantage of the “Notice and Access” method of providing proxy materials via the Internet. On or about Friday, April 24, 2015, we are mailing to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement and Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and how to vote. This notice also contains instructions on how to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials. We believe that this method will expedite your receipt of proxy materials, help conserve natural resources and reduce our printing and mailing costs.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please promptly vote. Voting by proxy will ensure your representation at the meeting but does NOT deprive you of your right to attend the meeting and to vote your shares in person. The Proxy Statement explains more about the proxy voting. Please read it carefully. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

Walter D. Amaral

Non-Executive Chairman of the Board

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NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015  
Time: 9:00 a.m. local time  
Place: Limelight Networks Global Headquarters  
222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor  
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Matters to be voted on:

1. Election of Joseph H. Gleberman and Mark Midle as Class II directors.
2. Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm.

The Annual Meeting will also address such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 10, 2015 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. A Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement and Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and how to vote will be mailed on or about Friday, April 24, 2015, to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
James R. Todd  
Assistant General Counsel & Assistant Secretary  
April 23, 2015

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015. The Proxy Statement and the Annual Report to Stockholders are available at <http://www.limelight.com/annual-meeting-15/>.

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.**

**ALL STOCKHOLDERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR SHARES BE REPRESENTED. FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON VOTING, PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED WITH THE NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS OR THE PROXY CARD OR VOTING INSTRUCTION CARD INCLUDED WITH THE PROXY MATERIALS.**

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LIMELIGHT NETWORKS, INC.  
PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2015  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

The enclosed Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors, or Board, of Limelight Networks, Inc. (“Limelight”), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. local time (the “Annual Meeting”), and at any postponement or adjournment thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Limelight Networks Global Headquarters, located at 222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor, Tempe, Arizona 85281. The purposes of the Annual Meeting are set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. As permitted by the rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, we are making these proxy solicitation materials and the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, including the financial statements, available to our stockholders electronically via the Internet. A Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement and Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and how to vote will be mailed on or about Friday, April 24, 2015, to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting. Our principal executive offices are located at 222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor, Tempe, Arizona 85281. Our telephone number is (602) 850-5000.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Who May Vote

You may vote if our records show that you own shares of Limelight as of April 10, 2015. As of the close of business on March 31, 2015, we had a total of 99,532,963 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, which were held of record by approximately 296 stockholders. As of March 31, 2015, we had no shares of preferred stock outstanding. You are entitled to one vote for each share that you own.

Voting Your Proxy

If a broker, bank or other nominee holds your shares, you will receive instructions from them that you must follow in order to have your shares voted. If a bank, broker or other nominee holds your shares and you wish to attend the meeting and vote in person, you must obtain a “legal proxy” from the record holder of the shares giving you the right to vote the shares.

If you hold your shares in your own name as a holder of record, you may instruct the proxy holders how to vote your common stock in one of the following ways:

**Vote by Internet.** You may vote via the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice or, if you received printed materials, on your proxy card. The website for Internet voting is [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and is also printed on the Notice and on your proxy card. Internet voting is available 24 hours per day until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on June 3, 2015. When you access the website, please have your Notice or proxy card in hand. You will be required to enter the unique control number imprinted on your Notice or proxy card in order to vote online. You will receive a series of instructions that will allow you to vote your shares of common stock. You will also be given the opportunity to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. **IF YOU VOTE VIA THE INTERNET, YOU DO NOT NEED TO RETURN YOUR PROXY CARD.**

**Vote by Telephone.** If you received printed copies of the proxy materials, you also have the option to vote by telephone by calling the toll-free number listed on your proxy card. Telephone voting is available 24 hours per day until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on June 3, 2015. When you call, please have your proxy card in hand. You will receive a series of voice instructions that will allow you to vote your shares of common stock. You will also be given the opportunity to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. If you did not receive printed materials and would like to vote by telephone, you must request printed copies of the proxy materials by following the instructions on your Notice. **IF YOU VOTE BY TELEPHONE, YOU DO NOT NEED TO RETURN YOUR PROXY CARD.**

**Vote by Mail.** If you received printed materials and would like to vote by mail, then please mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it promptly so that it is received no later than June 3, 2015 in the postage-paid envelope

provided with your printed materials. If you did not receive printed materials and would like to vote by mail, you must request printed copies of the proxy materials by following the instructions on your Notice.

Of course, you may also choose to attend the meeting and vote your shares in person. The proxy holders will vote your shares in accordance with your instructions on the proxy card. If you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted as recommended by our Board.

#### Matters to be Presented

We are not aware of any matters to be presented other than those described in this Proxy Statement. If any matters not described in this Proxy Statement are properly presented at the meeting, the proxy holders will use their own judgment to determine how to vote your shares. If the meeting is adjourned, the proxy holders can vote your shares on the new meeting date as well, unless you have revoked your proxy instructions.

#### Changing Your Vote

To revoke your proxy instructions if you are a holder of record, you must (i) advise our Corporate Secretary in writing before the proxy holders vote your shares, (ii) deliver later proxy instructions, or (iii) attend the meeting and vote your shares in person. If your shares are held by a bank, broker or other nominee, you must follow the instructions provided by the bank, broker or nominee.

#### Cost of This Proxy Solicitation

We will pay the cost of this proxy solicitation. We may, on request, reimburse brokerage firms and other nominees for their expenses in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners. In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, we expect that our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone or facsimile. None of these individuals will receive any additional or special compensation for doing this, although we will reimburse these individuals for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

#### How Votes are Counted

The Annual Meeting will be held if a majority of the outstanding common stock entitled to vote is represented at the meeting. If you have returned valid proxy instructions or attend the meeting in person, your common stock will be counted for the purpose of determining whether there is a quorum, even if you wish to abstain from voting on some or all matters at the meeting.

#### Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

Shares that are voted "WITHHELD" or "ABSTAIN" are treated as being present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum and as entitled to vote on a particular subject matter at the Annual Meeting. If you hold your common stock through a bank, broker or other nominee, the broker may be prevented from voting shares held in your account on some proposals (a "broker non-vote") unless you have given voting instructions to the bank, broker or nominee. Shares that are subject to a broker non-vote are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists but not for purposes of determining whether a proposal has passed.

#### Our Voting Recommendations

When proxies are properly dated, executed and returned, the shares represented by such proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions of the stockholder. However, if no specific instructions are given, the shares will be voted in accordance with the following recommendations of our Board:

- "FOR" the election of Joseph H. Gleberman and Mark Midle to the Board as Class II Directors; and
- "FOR" ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015.

#### Deadlines for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals

Stockholders may present proposals for action at a future meeting only if they comply with the requirements of the proxy rules established by the SEC and our bylaws. Stockholder proposals that are intended to be included in our Proxy Statement and form of Proxy relating to the meeting for our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under rules set forth in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act, must be received by us no later than December 24, 2015 to be considered for inclusion.

If a stockholder intends to submit a proposal or nomination for director for our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that is not to be included in Limelight's Proxy Statement and form of Proxy relating to the meeting, the stockholder must give us notice in accordance with the requirements set forth in Limelight's bylaws no later than December 24, 2015. Limelight's bylaws require that certain information and acknowledgments with respect to the proposal and the stockholder making the proposal be set forth in the notice. A copy of the relevant bylaw provision is available upon written request to Limelight Networks, Inc., 222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor, Tempe, Arizona 85281, Attention: Corporate Secretary. You can also access our SEC filings, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, on the SEC's website located at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and through our website at <http://investors.limelightnetworks.com>.



**PROPOSAL ONE: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

We have a classified Board. Our Board currently consists of two Class I directors, two Class II directors, and three Class III directors. At each annual meeting of stockholders, directors are elected for a term of three (3) years to succeed those directors whose terms expire on the annual meeting dates or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

**Changes in Composition of the Board of Directors**

The Board is presently composed of seven members, six of whom are independent directors. On April 13, 2014, Limelight announced that Fred Harman informed the Board of his intent not to stand for re-election as a Class II director of Limelight at the Annual Meeting. Limelight also announced that, effective June 1, 2015, Mark Midle will join the Board as a Class II director. Mr. Harman's decision to not stand for re-election as a Class II director of Limelight at the Annual Meeting, and Mr. Midle's appointment as a Class II director would temporarily result in a Board consisting of eight members. Following the Annual Meeting, the Board will be composed of seven members, consisting of two Class I directors, two Class II directors, and three Class III directors.

**Nominees**

The Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board selected, and the Board approved, Joseph H. Gleberman and Mark Midle as nominees for election to Class II of the Board at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Midle's appointment begins on June 1, 2015. Mr. Gleberman is now a director and was previously elected by the stockholders at the 2012 annual meeting. If elected, Messrs. Gleberman and Midle will each serve as a director until our annual meeting in 2018, until their respective successors are elected and qualified, or their earlier resignation or removal.

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them "FOR" Messrs. Gleberman and Midle. If any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for another nominee designated by the Board. We are not aware of any reason that any nominee would be unable or unwilling to serve as a director.

**Vote Required**

If a quorum is present, the nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the Board. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of directors.

Each director in an uncontested election will be elected by the vote of the majority of the votes cast with respect to the nominee. For these purposes, a majority of the votes cast means that the number of shares voted "for" a director must exceed the number of votes cast "against" that director. In a contested election, directors will be elected under a plurality standard.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF JOSEPH H. GLEBERMAN AND MARK MIDLE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**Information About the Directors and Nominees**

The following table sets forth information regarding our directors and the nominees as of March 31, 2015, except for Mr. Harman who will not to stand for re-election as a Class II director of Limelight at the Annual Meeting. Below the table appears a brief account of each director's business experience and the attributes that led to the conclusion that each director should serve as a director of Limelight. We believe that each director and nominee has valuable individual skills and experiences that, taken together, provide us with the variety and depth of knowledge and judgment necessary to provide effective oversight of our business.

Name	Age	Position	Director Since
Class I directors whose terms expire at the 2017 Annual Meeting:			
Walter D. Amaral	63	Non-Executive Chairman of the Board	2007
Gray Hall	50	Director	2014
Class II directors whose terms expire at the 2015 Annual Meeting:			
Joseph H. Gleberman	57	Director	2006

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Mark Midle	38	Director	2015
Class III directors whose terms expire at the 2016 Annual Meeting:			
Jeffrey T. Fisher	52	Director	2008
David C. Peterschmidt	65	Director	2007
Robert A. Lento	54	Director	2013

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Walter D. Amaral has served as a director since May 2007 and was appointed Non-Executive Chairman of our Board in February 2013. Mr. Amaral served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of SiRF Technology Holdings, Inc., a provider of GPS enabled technology, from August 2000 to March 2006. Prior to that, from August 1997 to August 2000, Mr. Amaral served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of S3 Incorporated. From April 1995 to August 1997, Mr. Amaral served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NetManage, Inc., a software company. From May 1992 to May 1995, Mr. Amaral served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Maxtor Corporation, a computer storage device company. From May 1977 to May 1992, Mr. Amaral worked in several finance and marketing positions, the most recent of which was Corporate Controller, at Intel Corporation. Mr. Amaral holds a B.S. in Accounting from California State University, San Jose. Mr. Amaral serves as the Chairman of our Board and Audit Committee and brings to the Board and the Audit Committee a valuable perspective based on his extensive financial and business leadership experience in the technology and software industries, having served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of each of SiRF Technology Holdings, Inc., S3 Incorporated, NetManage, Inc. and Maxtor Corporation. In addition, Mr. Amaral has an educational background in accounting. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Amaral possesses particular knowledge and experience in software and other technology industries and has relevant accounting and financial expertise and independence that strengthens the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

Jeffrey T. Fisher has served as a director since November 2008. Mr. Fisher has served as Chief Financial Officer and Director of Austin Industries, Inc., a private, employee owned, subchapter-S ESOP organization since March 2009. Prior to that, Mr. Fisher served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Charter Communications from 2006 to 2008. Prior to joining Charter, Mr. Fisher held a variety of senior management positions for Delta Air Lines, Inc. from 1997 to 2006. He served as head of Delta's Corporate Restructuring Group, and previously held the positions of President and General Manager, and separately, Chief Financial Officer, for Delta Connection, Inc. Mr. Fisher received a B.B.M. degree from Embry Riddle University, and an M.B.A. from the University of Texas in Arlington.

Mr. Fisher's financial and business leadership experience as the Chief Financial Officer for Austin Industries and as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Charter Communications, Inc. provides a strong financial foundation for Audit Committee and Board deliberations. He also has an educational background in finance. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Fisher possesses particular knowledge and experience in technology industries and has relevant accounting and financial expertise and independence that strengthens the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

Joseph H. Gleberman has served as a director since September 2006. Mr. Gleberman is the Managing Director of The Pritzker Organization, a family merchant bank. Prior to joining The Pritzker Organization in 2015, Mr. Gleberman was employed in the Merchant Banking Division of Goldman, Sachs & Co. beginning in 1993. Prior to joining the predecessor to the Merchant Banking Division, he served in a variety of capacities in the Investment Banking Division and the Mergers & Acquisitions Department at Goldman, Sachs & Co., which he joined in 1982. Mr. Gleberman received a B.A. and an M.A. from Yale University, and an M.B.A. from Stanford University.

Mr. Gleberman has extensive experience in evaluating and providing guidance and strategic advice to technology and software companies through his service in a variety of capacities in the Investment Banking Division and the Mergers & Acquisitions Department at Goldman, Sachs & Co. His investment banking background has added a valuable perspective to the Board. Mr. Gleberman is also an independent director who has extensive outside director experience, previously as a director of HGI Global Holdings, Inc., iFormation Group, LLC, iHealth Technologies, Inc. and Kerzner International. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Gleberman possesses particular knowledge and experience in corporate finance, investment banking and mergers and acquisitions that strengthens the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

Gray Hall has served as a director since May 2014. Mr. Hall has been the Chairman, President and CEO of Alert Logic since July 2009 and is a 24-year veteran of the IT industry. Alert Logic provides intrusion detection, web application firewall, log management and vulnerability assessment solutions to business customers to help those customers achieve security and compliance for the IT systems either on-premises or in cloud service provider environments. Prior to Alert Logic, from 2008 to 2009, Mr. Hall served as Executive-in-Residence at Fidelity Equity

Partners, a \$500 million middle-market buyout fund backed by Fidelity Investments. Prior to that, in 1999 Hall co-founded VeriCenter, a pioneer in managed hosting services, and served as President and CEO as VeriCenter grew to become a nationwide provider of managed hosting and co-location services across eight enterprise data centers in six major cities throughout the United States. VeriCenter was acquired by SunGard Data Systems in August 2007. Mr. Hall has a B.B.A. in Finance from Southern Methodist University and an M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. Hall brings a wealth of financial, operational, and business leadership experience to the Board, having served as President and CEO for Alert Logic and for VeriCenter. He also has an educational background in finance. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Hall possesses particular knowledge and operational experience in Internet technology infrastructure and has relevant financial experience and independence that strengthens the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

Robert A. Lento has served as our Chief Executive Officer since November 2012 and has served as a member of our board of directors since January 2013. Prior to joining us, Mr. Lento was a senior sales executive at Convergys Corporation, a provider of customer management services, from July 1998 to May 2012, most recently serving as President – Information Management Division from September 2007 to May 2012. Prior to that, from 1997 to 1998, Mr. Lento served as President of LAN Systems for Donnelly Enterprise Solutions, Inc., a provider of information management solutions. From 1989 to 1996, Mr. Lento served in leadership positions at ENTEX Information Services, Inc., a provider of computing infrastructure services. Mr. Lento received a B.S. in Management from the State University of New York.



As our President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Lento is engaged in all aspects of our business and is able to provide an insider's perspective in Board discussions about the business and strategic direction of Limelight. Mr. Lento brings over thirty years of leadership experience to Limelight, which we believe gives him unique insights into our challenges, opportunities, and operations. He possesses leadership, managerial and technical skills relevant to leading Limelight, knowledge of Limelight's leading customers, and knowledge of cloud services and SaaS companies generally, which skills and knowledge are directly relevant to strengthening the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience. His business leadership experience at Convergys, serving as president of the company's information management division, and as president of LAN systems for Donnelly Enterprise Solutions is also a valuable resource to the Board as it guides Limelight's business strategy.

Mark Midle has been appointed to our Board of Directors, effective June 1, 2015. Mr. Midle is a Vice President in Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s Merchant Banking Division, where he oversees investments in growth stage, technology-driven companies. Before joining Goldman Sachs, Mr. Midle spent over a decade investing in technology and technology-enabled services companies while at firms including Bain Capital and The Blackstone Group. Previously, Mr. Midle was a consultant at McKinsey & Co., and he began his career in Morgan Stanley & Co.'s Investment Banking Division. Mr. Midle has a B.A. from the University of North Carolina and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Midle has extensive experience in evaluating and providing guidance and strategic advice to technology, software, and digital media companies. In addition, his investment banking background adds a valuable perspective to the Board. Mr. Midle is also an independent director who has had extensive outside director experience as a director of Experticity, Inc., Digital Comply, Inc., and Buscapé.com, Inc.. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Midle possesses particular financial knowledge and business expertise that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

David C. Peterschmidt has served as a director since February 2007. Mr. Peterschmidt was the Chief Executive Officer and member of the board of directors of CIBER, Inc., a global information technology consulting services and outsourcing company from July 2010 to June 2014. Prior to joining CIBER, Inc. Mr. Peterschmidt served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Openwave Systems, Inc. from November 2004 to March 2007. Prior to that, Mr. Peterschmidt served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Securify, Inc., from September 2003 to November 2004 and also as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Inktomi, Inc. from July 1996 to March 2003. Mr. Peterschmidt received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Missouri and an M.A. from Chapman College.

Mr. Peterschmidt brings to our Board and Audit Committee significant business leadership experience and financial experience as the Chief Executive Officer of each of CIBER, Inc., Openwave Systems, Inc., Securify, Inc., and Inktomi, Inc. Mr. Peterschmidt also has outside director experience as a director of Savvis Corporation and CIBER, Inc. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Peterschmidt possesses particular knowledge and experience serving as and directing senior management personnel in technology-based companies, and also has relevant accounting and financial expertise and independence that strengthens the Board's collective qualifications, skills, and experience.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

The Board held four meetings and acted by unanimous written consent three times during fiscal year 2014. All directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and of the committees on which they served during fiscal year 2014.

### Board Independence

The Board has determined that each of its current directors, except Robert A. Lento, has no material relationship with Limelight and is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. director independence standards, as currently in effect.

### Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board has Audit, Nominating and Governance, and Compensation Committees. Each of these committees has adopted a written charter. All members of the committees are appointed by the Board, and are non-employee directors. Each committee, its current membership, its function and the number of meetings held during fiscal year 2014 are described below.

#### Audit Committee

The members of our Audit Committee are Messrs. Amaral, Fisher and Peterschmidt. Mr. Amaral serves as the Chairman of the Audit Committee. We believe that the composition of our Audit Committee meets the requirements for independence under the current requirements of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. and SEC rules and regulations, and that each member of our Audit Committee qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under applicable rules and regulations. We believe that the functioning of our Audit Committee complies with the applicable requirements of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. and SEC rules and regulations. The Audit Committee held four meetings and acted by unanimous written consent once during fiscal year 2014.

Our Audit Committee oversees our corporate accounting and financial reporting process. Our Audit Committee:

- evaluates the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications, independence and performance;
- determines the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm;
- approves the retention of the independent registered public accounting firm to perform any proposed permissible non-audit services;
- monitors the rotation of partners of the independent registered public accounting firm on our engagement team as required by law;
- reviews our financial statements and reviews our critical accounting policies and estimates; and reviews and discusses with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the results of the annual audit, and our annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements, including major issues regarding accounting, disclosure and auditing procedures and practices as well as the adequacy of internal controls that could materially affect Limelight's financial statements.

A copy of the Audit Committee charter is available on our website at <http://investors.limelightnetworks.com>.

#### Nominating and Governance Committee

The members of our Nominating and Governance Committee are Messrs. Amaral, Fisher, Gleberman, Harman, Peterschmidt, and Hall, each of whom is a non-management member of our Board. Our Board has determined that each of these members is independent within the meaning of the independent director guidelines of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. The Nominating and Governance Committee held three meetings during fiscal year 2014.

The Nominating and Governance Committee's purpose is to oversee and assist our Board in reviewing and recommending nominees for election as directors. The Nominating and Governance Committee also:

- assesses the performance of the Board;
- reviews, and investigates as necessary, any concerns regarding non-financial matters reported on Limelight's corporate governance hotline;
- directs guidelines for the composition of our Board; and
- reviews and administers our corporate governance guidelines.



A copy of the Nominating and Governance Committee charter is available on our website at <http://investors.limelightnetworks.com>.

#### Compensation Committee

The members of our Compensation Committee are Messrs. Peterschmidt, Fisher, and Amaral. Mr. Peterschmidt serves as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee. Our Board has determined that each of these members is independent within the meaning of the independent director guidelines of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. We believe that the composition of our Compensation Committee meets the requirements for independence under, and the functioning of our Compensation Committee complies with, any applicable requirements of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. and SEC rules and regulations. The Compensation Committee held five meetings and acted by unanimous written consent on thirteen occasions during fiscal year 2014.

Our Compensation Committee oversees our corporate compensation programs. The Compensation Committee also:

- reviews and recommends policy relating to compensation and benefits of our officers and employees;
- reviews and approves corporate goals and objectives relevant to compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, senior officers and certain other key employees;
- evaluates the performance of our officers in light of established goals and objectives;
- sets compensation of our officers based on its evaluations;
- administers the issuance of stock options and other awards under our stock plans;
- reviews and approves a report on executive compensation and a compensation discussion and analysis for inclusion in Limelight's proxy or information statement; and
- reviews and evaluates, at least annually, its own performance and that of its members, including compliance with the committee charter.

A copy of the updated Compensation Committee charter is available on our website at <http://investors.limelightnetworks.com>.

#### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

No member of the Compensation Committee has at any time been an officer or employee of Limelight. No executive officer of Limelight serves, or in the past year has served, as a member of the Board or Compensation Committee of any entity that has an executive officer serving as a member of our Board or Compensation Committee.

#### Stockholder Recommendations and Nominations

Pursuant to the requirements of its charter, the Nominating and Governance Committee will review any director candidates recommended by our stockholders who are entitled to vote in the election of directors, provided that the stockholder recommendations are timely submitted in writing to our Secretary, along with all required information, in compliance with the stockholder nomination provisions of our bylaws. A stockholder desiring to recommend a candidate for election to the Board should direct the recommendation in writing to:

Corporate Secretary

Limelight Networks, Inc.

222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor

Tempe, Arizona 85281

A submitted recommendation must include the candidate's name, home and business contact information, detailed biographical data and qualifications and information regarding any relationships between the candidate and Limelight within the last three years. Any candidates properly recommended in accordance with the foregoing requirements by stockholders will be considered in such manner as the members of our Nominating and Governance Committee deem appropriate.

A stockholder desiring to nominate a person directly for election to the Board must meet the deadlines and other requirements set forth in our bylaws and the rules and regulations of the SEC. In general, these deadlines and requirements are described above under "Deadlines for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals" in this Proxy Statement.

#### Director Qualifications

We have no stated minimum criteria for director nominees. The Nominating and Governance Committee does, however, seek for nomination and appointment candidates with excellent decision-making ability, business experience, relevant expertise, personal integrity and reputation. This committee may also consider other factors such

as diversity, experience, length of service and other commitments. This committee believes it is

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appropriate that at least one member of the Board meet the criteria for an audit committee financial expert as defined by the rules of the SEC, and that a majority of the members of the Board meet the independent director standard under rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. This committee also believes it may be appropriate for certain members of our management, in particular the Chief Executive Officer, to participate as a member of the Board. Please see “Information About the Directors and Nominees” above for a discussion of the particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills relative to each member of the Board that led the Board to conclude that each particular director should serve on Limelight’s Board.

#### Identification and Evaluation of Nominees for Directors

The Nominating and Governance Committee identifies nominees for the class of directors being elected at each annual meeting of stockholders by first evaluating the current members of such class of directors willing to continue in service. Current members of the Board with skills and experience that are relevant to our business and who are willing to continue in service are considered for nomination, balancing the value of continuity of service by existing members of the Board with that of obtaining a new perspective. If any member of such class of directors does not wish to continue in service or if this committee or the Board decides not to nominate a member of such class of directors for re-election, this committee identifies the desired skills and experience of a new nominee in light of the criteria above. Current members of this committee and the Board are polled for suggestions as to individuals meeting the criteria for nomination. Research may also be performed to identify qualified individuals. This committee may, in its discretion, engage third party search firms to identify and assist in recruiting potential nominees to the Board. Candidates may also come to the attention of this committee through management, stockholders or other persons. The Nominating and Governance Committee may take such measures that it considers appropriate in connection with its evaluation of a candidate, including candidate interviews, inquiry of the person recommending the candidate, engagement of an outside search firm to gather additional information, or reliance on the knowledge of the members of the committee, the Board or management. The Nominating and Governance Committee does not implement a different evaluation process for candidates that are nominated for election to the Board by stockholders or other persons.

After such review and consideration, the Nominating and Governance Committee selects, or recommends that the Board select, the slate of director nominees.

#### The Board’s Role in Risk Oversight

It is our management’s responsibility to manage risk and to bring to the Board’s attention the most material risks to Limelight. The Board has oversight responsibility of the processes established to report and monitor systems for material risks applicable to Limelight. The Audit Committee regularly reviews treasury risks (insurance, credit, and debt), financial and accounting, legal and compliance risks, information technology security risks and other risk management functions. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee considers risks related to succession planning and oversees the appropriate allocation of responsibility for risk oversight among the committees of the Board. The Compensation Committee considers risks related to the attraction and retention of employees and risks relating to the design of compensation programs and arrangements. The Compensation Committee also reviews compensation and benefit plans affecting employees in addition to those applicable to executive officers. We have determined that it is not reasonably likely that Limelight’s compensation and benefit plans would have a material adverse effect on Limelight. The full Board considers strategic risks and opportunities and regularly receives reports from the committees of the Board regarding risk oversight in their areas of responsibility.

#### Board Leadership Structure

The Board recognizes that effective board leadership structure can be dependent on the experience, skills and personal interaction between persons in leadership roles as well as the needs of Limelight at any point in time. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines support flexibility in the structure of the Board by not requiring the separation of the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Prior to January 2013, the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer were held by the same person. In February 2013, the Board appointed Walter D. Amaral as its non-executive Chairman of the Board. The Board believes that its current leadership structure, with Mr. Lento serving as President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Amaral serving as non-executive Chairman of the Board, is appropriate for Limelight at this time. Furthermore, currently, five of the seven Board positions are held by very strong and sophisticated independent directors and investors with substantial business experience and expertise who

collectively own a significant portion of Limelight's outstanding shares. Two of the Board positions are occupied by representatives of institutional shareholders holding collectively approximately 38% of Limelight's capital stock.

#### Board Diversity

We do not have a policy as it relates to diversity in the selection of nominees for the Board. Our practice is to seek diversity in experience and viewpoint to be represented on the Board. In selecting a director nominee, the Nominating and Governance Committee focuses on skills, expertise or background that would complement the existing Board, recognizing that Limelight's businesses and operations are diverse and global in nature.

#### Annual Meeting Attendance

We do not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of our Board at our annual meetings of stockholders, but all directors are encouraged to attend these meetings. Mr. Lento attended our 2014 annual meeting of the stockholders.

#### Communicating with the Board of Directors

Any stockholder who desires to contact any of the members of our Board may write to the following address: Board of Directors, c/o Corporate Secretary, Limelight Networks, Inc., 222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor, Tempe, Arizona 85281. Communications received in writing will be collected, organized and processed by our Secretary, who will distribute the communications to the members of the Board, as appropriate, depending on the facts and circumstances outlined in the communication received. Where the nature of the communication warrants, the Secretary may decide to obtain the more immediate attention of the appropriate committee of the Board or an independent director, or our management or independent advisors, as the Secretary considers appropriate.

#### Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

Limelight maintains a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct that is applicable to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and all other principal executive and senior financial officers and all employees, officers and directors. The Code of Ethics and Business Conduct is posted on our website at

<http://investors.limelightnetworks.com>.

#### PROPOSAL TWO: RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors has selected Ernst & Young LLP (“Ernst & Young”) to audit our consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The decision of the Board of Directors to appoint Ernst & Young was based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee. Before making its recommendation to the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee carefully considered that firm’s qualifications as independent registered public accounting firm. This included a review of the qualifications of the engagement team, the quality control procedures the firm has established, and any issues raised by the most recent quality control review of the firm; as well as its reputation for integrity and competence in the fields of accounting and auditing. The Audit Committee’s review also included matters required to be considered under the SEC’s Rules on Auditor Independence, including the nature and extent of non-audit services, to ensure that they will not impair the independence of the accountants. The Audit Committee expressed its satisfaction with Ernst & Young in all of these respects.

Although ratification by stockholders is not required by law, the Board of Directors has determined that it is desirable to request ratification of this selection by the stockholders. Notwithstanding its selection, the Board of Directors, in its discretion, may appoint a new independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if the Board of Directors believes that such a change would be in the best interest of Limelight and its stockholders. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young, the Board of Directors may reconsider its selection. Ernst & Young has audited our consolidated financial statements since fiscal year 2006. The Board of Directors expects that representatives of Ernst & Young will be present at the Annual Meeting to respond to appropriate questions and to make a statement if they so desire.

#### Vote Required

If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be required to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young as our independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions will have the effect of a vote “against” the ratification of Ernst & Young as our independent registered public accounting firm. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE RATIFICATION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS LIMELIGHT’S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.**



#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors shall not be deemed to be “soliciting material” or “filed” with the SEC or incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into such filing.

The Audit Committee consists of three directors, each of whom, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, is an “independent director” as defined in the listing standards for The Nasdaq Stock Market. The Audit Committee acts pursuant to a written charter that has been adopted by the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Limelight website at <http://investors.limelightnetworks.com>.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee oversees Limelight’s financial reporting process and its internal controls over financial reporting, areas for which management has responsibility. Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm (“Ernst & Young”), was responsible for performing an independent audit of our consolidated financial statements and for expressing an opinion as to the conformity of the consolidated financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for issuing an opinion on the effectiveness of Limelight’s internal controls over financial reporting.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with management and Ernst & Young our audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, matters relating to Limelight’s internal controls over financial reporting and the processes that support the certifications of the financial statements by Limelight’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The Audit Committee also discussed with Ernst & Young the scope and plan for the annual audit. In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with Ernst & Young the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 16 adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) regarding “Communication with Audit Committees.” The Audit Committee also has received the written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young as required by Rule 3526 of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence and the Audit Committee has discussed with them their independence from the Company and management.

Based on the Audit Committee’s review of the matters noted above and its discussions with our independent registered public accounting firm and our management, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Annual Report to our stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Audit Committee also selected Ernst & Young as Limelight’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The Board of Directors is recommending that the stockholders ratify this selection at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Walter D. Amaral, Chairman

Jeffrey T. Fisher

David C. Peterschmidt

Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The following table presents the fees paid or accrued by Limelight for the audit and other services provided by Ernst & Young for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	2014	2013
Audit Fees (1)	\$771,000	\$792,721
Tax Fees	198,639	119,496
Total Fees	\$969,639	\$912,217

Includes fees associated with the audit of our annual financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and the reviews financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. This category also (1) includes consultations on audit and accounting matters that arose during, or as a result of, the audit or the review of our interim financial statements, services rendered to review of our SEC filings, including consents and comment letters, and/or certain other one-time procedures.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy

Prior to the initiation of any audit related or non-audit related service, the Audit Committee is presented with a proposal for such service and an estimate of the fees for pre-approval. In the event the scope of the work requires change from the initial proposal, the modified proposal is presented to the Audit Committee for pre-approval. The requests for pre-approvals are presented to the Audit Committee at the time of the committee's regularly scheduled meetings, or on an as-needed basis. The Audit Committee has delegated to the Chair of the Audit Committee the authority to pre-approve audit related and non-audit related services to be performed by Limelight's independent registered public accounting firm and associated fees on an as-needed basis. Such pre-approvals are reported to the full Audit Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Subsequent to our initial public offering, effective on June 7, 2007, the Audit Committee has pre-approved 100% of audit related and non-audit related services by Limelight's independent registered public accounting firm.

The Audit Committee has determined the rendering of other professional services for tax compliance and tax advice by Ernst & Young is compatible with maintaining their independence.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following tables set forth information about the beneficial ownership of our common stock on March 31, 2015, by:

- each person known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our common stock;
- each executive officer;
- each of our directors; and
- all of our executive officers and directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to state community property laws, we believe, based on the information furnished to us, that the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares reflected as beneficially owned by them. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of common stock that could be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015 and common stock issuable upon the vesting of restricted stock units within 60 days of March 31, 2015, ignoring the withholding of shares of common stock to cover applicable taxes, are considered outstanding. These shares, however, are not considered outstanding when computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Percentage of ownership is based on 99,532,963 shares of our common stock outstanding on March 31, 2015. Beneficial ownership representing less than 1% is denoted with an asterisk (\*).



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Unless otherwise indicated, the address for each of the stockholders in the table below is c/o Limelight Networks, Inc., 222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned	
	Number	Percent
5% Stockholders		
GS Capital Partners entities(1)	30,755,335	31.6 %
Oak Investment Partners XII, L.P.(2)	6,373,157	6.5 %
BlackRock, Inc.(3)	5,394,989	5.5 %
Executive Officers and Directors		
Robert A. Lento(4)	1,853,630	*
Peter J. Perrone(5)	759,150	*
Philip C. Maynard(6)	1,070,694	*
George Vonderhaar(7)	396,894	*
Sajid Malhotra(8)	467,156	*
Walter D. Amaral(9)	275,006	*
Jeffrey T. Fisher(10)	308,003	*
Joseph H. Gleberman(11)	0	*
Fredric W. Harman(12)	6,373,157	6.5 %
David C. Peterschmidt(13)	251,758	*
Gray Hall(14)	37,500	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (12 persons)(15)	42,831,669	38.8 %

(1) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 14, 2014 on behalf of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and the GS Capital Partners. Funds affiliated with or managed by Goldman, Sachs & Co. are GS Capital Partners V Fund, L.P. (15,940,283 shares of common stock), GS Capital Partners V Offshore Fund, L.P. (8,234,087 shares of common stock), GS Capital Partners V Institutional, L.P. (5,466,153 shares of common stock) and GS Capital Partners V GmbH & Co. KG (631,970 shares of common stock) (the "Goldman Sachs Funds"). Also includes 307,036 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015, as well as 143,970 shares acquired after vesting of restricted stock units, each of which that director Joe Gleberman and former director Pete Perrone have assigned to Goldman, Sachs & Co. The GS Capital Partners Entities reports its address, and that of each of the GS Capital Partners entities, as c/o Goldman, Sachs & Co., 200 West Street, New York, NY 10282, Attn: Jeremy Kahn, Attorney-in-fact.

(2) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 24, 2015 on behalf of Oak Management Corporation and also includes 262,403 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015 that Mr. Harman has assigned to Oak. Oak Investment Partners XII, L.P. reports its address as 525 University Avenue, Suite 1300, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Attn: Frederic W. Harman.

(3) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 2, 2015 on behalf of BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock, Inc. reports its address as 40 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, New York 10022.

(4) Includes 433,630 shares of common stock held by Robert A. Lento. Also includes 1,420,000 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015.

(5) Consists of 321,650 shares of common stock held by Peter J. Perrone. Also includes 437,500 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015.

(6) Includes 384,589 shares of common stock held by Philip C. Maynard. Also includes 686,105 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015.

(7) Includes 163,244 shares of common stock held by George Vonderhaar. Also includes 233,650 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015.

- (8) Includes 408,823 shares of common stock held by Sajid Malhotra. Also includes 58,333 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- (9) Includes 53,988 shares of common stock held by Walter D. Amaral and 221,018 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- (10) Includes 121,985 shares of common stock held by Jeffrey T. Fisher and 186,018 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- (11) See footnote (1) above. Joseph H. Gleberman was formerly a Managing Director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. See footnote (2) above. Fredric W. Harman has voting and dispositive power for the shares held by Oak
- (12) Investment Partners XII, Limited Partnership. Mr. Harman disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by such partnership in which he does not have a pecuniary interest.
- (13) Includes 45,740 shares of common stock held by David C. Peterschmidt and 206,018 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- (14) Includes 37,500 shares issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units within 60 days of March 31, 2015.
- (14) Includes an aggregate of 4,150,861 shares issuable upon exercise of options that are exercisable and vesting within 60 days of March 31, 2015.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The material in this report is not deemed soliciting material or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference in any filing by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date of this Proxy Statement and irrespective of any general incorporation language in those filings.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

David C. Peterschmidt, Chairman

Jeffrey T. Fisher

Walter D. Amaral

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

Our compensation philosophy is to attract, motivate and retain talented executives responsible for the success of Limelight, which operates in an extremely competitive and rapidly changing part of the high technology industry. With this in mind, we strive to set our compensation programs within the appropriate competitive framework and based on the achievement of Limelight's overall financial results, individual contributions and performance by executives and employees and each executive's potential to enhance long-term stockholder value. Within this overall philosophy, our objectives are to:

- Motivate executive officers to achieve quantitative financial and qualitative non-financial objectives and create a meaningful link between achievement of these objectives and individual executive compensation;
- Align the financial interests of executive officers with those of Limelight's stockholders by providing significant equity-based incentives, while carefully considering both stockholder dilution and stock-based compensation expense; and
- Offer a competitive total compensation package that enables Limelight to attract and retain top talent.

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Board") guides our compensation philosophy and objectives. The Compensation Committee uses the above-mentioned objectives as a guide in establishing the compensation programs, practices and packages offered to Limelight's executive officers and in assessing the proper allocation between long- and short-term incentive compensation and cash and non-cash compensation, although we have no formal or informal policies regarding such allocations.

The compensation for our named executive officers generally consists of three primary components: base salary, annual incentive cash bonus and equity awards. Other compensation components include severance and change of control provisions, generally available benefits such as health insurance, 401(k) retirement benefits, and participation in our Employee Stock Purchase Program ("ESPP"), and in limited instances, special recognition cash bonuses for specific corporate achievements. Limelight considers the proper allocation between long- and short-term incentives by considering the balance that is required to attract and retain executives and reward them for the short-term success of our business, while appropriately motivating the executives to strive to achieve our long-term goals. We also consider the need to offer compensation packages that are comparable to those offered by companies competing with Limelight for executive talent. In allocating between cash and non-cash compensation, we generally seek to be in the middle of the pack within our peer group for cash compensation, and above average for non-cash, or equity based, compensation so as to align the interests of our stockholders and our named executive officers. We also believe that generally available benefits (such as health benefits, 401(k) plan participation and ESPP participation) should be competitive with the external job market, in order to allow us to attract and retain talent. The Compensation Committee, however, does not have a pre-established policy or target a specific percentile among our peers for the allocation between long- and short-term incentive compensation and cash and non-cash compensation.

Throughout this Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the individuals who served as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer during fiscal 2014, as well as the other individuals included in the "Summary Compensation Table," are referred to as the "named executive officers."

### Role and Authority of the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee has decision-making authority with respect to the compensation of our named executive officers. The members of the Compensation Committee are directors David C. Peterschmidt, Jeffrey T. Fisher, and Walter D. Amaral. Each of these individuals qualifies as (i) an "independent director" under the requirements of The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., (ii) a "non-employee director" under Rule 16b-3 of the Securities Exchange Act, and (iii) an "outside director" under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"). The Compensation Committee has adopted a written charter approved by the Board, a copy of which is available on our website at <http://investors.limelightnetworks.com>.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Compensation Committee may engage outside consultants and consult with Limelight's Human Resources department and other company executives as the Compensation Committee determines to be appropriate. The Compensation Committee has engaged Compensia, an executive compensation consulting firm,

on numerous occasions since 2007, with the most recent being in October 2014, and has received executive compensation assessments from Compensia following each engagement. In May 2012, February 2013, and October 2014, the Compensation Committee received advice and guidance from Compensia regarding confirmation of Limelight's executive compensation strategy, assessment of the competitiveness of total pay packages for Limelight's senior executives relative to market and peers, each of which was used in the development of 2014 executive cash compensation and equity grant planning. The Compensation Committee currently feels that it is adequately and appropriately able to assess and determine the compensation arrangements for our named executive officers based on the information provided through the Compensation Committee members' own experience and knowledge regarding compensation matters and the Compensia report process. The Compensation Committee also may obtain advice and assistance from internal or external legal, accounting or other advisers selected by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee may delegate any of its responsibilities to



one or more directors or to members of management, to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Compensation Committee has not delegated any of its responsibilities with respect to the named executive officers and has no plans to do so.

The Compensation Committee also meets as frequently as it deems necessary to address matters within its area of responsibility. During 2014, the Committee met five times and acted by unanimous written consent on thirteen occasions. The Compensation Committee intends to review annually the base salaries, annual incentive cash bonus and long-term equity incentive awards for senior management, including the named executive officers. Generally, the Compensation Committee intends to review compensation components in the first quarter of each year. The Compensation Committee will, however, review and may adjust an officer's compensation at any time during the year if and when the Committee deems such review to be necessary to align that officer's compensation with our compensation philosophy and objectives. The Compensation Committee reviewed all compensation components for the then senior management team (including some of the named executive officers) in the first fiscal quarter 2014, with the exception of (i) the grants of long-term equity reviewed in the fourth quarter of 2014, and (ii) any executives that were hired subsequent to the Compensation Committee's compensation review.

The Board has delegated limited, non-exclusive authority to a committee consisting of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the Compensation Committee (the "Equity Award Committee") to grant equity awards within certain parameters. The Equity Award Committee may grant awards only with respect to new hires for employees below the level of Vice President (and with respect to new hires, who are not expected to shortly thereafter become a Vice President or above). The Compensation Committee has approved an Equity Grant Policy and equity award matrix that includes equity incentive ranges for employees based on title, job responsibilities, seniority and other factors. This matrix is reviewed and approved annually by the Compensation Committee. Each month, the Human Resources department prepares a proposed grant list and confirms that the proposed awards are consistent with the equity award matrix. The proposed award list is submitted to the Equity Award Committee at the first of the month. If approved by the Equity Award Committee by the second Tuesday of the month, then the awards are effective as of the second Tuesday of the month and the per share exercise price is set at the closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Stock Market on that grant date. If the Equity Award Committee's approval of the proposed list is not obtained by the second Tuesday of the month, then the proposed awards are carried over for consideration the following month.

#### Role of Executive Officers in Compensation Decisions

The Compensation Committee on occasion meets with our Chief Executive Officer, to obtain recommendations with respect to the compensation programs, practices and packages for the named executive officers (other than himself). At least annually, the Compensation Committee considers, but is not bound by and does not always accept, our Chief Executive Officer's recommendations for the named executive officers. These meetings typically occur in connection with a quarterly meeting of the Board or as part of a regularly scheduled Compensation Committee meeting. Recommendations with respect to equity award grants are made as part of our formal equity award grant process, pursuant to which management submits equity award recommendations to the Equity Award Committee (with respect only to new hires for employees whose position is below the level of Vice President) and/or the Compensation Committee.

Our Chief Executive Officer and our Corporate Secretary, regularly attend meetings of the Compensation Committee, but are excused from the meetings as appropriate when matters of executive compensation in which each may have a financial interest are discussed. In addition, other executives or employees sometimes attend the Compensation Committee's meetings, but they also leave the meetings as appropriate when matters of executive compensation are discussed. The Compensation Committee considers and discusses our Chief Executive Officer's compensation package — cash compensation as well as equity — without him present.

#### Role of Compensation Consultant

As noted, the Compensation Committee has engaged the compensation consulting firm Compensia on numerous occasions since 2007, with the most recent being in October 2014 to advise the Compensation Committee regarding the role of market data in the compensation determination process, provide a review of emerging trends and best practices in executive compensation, assess the competitiveness of Limelight's current executive compensation and provide considerations for the Compensation Committee. Compensia's May 2012, February 2013, and October 2014

executive compensation assessment reports and the advice and guidance provided by Compensia were sources of data for the Compensation Committee's analysis of our executive and non-executive employee compensation. The Compensia reports advised the Compensation Committee regarding the role of market data in the compensation determination process, provided a review of emerging trends and best practices in executive compensation, assessed the competitiveness of Limelight's current executive compensation and provided considerations for the Compensation Committee. Compensia's analyses included base salary, annual incentive bonus and equity awards for the surveyed group described below. Limelight's management team uses the Compensia data as a tool in making recommendations to the Compensation Committee on compensation adjustments that are consistent with Limelight's compensation philosophy, objectives and goals. Other than Compensia's periodic review of Board member and non-executive officer employee compensation, Compensia does not provide any additional services to Limelight. Compensia provided its services directly to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee assessed the independence of Compensia and concluded that its work has not raised any conflict of interest.

To compare our executive employee compensation program for fiscal 2014 to the market, Compensia surveyed technology companies that published their pay practices. The employers included in the survey are technology infrastructure, Internet/cloud/digital media, or software companies with annual revenue between \$50 to \$500 million that have employees with similar experience and education levels to Limelight's employees. In order to maintain competitiveness within the marketplace, Limelight considers this peer group data in determining its executive compensation. The companies surveyed in its May 2012 and February 2013 reports were Active Network, Blue Nile, Boingo Wireless, Cogent

Communications Group, Constant Contact, DealerTrack Holdings, Digital Generation (formerly DG FastChannel), Dialogic (formerly Veraz Networks), InterNAP Network Services, J2 Global Communications, Logmein, Neutral Tandem, Quinstreet, Responsys, Saba Software, Synchronoss Technologies, Taleo, ValueClick (acquired by Oracle), Web.com Group, and Websense. The companies surveyed in its October 2014 report included Boingo Wireless, Brightcove, BroadSoft, Carbonite, Digital River, Inteliquent, Internap Network Services, IntraLinks Holdings, LogMeIn, MobileIron, Rally Software, RingCentral, Support.com, and United Online.

Components of Compensation

The components of our executive officer compensation include:

- Base salary;
- Annual Incentive Bonus;
- Equity-based incentive awards;
- Severance and change of control protection;
- Retirement benefits provided under a 401(k) plan; and
- Generally available benefit programs.

We selected these components because we believe each is necessary to help us attract and retain the executive talent on which Limelight’s success depends. The Compensation Committee believes that this set of components is effective and will continue to be effective in achieving the objectives of our compensation program and philosophy. The Compensation Committee, however, will review these elements of compensation on occasion and will alter or add to the elements if it believes that changes will better achieve Limelight’s compensation objectives.

The Compensation Committee reviews the entire executive compensation program (other than retirement benefits under the 401(k) plan and generally available benefit programs) on at least an annual basis. However, the Compensation Committee at any time may review one or more components as necessary or appropriate to ensure such components remain competitive, appropriately designed to reward performance and aligned with our compensation philosophy and objectives. Additionally, the Compensation Committee considered the results of our last non-binding advisory stock holder vote on the compensation of our named executive officers in June 2014, commonly referred to as a say-on-pay proposal. Our stockholders approved the compensation of our named executive officers with approximately 79% of stockholder votes cast in favor of the 2014 say-on-pay proposal. We were mindful of the support our stockholders expressed for our named executive officer compensation programs and, as a result, we decided to retain our general approach to our executive compensation programs. We will hold such say-on-pay votes every three years, as approved by our stockholders in a non-binding advisory vote at our annual meeting in June 2014. We will hold another say-on-pay vote at our 2017 annual meeting.

In fiscal 2014, the use and weight of the executive compensation components were based on a subjective determination by the Compensation Committee of the importance of each component in meeting our overall compensation objectives. This included our incentive and retention needs, the need to align incentives with our stockholders’ interests, and our goal of staying competitive within the external job marketplace as evidenced by the Compensia survey noted above and by the general experience and knowledge of our Compensation Committee members. The Compensation Committee reviews the base salary, total cash compensation and equity compensation of our named executive officers relative to market comparables based on the data provided by Compensia, comparative market data provided by management, and the Committee members’ own experience and knowledge, and has moved these elements of compensation toward market averages. In fiscal 2014, the Compensation Committee considered market compensation data amongst our peers as follows, with total cash compensation generally aligning nearer the middle of the range and equity generally aligning nearer the upper end of the range:

Element of Compensation	Percentile
Base Salary	25th to 75th
Total Cash	25th to 75th
Equity	50th to 75th

Though the Compensation Committee considered this data, the Compensation Committee did not target a specific percentile in establishing executive compensation

Base Salary. Limelight provides base salary to its named executive officers and other employees to compensate them for services rendered on a day-to-day basis during the fiscal year.

In conjunction with our annual performance review process, the Compensation Committee reviews executive officer base salaries. During this process, the Chief Executive Officer will review the performance of the named executive officers (other than himself) and will report those findings to the Compensation Committee. A named executive officer's personal performance will be judged in part on whether our business

objectives are being met. In setting base salary, management and the Compensation Committee considers each named executive officer's experience, skills, knowledge, responsibilities and performance and Limelight's performance as a whole as well as the report and recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer. An assessment of a named executive officer's personal performance is qualitative, with much reliance on our Chief Executive Officer's subjective evaluation of a named executive officer's personal performance (other than his own personal performance) and the Compensation Committee's experience and knowledge regarding compensation matters. No specific weight is attributed to any of the factors considered by the Compensation Committee in setting base salary changes. For newly hired named executive officers, the Compensation Committee also considers the base salary of the individual at his or her prior employment and any unique personal circumstances that motivated the executive to leave that prior position and join Limelight. We will aim to keep salaries in line with the external job market. Increases over the prior year's base salary also will be considered within the context of our overall annual merit increase budget to ensure that any increases are fiscally prudent and feasible for us. The Compensation Committee does not apply specific formulas to determine increases. There is no process in setting these annual merit increase budgets other than the annual business planning process. For fiscal 2014, the Compensation Committee also considered general economic conditions and the risks such conditions posed to achievement of Limelight's financial performance targets for 2014.

During fiscal 2014, Messrs. Lento, Perrone, Maynard, and Vonderhaar did not receive an increase in base salary from fiscal 2013 because the Compensation Committee felt their current base salaries were appropriate given current market conditions. Their respective fiscal 2014 base salaries were \$475,000, \$325,000, \$281,216, and \$275,000. Mr. Malhotra commenced employment with Limelight in the first quarter 2014 and received a base salary of \$200,000. In determining these base salary levels, the Compensation Committee relied on the factors discussed above.

**Annual Incentive Cash Bonuses.** We have utilized cash bonuses to reward performance achievements and have in place annual target incentive bonuses for certain of our executive officers, payable either in whole or in part, depending on the extent to which the financial performance goals set by the Compensation Committee are achieved. For fiscal 2014, the target bonus amounts for Messrs. Lento, Perrone, Maynard, Malhotra, and Vonderhaar, were \$300,000, \$200,000, \$114,500, \$100,000, and \$200,000 respectively. The Compensation Committee did not change target bonus amounts from 2013 levels because the Compensation Committee felt current target levels were appropriate given the current market conditions. Bonuses in excess of the target bonus amounts could be earned for financial performance in excess of the targets established by the Compensation Committee under the 2014 Management Bonus Plan. Each participant in the 2014 Management Bonus Plan could earn between 0% and 200% of their target bonus depending upon the level of attainment or over-attainment of specified corporate performance goals discussed below.

Under the 2014 Management Bonus Plan, incentive bonuses for all of the participants, including the participating named executive officers, were to be determined based upon three measures of corporate financial performance that comprised 80% of the potential target payout, and one non-financial operational component that comprised 20% of the potential target. Specifically, corporate financial performance was measured against total revenue (40%), new customer revenue (20%), and combined revenue from the sale of Limelight's Orchestrate Performance and Orchestrate Cloud Storage service offerings (20%). The non-financial operational component of the 2014 Management Bonus Plan was the successful implementation of automated quote-to-cash systems (referred to internally as "Project Odyssey"). The Compensation Committee selected these performance goals because it believed that these measures aligned with the 2014 priorities for the business and reflect value generated for our stockholders, and therefore relying on these goals for the determination of the bonuses ties payment of bonuses to creation of stockholder value.

For each of the three financial performance components, the Compensation Committee established a floor, a target and a ceiling. With respect to the portion of the bonus based upon each performance criteria, the participating executive could earn between zero and 100% ratably based on attainment between the floor and the target, and between 100% and 200% ratably based on attainment between the target and the ceiling. The revenue floor, target and ceiling was \$156.8 million, \$165.0 million and \$173.3 million respectively. The new customer revenue floor, target and ceiling was \$6.0 million, \$7.7 million and \$11.0 million respectively. The combined revenue from the sale of Limelight's Orchestrate Performance and Orchestrate Cloud Storage service offerings floor, target and ceiling was \$19.8 million, \$24.7 million and \$29.6 million respectively.

For the one non-financial component (successful implementation of automated quote-to-cash systems), the participating executive could earn 100% based on attainment of the target, and between 100% and 200% ratably based on attainment between the target and the ceiling. Target achievement involved (i) implementation of the new billing system, service integration hub, and order management system (three core components, and collectively 50% of the non-financial component) and (ii) implementation of five (5) business use cases (each weighted 10%, and collectively 50% of the non-financial component). Over achievement of the non-financial component could be earned based on the implementation of one (1) to ten (10) business use cases (each weighted an additional 10% of the non-financial component) provided (i) the the non-financial component target has been met, and (ii) the additional ten (10) business use cases have been identified and approved in advance by the CEO. The Compensation Committee was responsible for determination of the attainment, or level of attainment, of the non-financial component and any over achievement thereof.

The table below illustrates the minimum, target and maximum bonus amounts potentially payable to the named executive officers in 2014 under the 2014 Management Bonus Plan:

Name	2014 Management Bonus Plan		
	Minimum	Target	Maximum
Lento	\$ 0	300,000	600,000
Perrone	0	200,000	400,000
Maynard	0	114,500	229,000
Vonderhaar	0	200,000	400,000
Malhotra(1)	0	100,000	200,000

(1) To be prorated for the portion of calendar year 2014 during which Mr. Malhotra was an employee of Limelight. The Compensation Committee believed that these targets presented achievable goals, but were not necessarily certain and depended upon successful execution of our business plan. Bonuses are reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee, which determined the performance and operational criteria necessary for award of such bonuses. The actual bonus amount earned by each participating executive is typically determined by the Compensation Committee based upon attainment of the performance criteria after Limelight's 2014 financial results were reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee of the Board. Although the Compensation Committee has the authority to exercise discretion in awarding bonus payment, such discretion was not exercised and the 2014 bonus amounts were awarded based solely upon the performance criteria formula described above. Applying the formula described herein to Limelight's 2014 financial performance, the Compensation Committee determined that this resulted in a payout of the bonus floor amount, or 85% of the total target amount for the 2014 Management Bonus Plan. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee authorized and approved a payment of annual cash bonuses to the 2014 Management Bonus Plan participants, including Limelight's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and other named executive officers. Messrs. Lento, Perrone, Maynard, Malhotra, and Vonderhaar received bonuses of \$255,000, \$170,000, \$97,325, \$63,750, and \$170,000, respectively, which represented approximately 54%, 52%, 35%, 41%, and 62% of salaries received in 2014, respectively.

Mr. Malhotra, who was hired during the first quarter of 2014, was also eligible pursuant to his employment agreement for a special performance bonus payable for achievement of performance goals established by the CFO and the CEO (the "Special Performance Bonus"). For 2014, the target Special Performance Bonus was \$200,000 and was based upon achievement or over-achievement of 2014 performance goals in the areas of facilities outsourcing, procurement system efficiencies, investor relations, and procurement cost savings. Mr. Malhotra's Special Performance Bonus for fiscal 2014 was \$302,440, which represented approximately 196% of salary received in 2014.

Long-Term Incentive Program. The principal goals of Limelight's long-term equity-based incentive program are to align the interests of named executive officers with Limelight's stockholders and to provide each named executive officer with a significant incentive to manage Limelight from the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the business. Another goal of the long-term equity-based incentive program is to provide a competitive overall compensation package that will enable us to attract and retain talented executives. The Compensation Committee believes that unvested equity awards are a key factor in motivating and retaining executive personnel, as well as incentivizing executive personnel to preserve the current value and grow the future value of Limelight's stock, thereby furthering the interests of Limelight's other stockholders. Equity-based awards granted during 2014 to our named executive officers were granted under our 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and were approved by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee typically intends to address annual refresh grants for the executive officers in the first fiscal quarter of each year. The Compensation Committee will, however, periodically consider equity award grants as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the objectives of the long-term incentive component of the overall executive compensation program. For example, the Board approved equity award grants to executive officers, including named executive officers, in the fourth quarter of 2014 that the Board intended would be in lieu of the equity award that it would have otherwise considered in the first quarter of fiscal 2015. Mr. Malhotra also received equity awards in connection with his new hire package.

The Compensation Committee determined the appropriate equity grant amounts to be awarded in fiscal 2014 to certain of its named executive officers to meet Limelight's attraction, retention and business objectives by reviewing and considering competitive market data, the number and value of each named executive officer's then current equity award holdings, including the number of unvested equity awards and exercise price and retentive value of unvested

stock options, each named executive officer's total compensation, each named executive officer's personal performance, the importance of each named executive officer's anticipated contributions to the development of long-term value creation and the Compensation Committee members' experience and knowledge with respect to equity compensation. In determining the appropriate equity grant amounts, management and the Compensation Committee subjectively considered each named executive officer's experience, skills, knowledge, responsibilities and performance and Limelight's performance as a whole. There is no specific weight given to any one of these elements of personal performance nor are there particular metrics associated with any one of these elements of personal performance. Rather than measuring each named executive officer's personal performance against formal personal performance goals or elements, we rely on the Chief Executive Officer's subjective evaluation of each named executive officer's personal performance (other than himself) and the Compensation Committee's experience and knowledge regarding compensation matters to evaluate the personal performance of the named executive officers and to determine appropriate compensation for such officers. The Compensation Committee also relied, in part, on peer group compensation data and extant equity award valuation analyses provided by Compensia in determining the appropriate equity grant amounts awarded in fiscal 2014 to certain of its named executive officers. Based on these factors, the Compensation Committee authorized and approved the following long-term incentive program awards described herein during 2014:



On February 18, 2014, the Compensation Committee awarded 140,000 restricted stock units and 200,000 stock options to Mr. Vonderhaar, and 110,000 restricted stock units and 165,000 stock options to Mr. Maynard respectively, pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the restricted stock units vested on March 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on June 1, 2015, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each September, December, March, and June thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on February 18, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth (1/36<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options vested on the 18th day of March, 2015 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. The sizes of the grants for Messrs. Vonderhaar and Maynard were determined based on the factors listed above.

On March 24, 2014, in connection with Limelight's hiring of Mr. Malhotra, Limelight issued Mr. Malhotra 200,000 restricted stock units, and then granted him 200,000 stock options on May 9, 2014, pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-sixteenth (1/16<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units vested March 24, 2015, and an additional one-sixteenth (1/16<sup>th</sup>) vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March thereafter, provided Mr. Malhotra continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-quarter (1/4<sup>th</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on March 24, 2015, and one-forty-eighth (1/48<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options will vest on April 24, 2015 and will vest on the 24th day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (four years), provided Mr. Malhotra continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. The sizes of Mr. Malhotra's grants were determined based on the factors listed above as well as the arm's length negotiations between the parties.

On November 13, 2014, the Compensation Committee awarded 242,000, 89,000, 84,000, 53,000, and 68,000 restricted stock units and 359,000, 133,000, 125,000, 78,000, and 102,000 stock options to Messrs. Lento, Perrone, Vonderhaar, Maynard, and Malhotra respectively, pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on December 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on March 1, 2016, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March, thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option will vest on December 1, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth (1/36<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options vested on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. The sizes of the grants for Messrs. Lento, Perrone, Vonderhaar, Maynard, and Malhotra were determined based on the factors listed above.

With respect to non-named executive officers, equity award grants are generally made within grant guidelines established by the Compensation Committee, in consultation with management, based on job grade, job title, responsibility level, seniority level or other factors, which may include the competitive hiring marketplace. Customarily, the Compensation Committee considers annual equity awards for employees other than named executive officers in the first quarter each year. With respect to the named executive officers, the Chief Executive Officer makes recommendations on such guidelines and the named executive officer's actual grants. The grant guidelines assist us in keeping equity grants within the budgeted grant pool approved by the Compensation Committee, and thereby efficiently managing the available equity pool and its overhang.

The Compensation Committee will determine the size of long-term, equity-based incentives based on each named executive officer's position within Limelight and will seek to set a level that will create a meaningful opportunity for stock ownership and will motivate each named executive officer to remain in Limelight's service. In addition, in determining the size of a named executive officer's equity grant, the Compensation Committee will take into account an individual's recent performance, as well as the factors discussed below. The Compensation Committee has not formalized the process by which it will take an individual's performance or other factors into account, but may do so in

the future.

In reviewing and analyzing the appropriate amount and type of equity awards to be granted, the Compensation Committee also may review the following factors:

- The number of equity awards granted to an individual in a given role or position;
- The number and mix of equity awards previously granted and currently held;
- The individual's vested and unvested equity award positions, and the exercise price of stock options in relation to the then current market value;
- The individual's total compensation package; and
- A comparison of the individual's existing equity awards and total compensation to similar positions in selected technology companies.

The Compensation Committee views these factors as the important motivators to retain and attract key management talent.

On a total company basis, when appropriate, the Compensation Committee also analyzes:

- The number of shares used by Limelight during the year with respect to new equity awards (i.e., burn rates);
- The number of shares subject to outstanding equity awards relative to the total number of shares issued and outstanding (i.e., issued equity overhang); and
- The number of shares subject to outstanding equity awards and available for future grants relative to the total number of shares issued and outstanding (i.e., total equity overhang).

The Compensation Committee believes that analyzing the above factors allows it to assess whether granting additional awards to the named executive officers is prudent based on the pool of shares we have available for grants to all of its service providers and to take into consideration the impact on the dilution of stockholder interests and overhang.

**Equity Award Practices.** We may grant a mix of options and restricted stock units in situations where the compensation philosophy and objectives would be best met by doing so. In prior years, our equity awards extended to most employees. Beginning in 2009, we concentrated equity awards among those positions with the greater opportunity to affect our financial performance and intend to continue this practice. The vesting schedules applied to equity awards, usually three or four years, provide both a strong retention tool and also balances each executive's focus on our short term and long term goals.

Prior to September 2007, the effective grant date for all equity awards to our named executive officers was the date on which the Compensation Committee or the Board of Directors approved the grant. Historically, this was accomplished through actions by unanimous written consent. In September 2007, our Board of Directors adopted a policy providing for approval of equity awards in advance of a future effective grant date. Limelight follows this granting policy as a best practice approach recommended by outside counsel to ensure all equity awards comply with laws and regulations. All stock options granted to the named executive officers have a per share exercise price equal to the fair market value of Limelight's common stock on the grant date.

**Stock Ownership Guidelines.** At this time, the Board of Directors has not adopted stock ownership guidelines with respect to the named executive officers or otherwise.

Limelight has an insider trading policy that prohibits, among other things, short sales, hedging of stock ownership positions, and transactions involving derivative securities relating to Limelight's common stock. In addition, from time to time, named executive officers enter into Rule 10b5-1 trading plans; however, none were in place during fiscal 2014.

#### **Employment Agreements, Severance and Change of Control Benefits**

**Employment Agreements.** Limelight has written employment agreements with certain executive officers, including each of its named executive officers. Each agreement provides that the executive's employment with Limelight is "at-will" and may be terminated at any time by either party, either with or without cause, upon written notice to the other party. Depending upon the circumstances of the executive's termination, the executive may be entitled to severance benefits or change of control benefits. Please see "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control" below for further information on severance or change of control benefits.

In December 2008, the employment agreement for each then-current named executive officer (Mr. Maynard) was amended to bring each agreement into compliance with the rules and regulations under section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

On January 22, 2013, Limelight entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Lento to become our President and Chief Executive Officer. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Lento's employment agreement, Mr. Lento's annual salary for 2014 was \$475,000. Mr. Lento's salary is subject to annual review. Mr. Lento is eligible to receive an annual cash incentive bonus payable based on achievement of performance goals established by our Compensation Committee. For calendar year 2014, Mr. Lento's annual target incentive bonus was \$300,000. The earned annual cash incentive bonus payable to Mr. Lento depended upon the extent to which the applicable performance goals were achieved. Mr. Lento's actual paid bonus for 2014 was \$255,000. Limelight also issued Mr. Lento 242,000 restricted stock units and 359,000 stock options in 2014 pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third (1/3<sup>d</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on December 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on March 1, 2016, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March, thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided Mr. Lento continues to be a Service Provider

through each such vesting date. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option will vest on December 1, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth (1/36<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options vested on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided Mr. Lento continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. If Mr. Lento relocates his principle residence, then Limelight will reimburse Mr. Lento for customary and reasonable relocation expenses actually incurred (subject to the reasonable approval of the Compensation Committee) including the cost of moving his family's personal possessions and real estate brokerage fees paid by Mr. Lento in connection with the sale of his current residence if he chooses to sell that property within the first two years of the employment term. Mr. Lento's employment agreement further provides that Limelight will reimburse Mr. Lento for certain expenses for reasonable travel (including business or first class airfare), entertainment and other business expenses, including professional association fees, and actual, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by him in connection with the review and negotiation of the employment agreement, not to exceed \$5,000 dollars.

On July 23, 2013, Limelight entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Perrone to become our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Perrone's employment agreement, Mr. Perrone's annual salary for 2014 was \$325,000. Mr. Perrone's salary is subject to annual review. Mr. Perrone is eligible to receive an annual cash incentive bonus payable based on achievement of performance goals established by our Compensation Committee. For calendar year 2014, Mr. Perrone's annual target incentive bonus was \$200,000. The earned annual cash incentive bonus payable to Mr. Perrone depended upon the extent to which the applicable performance goals were achieved. Mr. Perrone's prorated actual paid bonus for 2014 was \$170,000. Limelight also issued Mr. Perrone 89,000 restricted stock units and 133,000 stock options in 2014 pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on December 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on March 1, 2016, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March, thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided Mr. Perrone continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option will vest on December 1, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth (1/36<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options vested on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided Mr. Perrone continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. Limelight will reimburse Mr. Perrone for certain expenses for reasonable travel (including business or first class airfare), entertainment and other business expenses, including professional association fees, and actual, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by him in connection with the review and negotiation of the employment agreement, not to exceed \$5,000 dollars.

On October 16, 2007, Limelight entered into an employment agreement with Philip C. Maynard, our then Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Maynard's employment agreement, amended December 30, 2008, Mr. Maynard's annual salary for 2009 was \$250,000, which was an increase from his 2008 annual salary of \$225,000. Mr. Maynard's salary is subject to annual review, and during fiscal 2014, Mr. Maynard's annual salary was \$281,216. Mr. Maynard is eligible to receive an annual cash incentive bonus payable based on achievement of performance goals established by our Compensation Committee. During calendar year 2014, Mr. Maynard's target annual incentive bonus was \$114,500. The earned annual cash incentive bonus payable to Mr. Maynard depended upon the extent to which the applicable performance goals were achieved. Mr. Maynard's actual paid bonus for 2014 was \$97,325. Limelight issued Mr. Maynard 110,000 restricted stock units and 165,000 stock options on February 18, 2014 pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third (1/3<sup>d</sup>) of the restricted stock units vested on March 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on June 1, 2015, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each September, December, March, and June thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided Mr. Maynard continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on February 18, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth (1/36<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options vested on the 18th day of March, 2015 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided Mr. Maynard continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. Limelight issued Mr. Maynard 53,000 restricted stock units and 78,000 stock options November 13, 2014 pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on December 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on March 1, 2016, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March, thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided Mr. Maynard continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option will vest on December 1, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth (1/36<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options vested on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided Mr. Maynard continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. Mr. Maynard's employment agreement provides that Limelight will reimburse Mr. Maynard for reasonable travel, entertainment and other expenses incurred by him in furtherance of the performance of his employment duties.

On January 22, 2013, Limelight entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Vonderhaar to become our Senior Vice President and Chief Sales Officer. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Vonderhaar's employment agreement, Mr. Vonderhaar's annual salary for 2014 was \$275,000. Mr. Vonderhaar's salary is subject to annual review. Mr. Vonderhaar is eligible to receive an annual cash incentive bonus payable based on achievement of performance

goals established by our Compensation Committee. For calendar year 2014, Mr. Vonderhaar's annual target incentive bonus was \$200,000. The earned annual cash incentive bonus payable to Mr. Vonderhaar depended upon the extent to which the applicable performance goals were achieved. Mr. Vonderhaar's actual paid bonus for 2014 was \$170,000. Limelight issued Mr. Vonderhaar 140,000 restricted stock units and 200,000 stock options on February 18, 2014 pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of the restricted stock units vested on March 1, 2015, one-twelfth ( $1/12^{\text{th}}$ ) of the restricted stock units will vest on June 1, 2015, and an additional one-twelfth ( $1/12^{\text{th}}$ ) will vest on the first day of each September, December, March, and June thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided Mr. Vonderhaar continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on February 18, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth ( $1/36^{\text{th}}$ ) of the stock options vested on the 18th day of March, 2015 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided Mr. Vonderhaar continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. Limelight issued Mr. Vonderhaar 84,000 restricted stock units and 125,000 stock options November 13, 2014 pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of the restricted stock units will vest on December 1, 2015, one-twelfth ( $1/12^{\text{th}}$ ) of the restricted stock units will vest on March 1, 2016, and an additional one-twelfth ( $1/12^{\text{th}}$ ) will vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March, thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided Mr. Vonderhaar continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of the shares subject to the stock option will vest on December 1, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth ( $1/36^{\text{th}}$ ) of the stock options vested on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided Mr. Vonderhaar continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. Limelight will reimburse Mr. Vonderhaar for certain expenses for reasonable travel, entertainment and other business expenses, including professional association fees, and actual, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by him in connection with the review and negotiation of the employment agreement, not to exceed \$2,500 dollars.

On March 24, 2014, Limelight entered into an employment agreement with Sajid Malhotra, our Senior Vice President, Strategy, Facilities, Investor Relations & Procurement. Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Malhotra's employment agreement, Mr. Malhotra's annual salary for 2014 was \$200,000. Mr. Malhotra was eligible to receive an annual cash incentive bonus payable based on achievement of performance goals established by our Compensation Committee. For 2014, Mr. Malhotra's annual target incentive bonus was \$100,000 to be prorated for the portion of 2014 during which Mr. Malhotra was an employee. Mr. Malhotra's actual paid bonus for 2014 was \$63,750, which was prorated for the time that he was an employee during fiscal 2014. Mr. Malhotra, who was hired during the first quarter of 2014, was also eligible for a special performance bonus payable for achievement of performance goals established by the CFO and the CEO (the "Special Performance Bonus"). For 2014, the Special Performance Bonus was paid based upon attainment of 2014 performance goals in the areas of facilities outsourcing, procurement system efficiencies, investor relations, and procurement cost savings. Mr. Malhotra's Special Performance Bonus for fiscal 2014 was \$302,440. On March 24, 2014, Limelight issued Mr. Malhotra 200,000 restricted stock units, and then granted him 200,000 stock options on May 9, 2014, pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-sixteenth (1/16th) of the restricted stock units vested March 24, 2015, and an additional one-sixteenth (1/16th) vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March thereafter, provided Mr. Malhotra continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-quarter (1/4th) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on March 24, 2015, and one-forty-eighth (1/48th) of the stock options will vest on April 24, 2015 and will vest on the 24th day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (four years), provided Mr. Malhotra continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. Limelight issued Mr. Malhotra 68,000 restricted stock units and 102,000 stock options November 13, 2014 pursuant to Limelight's 2007 Equity Award Incentive Plan. One-third (1/3<sup>d</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on December 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on March 1, 2016, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March, thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided Mr. Malhotra continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option will vest on December 1, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth (1/36<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options vested on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided Mr. Malhotra continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date. Mr. Malhotra's employment agreement provided that Limelight will reimburse Mr. Malhotra for reasonable travel, entertainment and other business expenses, including professional association fees, incurred by him in furtherance of the performance of his employment duties. The terms "cause" and "change of control" are used substantially consistently among the employment agreements with the named executive officers. Generally, the term "cause" or "for cause" means termination of employment as a result of:

- Acts or omissions constituting gross negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct on the part of an executive with respect to his or her obligations under the employment agreement or otherwise relating to the business of Limelight;
- Repeated or habitual neglect of executive's duties or responsibilities that continues after notice of such neglect, or failure or refusal to carry-out the legitimate assignments given by the Chief Executive Officer or the Board;
- Any act of personal dishonesty in connection with his or her responsibilities as an employee of Limelight with the intention or reasonable expectation that such action may result in substantial personal enrichment;
- Executive's conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony that the Board reasonably believes has had or will have a material detrimental effect on Limelight's reputation or business;
- A breach of any fiduciary duty owed to Limelight by executive that has a material detrimental effect on Limelight's reputation or business;
- Executive being found liable in any Securities and Exchange Commission or other civil or criminal securities law action or entering any cease and desist order with respect to such action (regardless of whether or not executive admits or denies liability);
- Executive (A) obstructing or impeding; (B) endeavoring to obstruct, impede or improperly influence; or (C) failing to materially cooperate with, any investigation authorized by the Board or any governmental or self-regulatory entity (an "Investigation"). However, executive's failure to waive attorney-client privilege

relating to communications with executive's own attorney in connection with an Investigation will not constitute "cause"; or

Executive's disqualification or bar by any governmental or self-regulatory authority from serving in the capacity contemplated by his or her employment agreement or executive's loss of any governmental or

- self-regulatory license that is reasonably necessary for executive to perform his or her responsibilities to Limelight under the employment agreement, if (A) the disqualification, bar or loss continues for more than 30 days, and (B) during that period Limelight uses its good faith efforts to cause the disqualification or bar to be lifted or the license replaced.

Generally, the term "change of control" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

The consummation by Limelight of a merger or consolidation with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of Limelight outstanding immediately

- prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity) more than 50% of the total voting power represented by the voting securities of Limelight or such surviving entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation;



- The approval by the stockholders of Limelight, or if stockholder approval is not required, approval by the Board, of a plan of complete liquidation of Limelight or an agreement for the sale or disposition by Limelight of all or substantially all of Limelight's assets; or
- Any "person" (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act), other than Goldman Sachs & Co and its related funds and entities, becoming the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under said Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of Limelight representing 50% or more of the total voting power represented by Limelight's then outstanding voting securities.

The term "in connection with a change of control" generally means a termination of executive's employment within three months prior to the execution of an agreement that results in a change of control or twelve months following a change of control.

**Severance Benefits.** Limelight believes that providing severance benefits for the named executive officers is necessary to attract and retain executive talent, and is accordingly consistent with our compensation philosophy and objectives. Severance benefits for the named executive officers is also appropriate as we believe that it is likely that an executive who is relieved of position without cause may require an extended period of time to obtain similar employment. The employment agreements between Limelight and each named executive officer provide generally that if the executive is terminated without cause (and the termination is not in connection with a change of control) then the executive is entitled to the following severance benefits: (i) continued payment of executive's base salary for twelve months, (ii) actual, earned cash bonus for the year in which termination occurred prorated to the date of termination (or 1 year target bonus), and (iii) reimbursement for premiums paid for continued health benefits for the executive and eligible dependents under the Limelight health plans until the earlier of twelve months after termination or until executive and eligible dependents are covered under another health insurance program. Also, in accordance with Mr. Maynard's transition and consulting agreement entered into during 2015, Limelight approved continued vesting of restricted stock units and stock options for Mr. Maynard through September 30, 2015. Payment of severance benefits is conditioned on the executive making certain covenants with Limelight as described below under "Material Conditions to or Obligations of Severance" in the "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control" section below.

If a named executive officer voluntarily resigns his employment or his employment is terminated for cause, then the named executive officer is entitled generally only to compensation earned through the date of termination. More particularly, the named executive officer would be entitled to his base salary through the date of termination, and unpaid but earned and accrued annual bonus for a fiscal year completed prior to the termination of employment. All further vesting of outstanding equity awards would also cease as of the date of termination.

In the event a name executive officer's employment is terminated due to death or disability, then twenty-five (25%) percent of the executive's then outstanding unvested equity awards would vest.

**Change of Control Benefits.** Limelight believes that providing certain benefits for the named executive officers in connection with a change of control is necessary to attract and retain executive talent. Further, Limelight believes that change of control arrangements are an important part of overall compensation for the named executive officers because they will assist Limelight in maximizing stockholder value by allowing executives to participate in an objective review of any proposed transaction and whether such proposal is in the best interest of the stockholders, notwithstanding any concern the executive might have regarding the executive's continued employment prior to or following a change in control or other personal financial interest.

The employment agreements between Limelight and each named executive officer provide generally that, in the event of a change of control, fifty percent (50%) of each executive's then unvested equity awards will vest. In the case of Mr. Lento, such accelerated vesting will be applied in reverse order such that the Equity Awards with the latest vesting date first become non-forfeitable, provided that there remain at least six months of vesting term after application of the reverse order vesting. Further, if the executive is terminated or resigns for good reason in connection with a change of control then the executive is entitled to the following change in control benefits: (i) continued payment of executive's base salary for twelve months, (ii) 100% of the executive's target cash bonus for the year in which termination occurred, (iii) accelerated vesting of all outstanding, unvested equity awards, and (iv) reimbursement for premiums paid for continued health benefits for the executive and eligible dependents under the Limelight health plans until the earlier of twelve months after termination or until executive is covered under another health insurance program. In

addition to these four benefits, Mr. Vonderhaar will also receive the actual earned cash incentive, if any, payable to him for the year the termination occurred, prorated to the date of termination. Payment of change of control benefits is conditioned on the executive making certain covenants with Limelight as described below under “Material Conditions to or Obligations of Severance” in the “Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control” section below. The tables below show the potential payments and benefits each of the named executive officers would be entitled to receive in the event of a change of control or if each such officer’s employment had been terminated under the following circumstances as of December 31, 2014. Due to a number of factors that affect the nature and amount of any potential payments or benefits, any actual payments and benefits may be different.

## Potential Payments Upon Change of Control

Name(1)	Severance Salary (\$)	Severance Bonus (\$)	Acceleration of Unvested Equity Awards (\$)(1)	Health and Welfare Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Robert A. Lento	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,134,105	\$ —	\$1,134,105
Peter J. Perrone	—	—	708,517	—	708,517
Philip C. Maynard	—	—	320,158	—	320,158
George Vonderhaar	—	—	567,803	—	567,803
Sajid Malhotra	—	—	471,410	—	471,410

(1) Valuation of acceleration of unvested equity awards equal fifty percent (50%) of unvested restricted stock units and fifty percent (50%) of unvested non-qualified stock options with an exercise price less than the \$2.77 per share closing price of Limelight Networks common stock on December 31, 2014, held by Messrs. Lento, Perrone, Maynard, Vonderhaar, and Malhotra.

## Potential Payments Upon Termination Without Cause or Resignation for Good Reason in Connection with a Change of Control

Name	Severance Salary (\$)	Severance Bonus (\$)	Acceleration of Unvested Equity Awards (\$)(1)	Health and Welfare Benefits (\$)(2)	Total (\$)(3)
Robert A. Lento	\$ 475,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 2,268,210	\$ 16,724	\$3,059,934
Peter J. Perrone	325,000	200,000	1,417,035	17,081	1,959,116
Philip C. Maynard	281,216	114,500	640,315	13,511	1,049,542
George Vonderhaar(4)	275,000	400,000	1,135,605	16,335	1,826,940
Sajid Malhotra	200,000	300,000	942,820	18,546	1,461,366

(1) Valuation of acceleration of unvested equity awards is equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the unvested restricted stock units and one hundred percent (100%) of unvested non-qualified stock options with an exercise price less than the \$2.77 per share closing price of Limelight Networks common stock on December 31, 2014, held by held by Messrs. Lento, Perrone, Maynard, Vonderhaar, and Malhotra.

(2) Health and welfare benefits are calculated using the monthly COBRA cost of medical, dental and vision insurance elected by the named executive during the year, multiplied by the number of months that coverage would be provided pursuant to the named executive officer's employment agreement.

(3) Depending upon applicable law, a departing employee may be eligible to be paid for accrued but unused vacation time banked prior to termination of employment. As of January 1, 2013, Limelight replaced its traditional fixed PTO policy with a flexible PTO policy for U.S.-based, regular, full-time, exempt employees, which include Limelight's named executive officers. As a result of this change, Limelight no longer accrues vacation time.

(4) In addition to receiving 100% of the executive's target cash bonus for the year in which termination occurred, Mr. Vonderhaar will also receive the actual earned cash incentive, if any, payable to him for the year the termination occurred, prorated to the date of termination. This table assumes actual earned cash incentive for the year at target level.

## Potential Payments Upon Termination Without Cause or Resignation for Good Reason Not in Connection with a Change of Control

Name	Total (\$)(3)
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	Severance Salary (\$)	Severance Bonus (\$)(1)	Acceleration of Unvested Equity Awards (\$)	Health and Welfare Benefits (\$)(2)	
Robert A. Lento	\$ 475,000	\$ 300,000	\$ —	\$ 16,724	\$ 791,724
Peter J. Perrone	325,000	200,000	—	17,081	542,081
Philip C. Maynard	281,216	114,500	—	13,511	409,227
George Vonderhaar	275,000	200,000	—	16,335	491,335
Sajid Malhotra	200,000	300,000	—	18,546	518,546

(1) This assumes actual earned cash incentive for the year at target level.

(2) Health and welfare benefits are calculated using the monthly COBRA cost of medical, dental and vision insurance elected by the named executive during the year, multiplied by the number of months that coverage would be provided pursuant to the named executive officer's employment agreement.

(3) Depending upon applicable law, a departing employee may be eligible to be paid for accrued but unused vacation time banked prior to termination of employment.

As of January 1, 2013, Limelight replaced its traditional fixed PTO policy with a flexible PTO policy for U.S.-based, regular, full-time, exempt employees, which include Limelight's named executive officers. As a result of this change, Limelight no longer accrues vacation time.

Material Conditions to or Obligations of Severance. The receipt of severance or change of control benefits is conditioned upon the named executive officer delivering and not revoking a separation agreement and general release of claims substantially in a form prescribed by Limelight. Further, the executive must agree that for a two year period following his or her termination that executive will not (i) solicit any Limelight

employee (sometimes excepting the executive's personal administrative assistant) for employment other than with Limelight, and (ii) engage in competition with, or have an ownership interest in a business that competes with, Limelight.

Retirement Benefits under the 401(k) Plan, Executive Perquisites, and Generally Available Benefit Programs. In fiscal 2014, named executive officers were eligible to participate in the health and welfare programs that are generally available to other Limelight employees, including medical, dental, vision, group life, short-term and long-term disability and supplemental insurance.

We also maintain a tax-qualified 401(k) plan, which is broadly available to Limelight's general U.S. based employee population. Under the 401(k) plan, all of our employees are eligible to participate. We provide a matching contribution as follows: a dollar-for-dollar (100%) match on an eligible employee's deferral that does not exceed three percent (3%) of compensation for the year and a fifty percent (50%) match on the next two percent (2%) of the employee's deferrals. We do not provide defined benefit pension plans or defined contribution retirement plans to our executive officers or other employees other than (i) the 401(k) plan or (ii) as required in certain countries other than the United States for legal or competitive reasons.

The 401(k) plan and other generally available benefit programs allow us to remain competitive, and we believe that the availability of such benefit programs enhances employee loyalty and productivity. The benefit programs are primarily intended to provide all eligible employees with competitive and quality healthcare, financial protection for retirement and enhanced health and productivity. These benefit programs typically do not factor into decisions regarding executive compensation packages.

Accounting and Tax Considerations. In our review and establishment of compensation programs and payments for fiscal 2014, we considered, but did not place great emphasis on, the anticipated accounting and tax treatment of our compensation programs and payments by us for our executive officers. While we may consider accounting and tax treatment in the future, these factors alone are not dispositive. Among other factors that receive greater consideration are the net costs to us and our ability to effectively administer executive compensation in the short- and long-term interests of stockholders under a proposed compensation arrangement.

Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m) limits the amount that we may deduct for compensation paid to our Chief Executive Officer and to each of our four most highly compensated officers to \$1,000,000 per person, unless certain exemption requirements are met. Exemptions to this deductibility limit may be made for various forms of "performance-based" compensation. Under certain regulations, compensation arising from options and restricted stock units that meet certain requirements will not be subject to the \$1,000,000 cap on deductibility, and in the past we have granted equity awards that we believe met those requirements. While the Compensation Committee cannot predict how the deductibility limit may impact our compensation program in future years, the Compensation Committee intends to maintain an approach to executive compensation that strongly links pay to performance. While the Compensation Committee has not adopted a formal policy regarding tax deductibility of compensation paid to our Chief Executive Officer and our four most highly compensated officers, the Compensation Committee intends to consider tax deductibility under Rule 162(m) as a factor in compensation decisions.

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 409A imposes additional significant taxes in the event that an executive officer, director or service provider receives "deferred compensation" that does not satisfy the requirements of Section 409A. Although Limelight does not maintain a traditional nonqualified deferred compensation plan, Section 409A does apply to certain severance arrangements and equity awards. Consequently, to assist in avoiding additional tax under Section 409A, Limelight amended its employment agreements with its named executive officers in December 2008, including the severance arrangements described in this proxy statement, to conform to the requirements of Section 409A. Further Limelight intends to structure its equity awards in a manner to either avoid the application of Section 409A or, to the extent doing so is not possible, comply with the applicable Section 409A requirements.

Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Beginning on January 1, 2006, we began accounting for stock-based awards in accordance with the requirements of Financial Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation — Stock Compensation.



## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS

## Executive Compensation Tables

The following table sets forth information regarding the compensation to each of the individuals who served as our principal executive officer and principal financial officer and the three other most highly compensated executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. We refer to these executive officers as our named executive officers.

## Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards \$(1)	Option Awards \$(1)	Non-Equity		Total (\$)
						Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)(2)	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(i)	(j)
Robert A. Lento Chief Executive Officer and Director	2014	475,000	—	650,980	578,744	255,000	20,107	1,979,831
	2013	488,611 (3)	—	1,695,000	3,057,200	181,500	16,753	5,439,064
	2012	90,000	—	133,500	283,425	—	5,000	511,925
Peter J. Perrone Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	2014	325,000	—	239,410	214,409	170,000	20,419	969,238
	2013	120,833	—	913,500	1,386,500	55,000	8,624	2,484,457
George Vonderhaar Senior Vice President, Chief Sales Officer	2014	275,000	—	553,560	482,233	170,000	17,677	1,498,470
	2013	245,914	—	452,000	382,150	121,000	18,115	1,219,179
Philip C. Maynard Former Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary(4)	2014	281,216	—	399,970	357,338	97,325	17,866	1,153,715
	2013	281,216	—	—	—	75,570	19,552	376,338
	2012	270,400	17,500 (5)	300,600	300,675	117,757	22,746	1,029,678
Sajid Malhotra Senior Vice President of Strategy, Facilities, Investor Relations, and Procurement(6)	2014	154,615	302,440(7)	638,920	413,794	63,750	14,194	1,587,713

These amounts represent the grant date fair value for each of the Stock Awards (restricted stock units) and Option Awards (stock options) granted to our named executive officers in 2014 and in prior years, computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, except that, in accordance with applicable SEC rules and guidance, Limelight has disregarded estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. The amounts included in the (1) Stock Awards column for any performance-based restricted stock units are calculated based on the probable satisfaction of the performance conditions for such awards at the time of grant. A discussion of the assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts for awards granted in 2014, 2013 and 2012 are included in Note 15 “Share-Based Compensation” in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included within Limelight’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Represents, among other things, amounts paid for health and life insurance for the employee and the employee's family members for each of the named executive officers, company matches on 401(k) accounts, attorneys' fees (2) associated with the negotiation of employment contracts for Messrs. Lento, Perrone, Vonderhaar, and Malhotra, and tax gross-up payment for taxes due on the imputed income associated with attendance of Limelight's 2012 Founders' Circle event for Mr. Maynard.

Mr. Lento received a monthly salary for his service as interim CEO until he was appointed permanent CEO in (3) January 2013, at which time his annual salary became \$475,000.

(4) Mr. Maynard retired from Limelight on March 31, 2015.

Reflects discretionary recognition cash bonuses approved by the Compensation Committee on July 13, 2012 to (5) individuals who were instrumental in the establishment, maintenance and success of the Gaikai Inc. transaction and relationship.

(6) Mr. Malhotra commenced employment with Limelight in March 2014.

(7) Pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. Malhotra received a special performance bonus for achievement of 2014 performance goals.



Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2014

The following table provides information regarding grants of plan based awards to each of our named executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (1)			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise Price of Option Awards (\$/sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(2)
		Threshold (\$)(1)	Target (\$)(d)	Maximum (\$)(e)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
Robert A. Lento	02/19/14	0	300,000	600,000	—	—	—	—
Robert A. Lento	11/13/14	—	—	—	242,000 (4)	—	—	650,980
Robert A. Lento	11/13/14	—	—	—	—	359,000 (5)	2.69	578,744
Peter J. Perrone	02/19/14	0	200,000	400,000	—	—	—	—
Peter J. Perrone	11/13/14	—	—	—	89,000 (4)	—	—	239,410
Peter J. Perrone	11/13/14	—	—	—	—	133,000 (5)	2.69	214,409
George Vonderhaar	02/19/14	0	200,000	400,000	—	—	—	—
George Vonderhaar	02/18/14	—	—	—	140,000 (6)	—	—	327,600
George Vonderhaar	02/18/14	—	—	—	—	200,000 (7)	2.34	280,720
George Vonderhaar	11/13/14	—	0	0	84,000 (4)	—	—	225,960
George Vonderhaar	11/13/14	—	0	0	—	125,000 (5)	2.69	201,513
Philip C. Maynard	02/19/14	0	114,500	229,000	—	—	—	—
Philip C. Maynard	02/18/14	—	—	—	110,000 (6)	—	—	257,400
Philip C. Maynard	02/18/14	—	—	—	—	165,000 (7)	2.34	231,594
Philip C. Maynard	11/13/14	—	—	—	53,000 (4)	—	—	142,570
Philip C. Maynard	11/13/14	—	—	—	—	78,000 (5)	2.69	125,744
Sajid Malhotra(3)	03/24/14	0	100,000	200,000	—	—	—	—
Sajid Malhotra	03/24/14	—	—	—	200,000 (8)	—	—	456,000
Sajid Malhotra	05/09/14	—	—	—	—	200,000 (9)	2.04	249,360
Sajid Malhotra	11/13/14	—	—	—	68,000 (4)	—	—	182,920
Sajid Malhotra	11/13/14	—	—	—	—	102,000 (5)	2.69	164,434

(1) Amounts represent participation in the 2014 Management Bonus Plan (the “Plan”). See the Summary Compensation Table for actual non-equity incentive amounts earned.

These amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value for Option Awards and the aggregate service date fair value of Stock Awards, each computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, as the case may be excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures. A discussion of the assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 15 “Share-Based Compensation” in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included within Limelight’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

(3)

During 2014, Mr. Malhotra joined Limelight. He became eligible to receive an annual incentive bonus for calendar year 2014. The actual earned annual cash incentive for 2014 was prorated for the portion of calendar year 2014 during which Mr. Malhotra was an employee of Limelight.

(4) One-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of the restricted stock units will vest on December 1, 2015, one-twelfth ( $1/12^{\text{th}}$ ) of the restricted stock units will vest on March 1, 2016, and an additional one-twelfth ( $1/12^{\text{th}}$ ) will vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(5) One-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of the shares subject to the stock option will vest on December 1, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth ( $1/36^{\text{th}}$ ) of the stock options vested on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(6) One-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of the restricted stock units vested on March 1, 2015, one-twelfth ( $1/12^{\text{th}}$ ) of the restricted stock units will vest on June 1, 2015, and an additional one-twelfth ( $1/12^{\text{th}}$ ) will vest on the first day of each September, December, March, and June thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(7) One-third ( $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ ) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on February 18, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth ( $1/36^{\text{th}}$ ) of the stock options vested on the 18th day of March, 2015 and will vest on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(8) One-sixteenth ( $1/16^{\text{th}}$ ) of the restricted stock units vested March 24, 2015, and an additional one-sixteenth ( $1/16^{\text{th}}$ ) vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March thereafter, provided Mr. Malhotra continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(9) One-quarter ( $1/4^{\text{th}}$ ) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on March 24, 2015, and one-forty-eighth ( $1/48^{\text{th}}$ ) of the stock options will vest on April 24, 2015 and will vest on the 24th day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (four years), provided Mr. Malhotra continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

Outstanding Equity Awards at 2014 Fiscal Year-End

The following table presents certain information concerning the outstanding option and restricted stock, and restricted stock unit awards held as of December 31, 2014 by each named executive officer. The Market Values below are based on the reported closing market price of Limelight's common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market as of December 31, 2014 (\$2.77 per share).

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options: Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options: Unexercisable (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date		Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Payout Value of Unearned Shares, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)	(f)		(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Robert A. Lento	250,000	0	1.78	11/13/22	(1)	—	—	—	—
	960,000	1,040,000	2.26	2/22/23	(2)	375,000	(3) 1,038,750	—	—
	0	359,000	2.69	11/13/24	(4)	242,000	(5) 670,340	—	—
Peter J. Perrone	333,333	666,667	2.03	8/19/23	(2)	240,625	(3) 666,531	—	—
	0	133,000	2.69	11/13/24	(4)	89,000	(5) 246,530	—	—
George Vonderhaar	125,000	125,000	2.26	2/22/23	(6)	112,500	(7) 311,625	—	—
	0	200,000	2.34	2/18/24	(8)	140,000	(9) 387,800	—	—
	0	125,000	2.69	11/13/24	(4)	84,000	(5) 232,680	—	—
Philip C. Maynard	50,000	0	6.39	2/25/18	(10)	—	—	—	—
	175,000	0	3.68	2/26/20	(11)	—	—	—	—
	167,708	7,292	8.07	2/17/21	(12)	—	—	—	—
	207,500	42,500	1.80	11/8/22	(13)	28,390	(13) 78,640	—	—
	0	165,000	2.34	2/18/24	(8)	110,000	(9) 304,700	—	—
Sajid Malhotra	0	78,000	2.69	11/13/24	(4)	53,000	(5) 146,810	—	—
	0	200,000	2.04	5/9/24	(2)	200,000	(3) 554,000	—	—
	0	102,000	2.69	11/13/24	(4)	68,000	(5) 188,360	—	—

(1) Fully vested on the six month anniversary of the effective date of Mr. Lento's initial employment agreement.  
(2) One-quarter (1/4<sup>th</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on the one year anniversary of the effective date of the employment agreement (the "Vesting Commencement Date"), and one-forty-eighth (1/48) of the stock options vest on the same day of each month as the Vesting Commencement Date (and if there is no corresponding day, on the last day of the month) thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (four years), provided the

recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(3) One-quarter (1/4<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units vest on the one-year anniversary of the effective date of the employment agreement, and one-sixteenth (1/16<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units vest on the first day of each March, June, September, and December thereafter for twelve (12) consecutive quarters, provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(4) One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock options will vest on December 1, 2015, and one-thirty-sixth (1/36<sup>th</sup>) of the Shares subject to the stock option will vest on the 1st day of January, 2016, and on the 1st day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (three years), provided the Reporting Person continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(5) One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on December 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on March 1, 2016, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each June, September, December, and March thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(6) One-quarter (1/4<sup>th</sup>) of the shares subject to the stock option vested on December 3, 2013, and one-forty-eighth (1/48<sup>th</sup>) of the stock options vested on January 3, 2014 and will vest on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of each month thereafter until all of the stock options have vested (four years), provided the named executive officer continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(7) One-sixteenth (1/16<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units vested June 1, 2013, and an additional one-sixteenth (1/16<sup>th</sup>) vest on the first day of each September, December, March, and June thereafter, provided the named executive officer continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(8) One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the restricted stock units vested on March 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on June 1, 2015, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each September, December, March, and June thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(9) One-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the restricted stock units vested on March 1, 2015, one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) of the restricted stock units will vest on June 1, 2015, and an additional one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>) will vest on the first day of each September, December, March, and June thereafter for seven (7) consecutive quarters, provided the recipient continues to be a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

(10) Vested in 48 equal monthly installments beginning on March 25, 2008.

(11) Vested in 48 equal monthly installments beginning on February 1, 2010.

(12) Vested 1/48<sup>th</sup> on February 1, 2011 and 1/48<sup>th</sup> vests each month thereafter on the first day of each month, provided the named executive officer is continuously a Service Provider through each such vesting date.

A total of 50% of the stock options and restricted stock units subject to the grants vested quarterly in four equal installments during the first year beginning on March 1, 2013, and then on each of June 1, September 1 and December 1 thereafter; a total of 33% of the stock options and restricted stock units subject to the grants shall vest quarterly in four equal installments during the second year beginning on March 1, 2014, and then on each of June 1, September 1 and December 1 thereafter; and a total of 17% of the stock options and restricted stock units subject to the grants shall vest quarterly in four equal installments during the third year beginning on March 1, 2015, and then on each of June 1, September 1 and December 1 thereafter, provided the named executive officer is continuously a service provider with Limelight through each such vesting date.

#### Option Exercises and Stock Vested in Last Fiscal Year

The following table presents certain information concerning the exercise of options and vesting of stock awards by each of our named executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, including the value of gains on exercise and the value of the stock awards.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(1)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Robert A. Lento	—	\$ —	375,000	\$ 821,250
Peter J. Perrone	—	—	109,375	263,812
George Vonderhaar	—	—	50,000	117,000
Philip C. Maynard	—	—	55,110	128,958
Sajid Malhotra	—	—	—	—

The aggregate dollar amount realized upon the vesting of a stock award represents the aggregate deemed fair value of the shares of our common stock underlying the stock award on the vesting date multiplied by the shares vested on the vesting date.

#### Director Compensation

The independent members of the Board of Directors are eligible to receive both cash and equity compensation for their service as board members as more fully described herein. Members of management who are on the Board of Directors are not eligible for additional compensation for their service as board members.

Pursuant to the Compensation Committee charter, the Compensation Committee periodically reviews and may recommend to the Board, changes to the compensation for members of our Board. In December 2010, March 2012, and October 2014, the Compensation Committee engaged Compensia, an independent compensation consultant, to conduct a review of Limelight's director compensation program. Based on these reviews, Limelight's director compensation program included the following components during fiscal 2014:

- Limelight will grant an equity award to a new outside director when he or she first joins the Board of Directors (the "Initial Award"). For example, in 2014, Limelight granted Gray Hall 75,000 restricted stock units upon becoming a Limelight director. Beginning in 2015, Initial Awards for outside directors will be based on a fixed value of \$175,000 and paid in restricted stock units.
- Cash compensation for each outside director consisting of: (i) an annual cash retainer of \$25,000 paid quarterly in arrears for services as an outside director; (ii) an annual cash retainer of \$25,000 will be paid quarterly in arrears for service by an outside director as non-executive Chairman of the Board; (iii) an

annual cash retainer of \$15,000 paid quarterly in arrears for service by an outside director as Audit Committee Chairman; (iv) an annual cash retainer of \$5,000 paid quarterly in arrears for service by an outside director as a member (other than Chairman) of the Audit Committee; (v) an annual cash retainer of \$10,000 paid quarterly in arrears for service by an outside director as Compensation Committee Chairman; and (vi) an annual cash retainer of \$2,000 paid quarterly in arrears for service by an outside director as a member (other than Chairman) of the Compensation Committee. No annual retainer will be paid for service by a director either as Chairman or a member of the Nominating and Governance Committee.

Equity compensation for each outside director, consisting of two components: (i) an annual equity retainer of \$12,000, generally paid in restricted stock units (the “Annual Equity Retainer”) and (ii) an annual equity award (the “Annual Award”). These equity awards are established by the Compensation Committee for each fiscal year during the first quarter of the fiscal year in accordance with the following principles: (i) the Annual Award will be based upon a fixed value (the “Fixed Value”) rather than a fixed number of stock options, restricted stock units or other equity award units; (ii) the Fixed Value shall correlate to the 25th percentile, the 50th percentile or the 75th percentile of the value of annual equity awards granted to outside directors in Limelight’s Peer Group; (iii) the Compensation Committee will determine an appropriate Peer Group taking into consideration such factors as it deems relevant, including without limitation, total revenue, revenue growth, industry, income and number of employees; (iv) the Compensation Committee may rely upon the advice of an independent compensation consultant to the extent it deems such reliance necessary or appropriate to determine a relevant Peer Group and to identify the value of annual equity awards to directors at the 25th, 50th and

75th percentiles of the selected Peer Group; (v) in selecting the applicable Peer Group percentile to which the Fixed Value will correlate, the Compensation Committee will consider Limelight’s financial performance during the previous fiscal year, the Peer Group percentile to which the value of equity awards granted to executive management most closely correlates with the intent that the Peer Group percentile for the directors’ Annual Award will align with the Peer Group percentile to which equity awards granted to executive management most closely correlate, and such other factors as the Compensation Committee may deem relevant; (vi) one half of the Fixed Value of an Annual Award will be satisfied with an award of non-statutory stock options and one half will be satisfied with an award of restricted stock units (as those terms are defined in Limelight’s 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”)), provided however, if any director has a legal impediment to receipt of restricted stock units and notifies Limelight of such impediment prior to the award and acceptance of such restricted stock units then all of the Fixed Value of the Annual Award, and the Equity Annual Retainer, will be satisfied with an award of non-statutory stock options; (vii) the vesting of the Annual Award and the Equity Annual Retainer shall be as set forth in Section 11(f)(iv) of the Plan; and (viii) the value of a stock option will be determined using the Black-Scholes valuation method and the value of restricted stock units will be determined using Limelight’s 30 day average stock price for the 30 days preceding the valuation date. The Committee may rely upon the advice and guidance of its independent compensation consultant in determining appropriate values. Unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, the valuation date will be the date of Limelight’s annual meeting of its stockholders immediately following which the Annual Award and the Equity Annual Retainer are to be granted.

During fiscal 2014, Mr. Amaral received a cash retainer for serving as Audit Committee Chairman, and Messrs. Fisher and Peterschmidt each received a cash retainer for serving as members of the Audit Committee. Mr. Peterschmidt received a cash retainer for serving as Compensation Committee Chairman, and Messrs. Fisher and Amaral each received a cash retainer for serving as members of the Compensation Committee. The Fixed Value for the 2014 annual awards was set at the 50th percentile of the value of annual equity awards granted to outside directors in Limelight’s Peer Group. Prior to 2008, Messrs. Gleberman and Harman waived receipt of equity awards as compensation for their service on the board. Since 2008, Messrs. Gleberman and Harman accepted their annual equity award grants, and with the consent of Limelight, assigned the beneficial interest in those grants to their respective employers – Goldman Sachs & Co. with respect to Mr. Gleberman and Oak Investment Partners with respect to Mr. Harman.

The following table presents the compensation received by our non-employee directors during fiscal year 2014:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Option Awards (\$)(2)	Total (\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Walter D. Amaral	\$ 67,000	\$ 83,105	\$ 55,178	\$205,283
Jeffrey T. Fisher	32,000	83,105	55,178	170,283
Joseph H. Gleberman	25,000	83,105	55,178	163,283
Gray Hall	16,667	154,500	0	171,167
Fredric W. Harman	25,000	—	122,394	147,394
David C. Peterschmidt	40,000	83,105	55,178	178,283

- These amounts represent the grant date fair value for the restricted stock unit awards granted to the
- (1) non-management directors, as compensation for service on the Board, computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718.
  - (2) These amounts represent the grant date fair value for each of the stock option awards granted to our directors in 2014, computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, except that, in accordance with applicable SEC rules and guidance, Limelight has disregarded estimates of forfeitures related to service-based vesting condition. A discussion of the assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts for awards granted in 2014 are included in

Note 15 “Share-Based Compensation” in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included within Limelight’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

The following table sets forth the options to purchase shares of our common stock and restricted stock units issued in 2014 to our non-employee directors that held office during 2014:

Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards \$(1)
Walter D. Amaral	06/05/14	33,559	—	\$ 2.69	\$ 55,178
	06/05/14	—	30,894	—	83,105
Jeffrey T. Fisher	06/05/14	33,559	—	2.69	55,178
	06/05/14	—	30,894	—	83,105
Joseph H. Gleberman	06/05/14	33,559	—	2.69	55,178
	06/05/14	—	30,894	—	83,105
Fredric W. Harman	06/05/14	74,440	—	2.69	122,394
Gray Hall	05/01/14	—	75,000	—	154,500
David C. Peterschmidt	06/05/14	33,559	—	2.69	55,178
	06/05/14	—	30,894	—	83,105

These amounts represent the grant date fair value for each of the restricted stock units and stock option awards granted to our directors in 2013. The stock option awards are computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, except that, in accordance with applicable SEC rules and guidance, Limelight has disregarded estimates of (1) forfeitures related to service-based vesting condition. A discussion of the assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts for awards granted in 2014 are included in Note 15 “Share-Based Compensation” in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” included within Limelight’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.



## Pension Benefits

None of our named executive officers participates in or has account balances in qualified or non-qualified defined benefit plans sponsored by us.

## Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

None of our named executive officers participates in or has account balances in non-qualified defined contribution plans or other deferred compensation plans maintained by us.

## Employee Benefit Plans

We currently maintain two equity-based compensation plans that have been approved by the stockholders – the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, which was approved by the stockholders in May 2007 and the Amended and Restated 2003 Incentive Compensation Plan, which was approved by the stockholders in October 2006. The following table sets forth, for each of our equity-based compensation plans, the number of shares of our common stock subject to outstanding options and rights, the weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, and the number of shares available for future award grants as of December 31, 2014:

Plan Category	Number of Shares of Common Stock to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options and Rights(1)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options and Rights	Number of Shares of Common Stock Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (excluding shares reflected in the first column)(2)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	16,871,729	\$3.66	5,445,918
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	16,871,729	3.66	5,445,918

- (1) Includes outstanding stock options and rights for 15,392,186 shares under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and 1,479,543 shares under the Amended and Restated 2003 Incentive Compensation Plan. Includes 5,445,918 shares available for issuance under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. The 2007 Equity Incentive Plan provides for annual increases in the number of shares available for issuance thereunder on the first day of each fiscal year equal to the least of (i) 4% of the outstanding shares of our common stock on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (ii) 4,500,000 shares; or (iii) such other amount as our Board of Directors may determine. On January 1, 2015, the number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan increased by 3,936,375 shares, representing 4% of the outstanding shares of our common stock on December 31, 2014. The data presented in this table was calculated as of December 31, 2014 and does not reflect the January 1, 2015 increase. We do not intend to grant any additional awards under our Amended and Restated 2003 Incentive Compensation Plan.

#### 401(k) Plan

We have established a tax-qualified employee savings and retirement plan for all employees who satisfy certain eligibility requirements, including requirements relating to age and length of service. Under our 401(k) plan, employees could elect to reduce their current compensation by up to 15% or the statutory limit, \$17,500 in 2014, whichever was less, and have us contribute the amount of this reduction to the 401(k) plan. In addition, beginning January 1, 2007, we began matching employee deferrals as follows: a dollar-for-dollar (100%) match on an eligible employee's deferral that does not exceed 3% of compensation for the year and a fifty percent (50%) match on the next 2% of the employee's deferrals. We intend for the 401(k) plan to qualify under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code so that contributions by employees or by us to the 401(k) plan, and income earned on plan contributions, are not taxable to employees until withdrawn from the 401(k) plan.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act requires our executive officers, directors and 10% stockholders to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. The same persons are required to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on our review of such forms and written representations that no other reports were required during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, we believe that all our executive officers, directors and 10% stockholders complied with the applicable filing requirements. In making these statements, we have relied upon examination of the copies of Forms 3, 4, and 5, and amendments thereto, provided to Limelight and the written representations of its directors, executive officers and 10% stockholders.

#### Limitation on Liability and Indemnification Matters

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation contains provisions that limit the liability of our directors for monetary damages to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. Consequently, our directors will not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duties as directors, except liability for:

- any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;
- any act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions as provided in Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law; or
- any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that we are required to indemnify our directors and officers, in each case to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. Our amended and restated bylaws also provide that we are obligated to advance expenses incurred by a director or officer in advance of the final disposition of any action or proceeding, and permit us to secure insurance on behalf of any officer, director, employee or other agent for any liability arising out of his or her actions in that capacity regardless of whether we would otherwise be permitted to indemnify him or her under the provisions of Delaware law. We have entered and expect to continue to enter into agreements to indemnify our directors, executive officers and other employees as determined by our Board of Directors. With specified exceptions, these agreements provide for indemnification for related expenses including, among other things, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by any of these individuals in any action or proceeding. We believe that these bylaw provisions and indemnification agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as directors and officers. We also maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors and officers for breach of their fiduciary duty. They may also reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and officers, even though an action, if successful, might benefit us and other stockholders. Further, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent that we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers as required by these indemnification provisions. At present, there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought, and we are not aware of any threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification.

**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

In addition to the director and executive compensation arrangements discussed above, the following is a description of transactions since January 1, 2014, to which we have been a party in which the amount involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000 and in which any of our directors, executive officers, beneficial holders of more than 5% of our capital stock, or entities affiliated with them, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Equity Grants. Certain stock option and restricted stock unit grants made in 2014 to our directors and executive officers and related equity award policies are described elsewhere in this proxy statement.

Indemnification of Officers and Directors. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that we will indemnify each of our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. Further, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and officers. Please see “Limitation on Liability and Indemnification Matters” for further information on indemnification of officers and directors.

Policies and Procedures for Related Party Transactions. Our Board of Directors has adopted a written related party transactions policy, which is administered by the Audit Committee. This policy applies to any transaction or series of transactions in which Limelight is a participant, the amount involved exceeds or is expected to exceed \$5,000 in any calendar year and any related person has a direct or indirect interest. For purposes of the policy, “related persons” consist of executive officers or directors, any stockholder beneficially owning more than 5% of Limelight’s common stock or immediate family members of any such persons. As provided by our Audit Committee charter and the related party transactions policy, our Audit Committee must review and approve in advance any related party transaction. All of our directors, officers and employees are required to report to our Audit Committee any such related party transaction prior to its completion. A memorandum detailing our related party transactions is provided to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis. The Audit Committee reviews and approves the related party memorandum with such approval being documented in the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting in which the related party memorandum is presented. Prior to the creation of our Audit Committee, our full Board of Directors reviewed related party transactions. Each of the related party transactions described above that were submitted to our Board of Directors were approved by disinterested members of our Board of Directors after disclosure of the interest of the related party in the transaction.

#### OTHER MATTERS

We know of no other matters to be submitted for the Annual Meeting. If any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy to vote the shares they represent as the Board of Directors may recommend.

#### STOCKHOLDERS SHARING THE SAME ADDRESS

We are sending only one copy of our annual report and proxy statement to stockholders who share the same address unless they have notified us that they want to continue receiving multiple copies. This practice is designed to reduce duplicate mailings and save significant printing and processing costs as well as natural resources.

If you received only one mailing this year and you would like to have additional copies of our annual report and/or proxy statement mailed to you, or you would like to opt out of receiving only one mailing for future mailings, please submit your request to our Corporate Secretary, Limelight Networks, Inc., 222 South Mill Avenue, 8th Floor, Tempe, Arizona, 85281 or call James Todd in our Legal department at (602) 850-4831. We will promptly send additional copies of the annual report and/or proxy statement upon receipt of such request. You may also contact us if you received multiple copies of the annual meeting materials and would prefer to receive a single copy in the future.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dated: April 23, 2015

James R. Todd

Assistant General Counsel & Assistant Secretary



