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## GRAINGER'S SHAREHOLDERS ELECT 11 DIRECTORS AND OTHER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CHICAGO, April 29, 2015 – At the Grainger (NYSE: GWW) annual shareholder meeting held in Lake Forest, Illinois, today, Grainger Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Ryan provided an update on the state of the business and offered a recap of 2014 full year and 2015 first quarter performance. A copy of his speech is available at [www.grainger.com/investor](http://www.grainger.com/investor).

Shareholders re-elected the following directors:

Brian P. Anderson  
V. Ann Hailey  
William K. Hall  
Stuart L. Levenick  
Neil S. Novich

Michael J. Roberts  
Gary L. Rogers  
James T. Ryan  
E. Scott Santi  
James D. Slavik

The shareholders also elected Rodney C. Adkins. On July 29, 2014, Mr. Adkins was appointed to Grainger's Board of Directors.

In addition, the shareholders ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for the year 2015, voted in favor of the advisory resolution on executive compensation and approved the 2015 Incentive Plan allowing the company to grant equity-based awards to its employees and directors.

### About Grainger

W.W. Grainger, Inc., with 2014 sales of \$10 billion, is North America's leading broad line supplier of [maintenance, repair and operating products](#), with operations also in Asia, Europe and Latin America.

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