

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )**

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Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

**Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))**

Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Pursuant to §240.14a-12

**CRYOLIFE, INC.**

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**(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

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Important Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting of



To Be Held On:

May 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

1655 Roberts Boulevard, NW, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

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| COMPANY NUMBER |  |
| ACCOUNT NUMBER |  |
| CONTROL NUMBER |  |

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below before 05/3/19.

Please visit <http://www.astproxyportal.com/ast/01609/>, where the following materials are available for view:

- Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders
- Proxy Statement
- Form of Electronic Proxy Card
- Annual Report on Form 10-K

**TO REQUEST MATERIAL:** TELEPHONE: 888-Proxy-NA (888-776-9962) 718-921-8562 (for international callers)

E-MAIL: [info@astfinancial.com](mailto:info@astfinancial.com)

WEBSITE: <https://us.astfinancial.com/OnlineProxyVoting/ProxyVoting/RequestMaterials>

**TO VOTE:**



**ONLINE:** To access your online proxy card, please visit [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) and follow the on-screen instructions or scan the QR code with your smartphone. You may enter your voting instructions at [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) up until 11:59 PM EDT the day before the meeting date.

**IN PERSON:** You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting.

**TELEPHONE:** To vote by telephone, please visit [www.voteproxy.com](http://www.voteproxy.com) to view the materials and to obtain the toll free number to call.

**MAIL:** You may request a card by following the instructions above.

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

**NOMINEES:**

Thomas F. Ackerman  
Daniel J. Bevevino  
Marna P. Borgstrom  
James W. Bullock  
Jeffrey H. Burbank  
J. Patrick Mackin  
Ronald D. McCall, Esq.  
Harvey Morgan  
Jon W. Salvesson

2. To approve, by non-binding vote, the compensation paid to CryoLife's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables, and narrative discussion.
3. To approve certain amendments to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of CryoLife, Inc. clarifying Company authority under Florida law and updating language related to preferred stock and statutory references.
4. To ratify the approval of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.
5. In their discretion, upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Please note that you cannot use this notice to vote by mail.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF



May 15, 2019

**PROXY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**INTERNET** - Access "www.voteproxy.com" and follow the on-screen instructions or scan the QR code with your smartphone. Have your proxy card available when you access the web page.



**TELEPHONE** - Call toll-free 1-800-PROXIES (1-800-776-9437) in the United States or 1-718-921-8500 from foreign countries from any touch-tone telephone and follow the instructions. Have your proxy card available when you call.

Vote online/phone until 11:59 PM EDT the day before the meeting.

**MAIL** - Sign, date and mail your proxy card in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

**IN PERSON** - You may vote your shares in person by attending the Annual Meeting.

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The Notice of Meeting, proxy statement and proxy card are available at <http://www.astproxyportal.com/ast/01609>

Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided IF you are not voting via telephone or the Internet.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES NAMED BELOW, FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION PAID TO CRYOLIFE'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CRYOLIFE, INC. AND FOR RATIFICATION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

- FOR ALL NOMINEES
- WITHHOLD AUTHORITY FOR ALL NOMINEES
- FOR ALL EXCEPT (See instructions below)

NOMINEES:

- Thomas F. Ackerman
- Daniel J. Bevevino
- Marna P. Borgstrom
- James W. Bullock
- Jeffrey H. Burbank
- J. Patrick Mackin
- Ronald D. McCall, Esq.
- Harvey Morgan
- Jon W. Salvesson

- 2. To approve, by non-binding vote, the compensation paid to CryoLife's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables, and narrative discussion.  FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN
- 3. To approve certain amendments to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of CryoLife, Inc. clarifying Company authority under Florida law and updating language related to preferred stock and statutory references.  FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN
- 4. To ratify the approval of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.  FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN
- 5. In their discretion, upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

THE PROXIES SHALL VOTE AS SPECIFIED ABOVE, OR IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH OF THE LISTED NOMINEES, FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION PAID TO CRYOLIFE'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CRYOLIFE, INC., AND IN FAVOR OF THE RATIFICATION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP. SHOULD A NOMINEE BE UNABLE TO SERVE, THIS PROXY MAY BE VOTED FOR A SUBSTITUTE SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "FOR ALL EXCEPT" and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: ●

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method.

Signature of Stockholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Stockholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.