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**85 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019**

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") on Thursday, June 6, 2019, beginning at 8:00 a.m., Eastern time, at our headquarters, 85 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three Class III directors to serve for a three-year term to expire at the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders;
2. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, executive compensation tables and accompanying narrative disclosures in this proxy statement;
3. To recommend, on a non-binding advisory basis, the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers;
4. To consider and vote upon the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019;
5. To approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000; and
6. To consider and vote upon such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Instead of mailing a printed copy of our proxy materials to all of our stockholders, we provide access to these materials via the Internet. This reduces the amount of paper necessary to produce these materials as well as the costs associated with mailing these materials to all stockholders. Accordingly, on or about April 19, 2019, we will begin mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, or Notice, to stockholders and will post our proxy materials on the website referenced in the Notice. As more fully described in the Notice, stockholders may choose to access our proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or may request to receive a printed set of our proxy materials. In addition, the Notice and website provide information regarding how you may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail, or electronically by email, on an ongoing basis.

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in one of the following ways:

**Vote over the Internet**, by going to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) (have your Notice or proxy card in hand when you access the website);

**Vote by Telephone**, by calling the toll-free number 1-800-690-6903 (have your Notice or proxy card in hand when you call);

**Vote by Mail**, if you received (or requested and received) a printed copy of the proxy materials, by returning the enclosed proxy card (signed and dated) in the envelope provided; or

**Vote in person at the Annual Meeting.**

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If your shares are held in street name, meaning that they are held for your account by a broker or other nominee, you will receive instructions from the holder of record that you must follow for your shares to be voted.

Our Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 12, 2019 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, we urge you to take the time to vote your shares.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Michael G. Kauffman, M.D., Ph.D.

*Chief Executive Officer*

Newton, Massachusetts

April 19, 2019

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**85 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459**

**PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019**

The board of directors of Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc. (which we also refer to as Karyopharm or the company ) is soliciting proxies for use at the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders, or the Annual Meeting, to be held at our headquarters, 85 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459, on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., Eastern time.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of**

**Stockholders to be Held on Thursday, June 6, 2019:**

**This proxy statement and our annual report are available electronically at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).**

On or about April 19, 2019, we began mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, or Notice, to our stockholders (other than those who previously requested electronic or paper delivery of proxy materials), directing stockholders to a website where they can access our proxy materials, including this proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K, and view instructions on how to vote online or by telephone. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of our proxy materials, please follow the instructions included in the Notice. If you have previously elected to receive our proxy materials electronically, you will continue to receive access to those materials via e-mail unless you elect otherwise.

**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING**

**Why did you send me these proxy materials?**

We are providing these proxy materials because our board of directors is soliciting your proxy to vote at the Annual Meeting. This proxy statement summarizes information related to your vote at the Annual Meeting. All stockholders who find it convenient to do so are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may vote your shares as described in further detail in the answer to the question How do I vote? below.

The Notice of Annual Meeting, proxy statement, and voting instructions, together with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, will be made available to each stockholder entitled to vote starting on or about April 19, 2019. These materials are available for viewing, printing and downloading on the Internet at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**Who can vote at the Annual Meeting and what are the voting rights of such stockholders?**

Only stockholders who owned our common stock on April 12, 2019 are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. On this record date, there were 60,864,445 shares of our common stock outstanding (each of which entitles its holder to one vote per share). Common stock is our only class of stock outstanding.



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### **What is the purpose of the Annual Meeting?**

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will consider and vote on the following matters:

1. To elect three Class III directors to serve for a three-year term to expire at the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders;
2. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, executive compensation tables and accompanying narrative disclosures in this proxy statement;
3. To recommend, on a non-binding advisory basis, the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers;
4. To consider and vote upon the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019;
5. To approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000; and
6. To consider and vote upon such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

### **How many votes do I have?**

Each share of our common stock that you own as of April 12, 2019 entitles you to one vote.

### **How do I vote?**

**If you are the record holder of your shares**, meaning that you own your shares in your own name and not through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, you may vote:

- (1) **Over the Internet:** Go to the website of our tabulator at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Use the vote control number printed on the Notice (or your proxy card) to access your account and vote your shares. You must specify how you want your shares voted or your Internet vote cannot be completed and you will receive an error message. Your shares will be voted according to your instructions. You must submit your Internet proxy before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on June 5, 2019, the day before the Annual Meeting, for your proxy to be validly submitted over the Internet and your vote to count.

- (2) **By Telephone:** Call 1-800-690-6903, toll free from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, and follow the recorded instructions. You will need to have the Notice (or your proxy card) in hand when you call. You must specify how you want your shares voted and confirm your vote at the end of the call or your telephone vote cannot be completed. Your shares will be voted according to your instructions. You must submit your telephonic proxy before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on June 5, 2019, the day before the Annual Meeting, for your telephonic proxy to be valid and your vote to count.
- (3) **By Mail:** If you received a printed copy of the proxy materials, complete and sign your enclosed proxy card and mail it in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717, where the proxy card must be received not later than June 5, 2019, the day before the Annual Meeting, for it to be valid and your vote to count. Your shares will be voted according to your instructions. If you return your proxy card but do not specify how you want your shares voted on any particular matter, they will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of our board of directors.
- (4) **In Person at the Annual Meeting:** If you attend the Annual Meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person, or you may vote by completing a ballot, which we will provide to you at the meeting.

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**If your shares are held in street name,** meaning they are held for your account by a bank, brokerage firm, or other nominee, you may vote:

- (1) **Over the Internet or by Telephone:** You will receive instructions from your bank, brokerage firm, or other nominee if they permit Internet or telephone voting. You should follow those instructions.
- (2) **By Mail:** You will receive instructions from your bank, brokerage firm, or other nominee explaining how you can vote your shares by mail. You should follow those instructions.
- (3) **In Person at the Annual Meeting:** You must bring an account statement or letter from your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee showing that you are the beneficial owner of the shares as of the record date in order to vote your shares at the meeting. To be able to vote your shares held in street name at the meeting, you will need to obtain a legal proxy from the holder of record.

**If you hold your shares of our common stock in multiple accounts, you should vote your shares as described above for each account.**

## **Can I revoke or change my vote?**

If your shares are registered directly in your name, you may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the Annual Meeting. To do so, you must do one of the following:

- (1) Vote over the Internet or by telephone as instructed above. Only your latest Internet or telephone vote is counted. You may not revoke or change your vote over the Internet or by telephone after 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on June 5, 2019.
- (2) Sign a new proxy card and submit it by mail to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717, where the proxy card must be received no later than June 5, 2019. Only your latest dated proxy will be counted.
- (3) Attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person as instructed above. Attending the Annual Meeting alone will not revoke your Internet vote, telephone vote, or proxy submitted by mail, as the case may be.
- (4) Give our Corporate Secretary written notice before or at the Annual Meeting that you want to revoke your proxy.

If your shares are held in street name, you may submit new voting instructions with a later date by contacting your bank, brokerage firm, or other nominee. You may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting, which will have the effect of revoking any previously submitted voting instructions, if you obtain a legal proxy as described in the answer to the question **How do I vote?** above.

**Will my shares be voted if I do not return my proxy or do not provide specific voting instructions in the proxy card or voting instruction form that I submit?**

**If your shares are registered directly in your name**, your shares will not be voted if you do not vote over the Internet, by telephone, by returning your proxy by mail, or by ballot at the Annual Meeting. If you submit a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions on one or more matters listed in the notice for the Annual Meeting, your shares will be voted as recommended by our board of directors on such matters, and as the proxyholders may determine in their discretion how to vote with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

**If your shares are held in street name**, your brokerage firm may under certain circumstances vote your shares if you do not timely return your voting instructions. **Brokers can vote their customers' unvoted shares on discretionary matters but cannot vote such shares on non-discretionary matters.** If you do not timely return voting instructions to your brokerage firm to vote your shares, your brokerage firm may, on discretionary matters, either vote your shares or leave your shares unvoted.

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**Proposal 1 (election of directors), Proposal 2 (the non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers) and Proposal 3 (the non-binding advisory vote on the frequency of future votes on the compensation of our named executive officers) are non-discretionary matters. If you do not instruct your brokerage firm how to vote with respect to any of these proposals, your brokerage firm may not vote with respect to such proposal or proposals, and those shares that would have otherwise been entitled to be voted will be counted as broker non-votes.** Broker non-votes are shares that are held in street name by a brokerage firm that indicates on its proxy that it does not have or did not exercise discretionary authority to vote on a particular matter. Proposal 4 (ratification of the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm) and Proposal 5 (amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation) are considered discretionary matters, and your brokerage firm will be able to vote on these proposals even if it does not timely receive instructions from you, so long as it holds your shares in its name. We encourage you to timely provide voting instructions to your brokerage firm or other nominee. This ensures that your shares will be voted at the Annual Meeting according to your instructions. You should receive directions from your brokerage firm or other nominee about how to submit your voting instructions to them.

### **How many shares must be represented to hold the Annual Meeting?**

A majority in voting power of our shares of common stock outstanding at the record date must be present in person or represented by proxy to hold the Annual Meeting and conduct business. This is called a quorum. For purposes of determining whether a quorum exists, we count as present any shares that are voted over the Internet, by telephone, by completing and submitting a proxy by mail, or that are represented in person at the meeting. Further, for purposes of establishing a quorum, we will count as present shares that a stockholder holds even if the stockholder votes to abstain or only votes on one of the proposals. In addition, we will count as present shares held in street name by banks, brokerage firms, or nominees who indicate on their proxies that they do not have discretionary authority to vote those shares on Proposals 1, 2 and 3, or broker non-votes. If a quorum is not present, we expect to adjourn the Annual Meeting until we obtain a quorum.

The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of holders representing a majority of our outstanding common stock as of April 12, 2019, or 30,432,223 shares, constitutes a quorum at the Annual Meeting, permitting us to conduct the business of the Annual Meeting.

### **What vote is required to approve each matter and how are votes counted?**

#### **Proposal 1 Election of Directors**

The three nominees for director to receive the highest number of votes FOR election will be elected as Class III directors. This is called a plurality. **Proposal 1 is a non-discretionary matter.** Therefore, if your shares are held by your brokerage firm in street name and you do not timely provide voting instructions with respect to your shares, your brokerage firm cannot vote your shares on Proposal 1. Shares held in street name by banks, brokerage firms, or nominees who indicate on their proxies that they do not have authority to vote the shares on Proposal 1 will not be counted as votes FOR or WITHHELD from the nominee. As a result, such broker non-votes will have no effect on the voting on Proposal 1. You may:

vote FOR the nominees;

vote FOR one or more nominees and WITHHOLD your vote from the other nominees; or

WITHHOLD your vote from the nominees.

Votes that are withheld will not be included in the vote tally for the election of directors and will not affect the results of the vote.

**Proposal 2 Non-binding Advisory Vote on the Compensation of Our Named Executive Officers**

To approve Proposal 2, stockholders holding a majority of the votes cast on the matter must vote FOR the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers, as described in the Compensation Discussion

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and Analysis, executive compensation tables and accompanying narrative disclosures in this proxy statement.

**Proposal 2 is a non-discretionary matter.** Therefore, if your shares are held by your bank, broker or other nominee in street name and you do not vote your shares, your bank, broker or other nominee cannot vote your shares on Proposal 2, and your non-vote will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal. If you vote to ABSTAIN on Proposal 2, your shares will not be voted FOR or AGAINST the proposal and will also not be counted as votes cast or shares voting on Proposal 2. As a result, voting to ABSTAIN will have no effect on the voting on Proposal 2.

As an advisory vote, this proposal is not binding. The outcome of this advisory vote will not overrule any decision by us or our board of directors (or any committee thereof). However, our compensation committee and our board of directors value the opinions expressed by our stockholders in their vote on this proposal and will consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions for our named executive officers.

### **Proposal 3 Non-binding Advisory Vote on the Frequency of Future Advisory Votes on the Compensation of Our Named Executive Officers**

To recommend the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers, you may:

vote CHOICE 1 (every one year);

vote CHOICE 2 (every two years);

vote CHOICE 3 (every three years); or

ABSTAIN from voting on the non-binding resolution.

The frequency choice that receives the highest numbers of votes cast will be considered to be the preferred frequency of our stockholders with which we are to hold future non-binding stockholder advisory say-on-pay votes on the compensation of our named executive officers. **Proposal 3 is a non-discretionary matter.** Therefore, if your shares are held by your bank, broker or other nominee in street name and you do not vote your shares, your bank, broker or other nominee cannot vote your shares on Proposal 3, and your non-vote will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal. If you vote to ABSTAIN on Proposal 3, your shares will not be voted FOR any of the frequency choices and will also not be counted as votes cast or shares voting on Proposal 3. As a result, voting to ABSTAIN will have no effect on the voting on Proposal 3.

As an advisory vote, this proposal is not binding. Our board of directors will take into consideration the outcome of this vote in determining the frequency of future non-binding advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers. However, because this vote is advisory and non-binding, our board of directors may decide that it is in our best interests and those of our stockholders to hold the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers more or less frequently.

### **Proposal 4 Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To approve Proposal 4, stockholders holding a majority of the votes cast on the matter must vote FOR the proposal. **Proposal 4 is considered a discretionary matter.** If your shares are held by your bank, broker or other nominee in

street name and you do not timely provide voting instructions with respect to your shares, your bank, broker or other nominee firm may vote your unvoted shares on Proposal 4. If you ABSTAIN from voting on Proposal 4, your shares will not be voted FOR or AGAINST the proposal and will also not be counted as votes cast or shares voting on the proposal. As a result, voting to ABSTAIN will have no effect on the outcome of Proposal 4.

Although stockholder ratification of our audit committee's selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2019 is not required, we believe

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that it is advisable to give stockholders an opportunity to ratify this selection. If this proposal is not approved at the Annual Meeting, our audit committee will reconsider its selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2019.

### **Proposal 5 Approval of an Amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to Increase the Number of Authorized Shares of Common Stock**

To approve Proposal 5, stockholders holding a majority of the shares of our common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting must vote FOR the approval of the amendment to our restated certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock. **Proposal 5 is a discretionary matter.** Therefore, if your shares are held by your bank, broker or other nominee in street name and you do not vote your shares, your bank, broker or other nominee may vote your shares on Proposal 5. If you ABSTAIN from voting on Proposal 5, your shares will not be voted FOR or AGAINST the proposal and will also not be counted as votes cast or shares voting on Proposal 5. Because Proposal 5 requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, a vote to ABSTAIN will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST Proposal 5.

### **How does the board of directors recommend that I vote on the proposals?**

Our board of directors recommends that you vote:

**FOR** the election of each of the three nominees to serve as Class III directors on our board of directors for a three-year term to expire at the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders;

**FOR** the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers;

**FOR** a frequency of every one year for future advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers;

**FOR** the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019;

**FOR** the approval of an amendment to our restated certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock.

### **Are there other matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting?**

We do not know of any matters that may come before the Annual Meeting other than Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. If any other matters are properly presented at the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy intend to vote, or otherwise act, in accordance with their judgment on the matter.

### **Who is paying the costs of soliciting these proxies?**

We will pay all of the costs of soliciting proxies. Our directors, officers, and other employees may solicit proxies in person or by mail, telephone, fax or email. We will pay our directors, officers, and other employees no additional compensation for these services. We do not currently plan to hire a proxy solicitor to help us solicit proxies, although we reserve the right to do so. We will ask banks, brokerage firms, and other nominees to forward these proxy materials to their principals and to obtain authority to execute proxies. We will then reimburse them for their expenses. Our costs for forwarding proxy materials will not be significant.

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**How do I obtain an Annual Report on Form 10-K?**

If you would like a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, we will send you one without charge. Please write to:

Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.

85 Wells Avenue

Newton, Massachusetts 02459

Attn: Investor Relations

All of our SEC filings are also available free of charge under the heading Financials & Filings SEC Filings in the Investors section of our website at [www.karyopharm.com](http://www.karyopharm.com).

**How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?**

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Final voting results will be tallied by the inspector of election and published in a current report on Form 8-K to be filed with the SEC within four business days after the Annual Meeting.

**PROPOSAL 1:**

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our board of directors is divided into three classes, with one class of our directors standing for election each year to serve for a three-year term. Directors for each class are elected at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the year in which the term for their class expires and hold office until their resignation or removal or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. In accordance with our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, our board of directors may fill existing vacancies on the board of directors by appointment.

The term of office of our Class III directors, Garen G. Bohlin, Mikael Dolsten, M.D., Ph.D. and Michael G. Kauffman, M.D., Ph.D., will expire at the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, the nominees for Class III director for election at the Annual Meeting are Mr. Bohlin and Drs. Dolsten and Kauffman. If Mr. Bohlin and Drs. Dolsten and Kauffman are elected at the Annual Meeting, each such individual will be elected to serve for a three-year term that will expire at our 2022 annual meeting of stockholders and until such individual's successor is duly elected and qualified.

If no contrary indication is made, proxies are to be voted for Mr. Bohlin and Drs. Dolsten and Kauffman, or in the event that any of Mr. Bohlin and Drs. Dolsten and Kauffman is not a candidate or is unable to serve as a director at the time of the election (which is not currently expected), for any nominee who is designated by our board of directors to fill the vacancy.

Our board of directors currently consists of seven members. We have no formal policy regarding board diversity, but our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that the background and qualifications of the members of our board of directors considered as a group should provide a significant breadth of experience, knowledge, and ability to assist our board of directors in fulfilling its responsibilities. Our priority in selection of board members is identification of

members who will further the interests of our stockholders through his or her established record of professional accomplishment, the ability to contribute positively to the collaborative culture among board members, knowledge of our business, understanding of the competitive landscape and adherence to high ethical standards. Certain individual qualifications and skills of our directors that contribute to our board of directors' effectiveness as a whole are described in the following paragraphs.

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The information set forth below as to the directors and nominee for director has been furnished to us by the directors and nominee for director:

**Nominee for Election to the Board of Directors****For a Three-Year Term Expiring at the****2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Class III)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Present Position with Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.</b>
Garen G. Bohlin	71	Director
Mikael Dolsten, M.D., Ph.D.	60	Director
Michael G. Kauffman, M.D., Ph.D.	55	Chief Executive Officer and Director

*Garen G. Bohlin.* Mr. Bohlin has served as a member of our board of directors since October 2013. Since April 2012, Mr. Bohlin has focused exclusively on service on boards of directors and consulting. From January 2010 until his retirement in April 2012, he served as Executive Vice President of Constellation Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, where he served as a part-time business partner with the Chief Executive Officer. Prior to Constellation Pharmaceuticals, Mr. Bohlin served as Chief Operating Officer of Sirtris Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biotechnology company, from January 2006 to December 2009, where he played key roles in the overall management of Sirtris, its initial public offering and the sale of the company to GlaxoSmithKline. Mr. Bohlin was the founding Chief Executive Officer of Syntonix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, from 1999 through December 2008, where he played a key role in the overall management of Syntonix, positioning it for an eventual sale to Biogen Idec. Prior to Syntonix, Mr. Bohlin was Executive Vice President of Genetics Institute, Inc., a biotechnology company, where he played a key role in overall management, its initial public offering and its sale to American Home Products/Wyeth, and a partner at Arthur Andersen & Co., a public accounting and consulting organization. Mr. Bohlin serves on the boards of directors and audit committees of Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc., Tetrphase Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Proteon Therapeutics, Inc., each a public biopharmaceutical company. He previously served as a director of several private and public biotechnology companies. Mr. Bohlin holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Illinois. We believe Mr. Bohlin's qualifications to serve on our board of directors include his extensive industry and board experience, including his audit committee experience, with publicly traded and privately held biotechnology companies.

*Mikael Dolsten, M.D., Ph.D.* Dr. Dolsten has served as a member of the board of directors since March 2015. Dr. Dolsten has served as President of Worldwide Research, Development and Medical and Executive Vice President of Pfizer Inc., which is one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, since December 2010. Dr. Dolsten served as President of Worldwide Research and Development and Senior Vice President of Pfizer Inc. from May 2010 until December 2010 and President of Pfizer BioTherapeutics Research & Development Group and Senior Vice President of Pfizer Inc. from October 2009 until May 2010. From June 2008 to October 2009, Dr. Dolsten served as Senior Vice President of Wyeth, a biopharmaceutical company that was acquired by Pfizer Inc. in October 2009, and President, Wyeth Research from June 2008 to October 2009. Prior to joining Wyeth, Dr. Dolsten was a Private Equity Partner at Orbimed Advisors, LLC and Executive Vice President, Head of Pharma Research at Boehringer Ingelheim, a pharmaceutical company. Dr. Dolsten also previously held research leadership positions at AstraZeneca, Pharmacia and Upjohn. We believe Dr. Dolsten's qualifications to serve on our board of directors include his depth of experience

leading pharmaceutical research and development teams at large public companies. He is widely recognized as a leader within the medical research and drug development community and this level of expertise is significant to our board of directors as we continue to advance our clinical development pipeline and initiate additional clinical trials.

*Michael G. Kauffman, M.D., Ph.D.* Dr. Kauffman has served as Karyopharm's Chief Executive Officer since January 2011 and has been one of our directors since 2008. Dr. Kauffman co-founded Karyopharm with

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Dr. Sharon Shacham in 2008 and served as our President from January 2011 to December 2013 and as Chief Medical Officer from December 2012 to December 2013. Prior to joining Karyopharm, he was Chief Medical Officer of Onyx Pharmaceuticals Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, from November 2009 to December 2010. From November 2008 to November 2009, Dr. Kauffman was Chief Medical Officer of Proteolix Inc., which was acquired by Onyx Pharmaceuticals. At Proteolix, he led the development of Kyprolis® (carfilzomib), a novel proteasome inhibitor approved in refractory myeloma by the Food and Drug Administration in July 2012. Dr. Kauffman was an operating partner at Bessemer Venture Partners from 2006 to 2008, where he led investments in biotechnology companies. From 2006 to 2008, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Epix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company that underwent liquidation proceedings through an assignment for the benefit of creditors under Massachusetts law in 2009. Dr. Kauffman was President and Chief Executive Officer of Predix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a private biopharmaceutical company focused on G protein-coupled receptors (GPCR), from 2002 until its merger into Epix Pharmaceuticals in 2006. In that role, he led the merger of Predix Pharmaceuticals and Epix Pharmaceuticals, oversaw the discovery and development of four new clinical candidates and led collaboration transactions with Amgen and GlaxoSmithKline. From March 2000 to September 2002, Dr. Kauffman was Vice President, Clinical at Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, where he led the Velcade® development program. From September 1997 to March 2000, Dr. Kauffman held a number of senior positions at Millennium Predictive Medicine, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company and a subsidiary of Millennium Pharmaceuticals, where he led the discovery and development of novel molecular diagnostics for major cancers, including melanoma and led transactions with Becton-Dickenson and Bristol Myers Squibb. From August 1995 to September 1997, Dr. Kauffman held a number of senior positions at Biogen Idec, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, where he led the clinical development of anti-CD40L antibodies in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, and acted as the main medical advisor to the Biogen business development group. Dr. Kauffman currently serves on the board of directors, nominating and governance committee and research and development committee of Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a public biopharmaceutical company, on the board of directors and audit committee and as chairman of the compensation committee of Kezar Life Sciences, Inc., also a public biopharmaceutical company, and is the lead director and compensation committee member of Verastem Inc., also a public biopharmaceutical company. Dr. Kauffman previously served on the board of directors and compensation and audit committees of Zalicus Inc., a biotechnology company. Dr. Kauffman received his B.A. in Biochemistry from Amherst College and his M.D. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins Medical School, and he trained in internal medicine and rheumatology at Beth Israel Hospital (now Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center) and Massachusetts General Hospital. He is board certified in internal medicine. We believe Dr. Kauffman's qualifications to serve on our board of directors include his extensive experience in the healthcare industry as well his extensive knowledge of our company and its business since inception through service in multiple executive leadership positions and as a member of our board.

**Members of the Board of Directors Continuing in Office****Term Expiring at the****2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Class I)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Present Position with Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.</b>
J. Scott Garland	50	Director
Barry E. Greene	55	Director
Mansoor Raza Mirza, M.D.	58	Director and Clinical Consultant

*J. Scott Garland.* Mr. Garland has served as a member of our board of directors since November 2014. Mr. Garland has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, since October 2018. Mr. Garland was the President of Relypsa Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, from April 2017 to October 2018, and was Senior Vice President and Chief

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Commercial Officer from October 2014 to April 2017. Prior to Relypsa, Mr. Garland served as Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Exelixis, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing cancer treatments, from October 2011 to October 2014. Prior to joining Exelixis, from April 2002 to October 2011, Mr. Garland held positions at Genentech, Inc., most recently serving as Vice President of Genentech's Avastin® franchise, where he led the U.S. sales and marketing efforts for the drug. Prior to that position, he served as Vice President, Hematology Marketing and Sales, overseeing the Rituxan® franchise and as a Director on the Tarceva® franchise. From July 1997 to April 2002, Mr. Garland held several positions within the sales and marketing division of Amgen, Inc. and from July 1991 to July 1995, he served as a professional sales representative at Merck & Co., Inc. Mr. Garland has an M.B.A. from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and a B.A. from California Polytechnic University (San Luis Obispo). We believe Mr. Garland's qualifications to serve on our board of directors include his more than 20 years of sales, marketing and commercialization experience in the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industry as well as his extensive management experience at publicly-traded biopharmaceutical companies.

*Barry E. Greene.* Mr. Greene has served as a member of our board of directors since January 2013 and as our Lead Independent Director since January 2015. Mr. Greene has served as President of Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a public biopharmaceutical company, since 2007, and served as its Chief Operating Officer from 2003 to 2016. Mr. Greene joined Alnylam in 2003, bringing over 15 years of experience in the healthcare industry and in consulting. Prior to Alnylam, he was General Manager of Oncology at Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, where he led the company's global strategy and execution for its oncology business, including strategic business direction and execution, culminating in the successful Food and Drug Administration approval and launch of VELCADE® (bortezomib) in mid-2003. Prior to joining Millennium in 2001, Mr. Greene served as Executive Vice President and Chief Business Officer for Mediconsult.com, a healthcare consulting company. Prior to Mediconsult.com, Mr. Greene's experience included serving as Vice President of Marketing and Customer Services for AstraZeneca (formerly AstraMerck), a biopharmaceutical company; Vice President, Strategic Integration with responsibility for the AstraZeneca North American post-merger integration; and a partner of Andersen Consulting, a consulting company, where he was responsible for the pharmaceutical/biotechnology marketing and sales practice. Mr. Greene currently is a member of the board of directors of Acorda Therapeutics, Inc., a public biopharmaceutical company, where he serves as a member of its compensation committee. Mr. Greene received his B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and served as a Senior Scholar at Duke University, Fuqua School of Business. We believe Mr. Greene's qualifications to serve on our board of directors and as our Lead Independent Director include his extensive experience in the healthcare and consulting industries as well his practical experience with business and product aspects of the biopharmaceutical industry, including guiding new drugs through research, development, and the commercialization process.

*Mansoor Raza Mirza, M.D.* Dr. Mirza has served as a member of our board of directors since October 2010. He has also served as a clinical consultant to us since 2010. Dr. Mirza is Chief Oncologist at the Department of Oncology, Rigshospitalet the Copenhagen University Hospital, Denmark and Medical Director of Nordic Society of Gynaecological Oncology (NSGO). Dr. Mirza is both a medical and radiation oncologist, with a primary focus in non-surgical treatment of gynecologic cancers. His key academic goals are to promote clinical research, international trial collaboration and education, and he has broad experience in clinical protocol development, trial conduct and clinical trial regulations. Dr. Mirza is the author of several phase 1, 2 and 3 studies, several of those leading to Food and Drug Administration and European Medicines Agency registration. He serves in several Independent Data Safety Monitoring Committees of international studies. He is an invited speaker at several international conferences, such as Meet the Professor at American Society of Clinical Oncology and Presidential Symposium at European Society for Medical Oncology. He is the senior author of national Danish guidelines for the management of endometrial, cervical, vulvar and non-epithelial ovarian cancers as well as of the NSGO radiotherapy guidelines for cervical and vulvar cancers. He is author of European Guidelines in endometrial and vulvar cancers. His other current appointments

include service as ESGO Council Member (European Society of Gynaecological Oncology), Executive Director of GCIG (Gynecologic Cancer InterGroup), Vice-Chairman of the Danish Gynecological Cancer Society, Founding Executive Member of the

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European Network of Gynecologic Oncology Trials Group, faculty member of the European Society of Medical Oncology and of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society. He also serves on the board of directors of Sera Prognostics, Inc., a private biopharmaceutical company. He has multiple publications in high-impact journals like the New England Journal of Medicine. He holds a M.D., Diploma in Surgery and Diploma in Clinical Oncology from the Pirogov Moscow State Medical Institute as well as post-graduate education and certification in radiation and medical oncology from the University of Southern Denmark. We believe Dr. Mirza's qualifications to serve on our board of directors include his position as an expert in the non-surgical treatment of cancer, and gynecologic cancers in particular, and his knowledge of our company and its business through service on our board since October 2010.

**Term Expiring at the  
2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Class II)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Present Position with Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.</b>
Deepika R. Pakianathan, Ph.D.	54	Director
<p><i>Deepika R. Pakianathan, Ph.D.</i> Dr. Pakianathan has served as a member of our board of directors since April 2013. Since 2001, Dr. Pakianathan has been a Managing Member at Delphi Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on biotechnology and medical device investments, and leads the firm's biotechnology investment activities. From 1998 to 2001, Dr. Pakianathan was a senior biotechnology banker at JPMorgan, a global investment bank, from 1997 to 1998, she was a Research analyst covering biotech at Genesis Merchant Group and from 1993 to 1997 she was a post-doctoral research scientist at Genentech. Dr. Pakianathan serves on the boards of directors of Alder Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., a public biopharmaceutical company, where she serves as a member of its compensation committee, OncoMed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a public biopharmaceutical company, where she serves as a member of its audit and compensation committees and Calithera Biosciences, Inc., a public biopharmaceutical company, where she serves as the lead independent director and is a member of its compensation committee and chair of its nominating and governance committee. From 2004 to 2016, Dr. Pakianathan served on the board of directors of Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Inc., from 2009 to February 2013, Dr. Pakianathan served on the board of directors of PTC Therapeutics, Inc., and from 2007 to 2012, Dr. Pakianathan served on the board of directors of Relypsy, Inc., each a public biopharmaceutical company. Dr. Pakianathan received a B.Sc. from the University of Bombay, India, a M.Sc. from The Cancer Research Institute at the University of Bombay, India, and an M.S. and Ph.D. from Wake Forest University. We believe Dr. Pakianathan's qualifications to serve on our board of directors include her experience as a venture capital investor in, and director of, multiple biotechnology companies, as well as her experience as a biotechnology investment banker, research analyst and research scientist.</p>		

**Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF MR. GAREN G. BOHLIN, DR. MIKAEL DOLSTEN AND DR. MICHAEL G. KAUFFMAN AS A CLASS III DIRECTOR.**

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**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

**General**

We believe that good corporate governance is important to ensure that Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc. is managed for the long-term benefit of our stockholders. This section describes key corporate governance practices that we have adopted. We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which applies to all of our officers, directors and employees, Corporate Governance Guidelines, and charters for our audit committee, our compensation committee and our nominating and corporate governance committee. We have posted copies of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Corporate Governance Guidelines, as well as each of our committee charters, on the Corporate Governance page of the Investors section of our website, [www.karyopharm.com](http://www.karyopharm.com), which you can access free of charge. Information contained on the website is not incorporated by reference in, or considered part of, this proxy statement. We intend to disclose on our website any amendments to, or waivers from, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that are required to be disclosed by law or Nasdaq listing standards. We will also provide copies of these documents as well as our other corporate governance documents, free of charge, to any stockholder upon written request to Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc., 85 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459, Attn: Investor Relations.

**Director Independence**

Rule 5605 of the Nasdaq Listing Rules requires a majority of a listed company's board of directors to be comprised of independent directors within one year of listing. In addition, the Nasdaq Listing Rules require that, subject to specified ex