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**PRO-PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

**7 WELLS AVENUE**

**NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02459**

April , 2008

Dear Stockholder:

I invite you to the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Pro-Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at the Sheraton Needham Hotel, 100 Cabot Street, Needham, Massachusetts.

On the following pages, you will find the Notice of our 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the Proxy Statement that describes the matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting. We also have enclosed your Proxy Card and our Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2007. You will find voting instructions on the enclosed Proxy Card. If your shares are held in street name (that is, 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.

The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Pro-Pharmaceuticals' business and operations. We hope you will be able to attend.

Thank you for your ongoing support and continued interest in Pro-Pharmaceuticals.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ DAVID PLATT  
David Platt, Ph.D.  
Chairman of the Board

**PRO-PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

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**NOTICE OF 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**DATE AND TIME:**

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., local time

**PLACE:**

Sheraton Needham Hotel

100 Cabot Street

Needham, Massachusetts 02494

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

To consider and act upon a proposal to elect nine members of the Board of Directors to one-year terms.

To consider and act upon a proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm to audit our financial statements for 2008.

To approve an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation increasing the number of authorized shares of common stock from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000.

To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

**RECORD DATE:**

You are entitled to vote if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on April 11, 2008.

April , 2008  
Newton, Massachusetts

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ DAVID PLATT  
David Platt, Ph.D.  
Chairman of the Board

**PRO-PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

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**April , 2008**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

**FOR 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**May 21, 2008, 2:00 p.m. local time,**

**Sheraton Needham Hotel, 100 Cabot Street, Needham, Massachusetts**

This Proxy Statement is being provided to you by Pro-Pharmaceuticals Board of Directors in connection with our 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Annual Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the Sheraton Needham Hotel, 100 Cabot Street, Needham, Massachusetts 02494, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting. We intend to mail this Proxy Statement and the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting on or about April , 2008, to all stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will consider and act upon proposals (1) to elect nine directors to one-year terms, (2) to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm to audit our financial statements for 2008, (3) to consider a management proposal to amend our articles of incorporation increasing the number of authorized shares of common stock from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000, and (4) to consider such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors knows of no other business to be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. Each proposal is described in more detail in this Proxy Statement.

**INFORMATION ABOUT PROXIES AND VOTING**

*Proxies*

We urge you to sign the enclosed Proxy Card and return it promptly in the return envelope by following the instructions on the proxy card (both are enclosed with these materials). Proxies will be voted as directed. Any Proxy Card returned without directions given will be voted FOR (i) the election of directors, (ii) the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP, (iii) the increase in the number of authorized shares of our common stock, and (iv) as to any other business that may come before the Annual Meeting, in accordance with the judgment of the person or persons named in the proxy. You may revoke your proxy at any time before the Annual Meeting by sending a notice of revocation to Pro-Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 7 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459, Attention: Anthony D. Squeglia, Chief Financial Officer. You may also revoke it by submitting a more recently dated proxy to us before the Annual Meeting or by attending the meeting and voting in person.

*Solicitation of Proxies*

The solicitation of proxies in the enclosed form is made on behalf of the Board of Directors. We pay all costs to solicit these proxies. Our officers, directors and employees may solicit proxies but will not be additionally compensated for such activities. We are also working with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of shares held of record by such institutions and persons. We will reimburse their reasonable expenses.

*Voting Securities*

Stockholders of record at the close of business on April 11, 2008 will be entitled to notice of the Annual Meeting and to vote at the meeting. Our voting stock is our common stock of which 47,864,792 shares were issued and outstanding on April 11, 2008, and our Series A 12% Convertible Preferred Stock (which votes in accordance with the formula set forth in the Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations of the Series A 12% Convertible Preferred Stock), of which 1,742,500 shares were issued and outstanding as of April 11, 2008. The shares of Series A 12% Convertible Preferred Stock vote with the shares of our common stock as a single class. Neither the common stock nor the Series A 12% Convertible Preferred Stock is entitled to cumulative voting.

*Establishing a Quorum and Votes Required*

The representation in person or by proxy of at least one third of the shares of capital stock entitled to vote is necessary to establish a quorum for the transaction of business. Shares which abstain from voting as to a particular matter, and shares held in street name by brokers or nominees who indicate on their proxies that they do not have discretionary authority to vote as to a particular matter ( broker non-votes ), will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting, but will not be considered as voting on such matters. Accordingly, neither abstentions nor broker non-votes will have any effect with respect to the election of directors or the ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm, each of which requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the common stock present or represented by proxy and voting on the matter, or the proposal to increase the number of our authorized shares of common stock, which requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the common stock outstanding.

**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth, as of April 11, 2008, certain information concerning the beneficial ownership of each class of our voting securities by (i) each person known by us to own beneficially five per cent (5%) or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock or our Series A 12% Convertible Preferred Stock ( Series A Preferred ), (ii) each of our directors and named executive officers, and (iii) all executive officers and directors as a group.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each 5% stockholder, director or executive officer is determined under rules of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under those rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares to which the individual or entity has sole or shared voting power or investment power and also any shares that the individual or entity has the right to acquire within 60 days after April 11, 2008 through the exercise of any stock option, warrant or other right, or conversion of any security. Unless otherwise indicated, each person or entity has sole investment and voting power (or shares such power with his or her spouse) with respect to the shares set forth in the following table. The inclusion in the table below of any shares deemed beneficially owned does not constitute an admission of beneficial ownership of those shares.

Name and Address <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership <sup>(3)</sup>	Percentage of Class <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>5% Stockholders</b>		
David Platt, Ph.D.	3,535,347 <sup>(4)</sup>	7.4%
James C. Czirr	4,686,468 <sup>(5)</sup>	9.8%
<b>Directors and Named Executive Officers</b>		
David Platt, Ph.D.	3,535,347 <sup>(4)</sup>	7.4%
Mildred S. Christian, Ph.D.	192,208 <sup>(6)</sup>	*
Dale H. Conaway, D.V.M.	98,306 <sup>(7)</sup>	*

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Name and Address <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership <sup>(3)</sup>	Percentage of Class <sup>(2)</sup>
Henry J. Esber, Ph.D.	35,500	*
James T. Gourzis, M.D., Ph.D.	6,500	*
S. Colin Neill	5,500	*
Steven Prelack	33,000	*
Jerald K. Rome	215,844	*
Theodore D. Zucconi, Ph.D.	296,343	*
Maureen Foley	916,668	1.9%
Eliezer Zomer, Ph.D.	686,668	1.4%
<b>All executive officers and directors as a group (12 persons)</b>	<b>6,253,552</b>	<b>12.4%</b>

\* Less than 1%.

- (1) The address of each of the persons listed is c/o Pro-Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 7 Wells Avenue, Newton, MA 02459 except Mr. Czirr whose address is 425 Janish Drive, Sandpoint, ID 83864.
- (2) For each person and group included in this table, percentage ownership is calculated by dividing the number of shares beneficially owned by such person or group by the sum of 47,864,792 shares of common stock outstanding as of April 11, 2008, plus the number of shares of common stock that such person has the right to acquire within 60 days after April 11, 2008.
- (3) Includes the following number of shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options that were exercisable within 60 days after April 11, 2008:

Directors and Named Executive Officers	Options Exercisable Within 60 Days
Dr. Platt:	100,000
Dr. Christian:	114,354
Dr. Conaway:	65,500
Dr. Esber:	35,500
Dr. Gourzis:	6,500
Mr. Neill:	5,500
Mr. Prelack:	33,000
Mr. Rome:	56,500
Dr. Zucconi:	200,000
Ms. Foley:	911,667
Dr. Zomer:	686,668
All named executive officers and directors as a group:	2,215,189

- (4) Includes (i) 7,379 shares of common stock owned by Dr. Platt's wife as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership, and (ii) 100,000 shares of Series A Preferred convertible into 100,000 shares of common stock. Such number of shares of Series A Preferred represents 5% or more of the outstanding shares of this class of securities.
- (5) Includes (i) 28,200 shares owned by a child of Mr. Czirr as to which Mr. Czirr disclaims beneficial ownership, and (ii) 100,000 shares of Series A Preferred convertible into 100,000 shares of common stock. Such number of shares of Series A Preferred represents 5% or more of the outstanding shares of this class of securities.
- (6) Includes 25,000 shares of Series A Preferred convertible into 25,000 shares of common stock.
- (7) Includes 10,000 shares of Series A Preferred convertible into 10,000 shares of common stock.

**PROPOSAL NO. 1****ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of our Board of Directors has nominated nine members of our current Board of Directors to be re-elected at the Annual Meeting to serve one-year terms until the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders and until their respective successors are elected and shall qualify. Each nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

Set forth below is information regarding the nominees, as of April 11, 2008, including their ages, positions with Pro-Pharmaceuticals, recent employment and other directorships.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election to the Board of each nominee.**

The members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age as of 3/22/08</b>	<b>Position</b>
David Platt, Ph.D.	54	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
Mildred S. Christian, Ph.D.	65	Director
Dale H. Conaway, D.V.M.	53	Director
Henry J. Esber, Ph.D.	70	Director
James T. Gourzis, M.D., Ph.D.	79	Director
S. Colin Neill	61	Director
Steven Prelack	50	Director
Jerald K. Rome	73	Director
Theodore D. Zucconi, Ph.D.	61	President and Director

**Board of Directors:**

Dr. Platt, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors, is a co-founder of the Company and co-developer of our core technology. From 1995 to 2000, Dr. Platt was Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of SafeScience Inc., a company he founded. From 1992 to 1995, Dr. Platt was the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and a founder of International Gene Group, Inc., the predecessor company to SafeScience. Dr. Platt received a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1988 from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In 1989, Dr. Platt was a research fellow at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, and from 1989 to 1991, was a research fellow at the Michigan Cancer Foundation (re-named Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute). From 1991 to 1992, Dr. Platt was a research scientist with the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan. Dr. Platt has published peer-reviewed articles and holds many patents, primarily in the field of carbohydrate chemistry.

Dr. Christian, a Director of the Company since 2002, is President and CEO of Argus International, Inc., a provider of consulting services in regulatory affairs, and Chairman and CEO of Argus Health Products, LLC, a developer and distributor of preventive and maintenance healthcare products. Until 2002, Dr. Christian was Executive Director, Science and Compliance, of Charles River Laboratories and Primedica Corporation. Before founding Argus Research Laboratories in 1979 and Argus International in 1980, Dr. Christian spent 14 years in drug development at McNeil Laboratories, a division of Johnson & Johnson Corporation. She has participated at all levels in the performance, evaluation and submission in more than 1,800 pre-clinical studies, from protocol to final report. Dr. Christian is a member of several professional organizations, including service as Councilor of the European Teratology Society and Secretary/Treasurer of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences. She has authored more than 120 papers and abstracts published in U.S. and international journals. Dr. Christian earned her Ph.D. from Thomas Jefferson University in developmental anatomy and pharmacology.

Dr. Conaway, a Director of the Company since May 2001, is the Chief Veterinary Medical Officer for the Office of Research Oversight, an office within the Veterans Health Administration under the U.S. Department of

Veterans Affairs. From 2001 to 2006, Dr. Conway was the Deputy Regional Director (Southern Region). From 1998 to 2001, Dr. Conway served as Manager of the Equine Drug Testing and Animal Disease Surveillance Laboratories for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. From 1994 to 1998, he was Regulatory Affairs Manager for the Michigan Department of Public Health Vaccine Production Division. Dr. Conway received a D.V.M. degree from Tuskegee Institute and an M.S. degree in pathology from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University.

Dr. Esber, a Director of the Company since April 2006, has been a Principal in Esber D&D consulting since 2005. From 2003 to 2005, Dr. Esber was a Senior Consultant, Business Development at Charles River Labs, Discovery and Development Services. From 2005 to 2006, Dr. Esber was a consultant and from 2006, he was Senior Vice President and Chief Business Officer for Bio-Quant. Dr. Esber is the co-founder of BioSignature Diagnostics, Inc. and Advanced Drug Delivery, Inc. He serves on the Scientific Advisory Boards of several biotechnology companies and is the author of more than 130 technical publications. Dr. Esber has more than 25 years of experience in the areas of oncology/tumor immunology and immunotherapy as well as strong knowledge in the field of toxicology and regulatory affairs. Dr. Esber received a B.S. degree in biology/pre-med from the College of William and Mary, an M.S. degree in public health and parasitology from the University of North Carolina, and a Ph.D. in immunology/microbiology from West Virginia University Medical Center.

Dr. Gourzis, a Director of the Company since December 2006, has extensive experience in formulating scientific and regulatory strategy and heading clinical development teams for pharmaceutical and biotechnology products, small molecules and biologics. Therapeutic area experience includes: oncology, cardiovascular, virology, immunology, central nervous system, allergy, anti-inflammatory, infectious disease, pain management and gastrointestinal disease. Dr. Gourzis is Principal, MEDRAND Associates from 2002 to present, providing consulting services with respect to scientific, strategic and regulatory considerations associated with the development of drugs and biologics. Dr. Gourzis received an A.B. degree in biology from Harvard University, an A.M. degree in pharmacology from Boston University and an M.D., Ph.D. in pharmacology/medicine from the University of Manitoba.

Mr. Neill, a Director of the Company since May 2007, became President of Pharmos Corp. (Nasdaq: PARS) in January 2008, and since October 2006, was its Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer. From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Neill served as Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary of Axonyx Inc., a biopharmaceutical company that develops products and technologies to treat Alzheimer's disease and other central nervous system disorders. Mr. Neill served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of ClinTrials Research Inc., a global contract research organization in the drug development business, from 1998 to 2001. From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Neill served as an independent consultant assisting start-up and development stage companies in raising capital. Earlier experience was gained as Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer of BTR Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of BTR plc, a British diversified manufacturing company, and Vice President Financial Services of The BOC Group Inc., a British owned industrial gas company with substantial operations in the health care field. Mr. Neill served four years with American Express Travel Related Services, first as chief internal auditor for worldwide operations and then as head of business planning and financial analysis. Mr. Neill began his career in public accounting with Arthur Andersen LLP in Ireland and later with Price Waterhouse LLP as a senior manager in New York City. He also served with Price Waterhouse for two years in Paris, France. Mr. Neill graduated from Trinity College, Dublin with a first class honors degree in business/economics and he holds a masters degree in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics. He is a Certified Public Accountant in New York State and a Chartered Accountant in Ireland. Mr. Neill serves on the board of OXIS International, Inc. (OXIS:BB).

Mr. Prelack, a Director of the Company since April 2003, has served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of VelQuest Corporation since 2001, a provider of automated compliance management solutions for the pharmaceutical industry. In this capacity, Mr. Prelack oversees business development, financial, administrative and other functions and is responsible for VelQuest's transition from a development-stage company to an operating company. Mr. Prelack is a director of Codeco Corporation, a

designer and manufacturer of custom resistors and switches, and of Sight Code, Inc., which specializes in OPM, a systems design and architecture platform. Mr. Prelack, a Certified Public Accountant, received a B.B.A. degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1979.

Mr. Rome, a Director of the Company since March 2004, has been a private investor since 1996. Mr. Rome founded Amberline Pharmaceutical Care Corp., a marketer of non-prescription pharmaceuticals, in 1993 and served as its President from 1993 to 1996. From 1980 to 1990, he served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Moore Medical Corp., a national distributor of branded pharmaceuticals and manufacturer and distributor of generic pharmaceuticals and was previously Executive Vice President of the H.L. Moore Drug Exchange, a division of Parkway Distributors and predecessor of Moore Medical Corp. Mr. Rome received a B.S. degree in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Connecticut.

Dr. Zucconi, a Director and President of the Company since October 2007, was formerly, since 2002, President of Implementation Edge, a management consulting firm that specializes in organizational performance improvement. From 1994 until 2002, Dr. Zucconi served in various capacities at Motorola, including Director of Motorola University. Prior to Motorola, Dr. Zucconi held technical, operational, and scientific positions at various high technology companies. Dr. Zucconi received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from State University of New York in 1977. Dr. Zucconi also received a Master's Certificate in international management from Thunderbird University.

**Executive officers and key employees:**

David Platt, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer (see Board of Directors)

Theodore Zucconi, Ph.D., President (see Board of Directors)

Eliezer Zomer, Ph.D., is Executive Vice President of Manufacturing and Product Development. Prior to joining the company in 2002, Dr. Zomer was the founder of Alicon Biological Control, where he served from November 2000 to July 2002. From December 1998 to July 2000, Dr. Zomer served as Vice President of product development at SafeScience, Inc. and Vice President of Research and Development at Charm Sciences, Inc. from June 1987 to November 1998. Dr. Zomer received a B.Sc. degree in industrial microbiology from the University of Tel Aviv in 1972, a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Massachusetts in 1978, and undertook a post-doctoral study at the National Institute of Health.

Anatole Klyosov, Ph.D., D.Sc., is Chief Scientist, a co-inventor of our patented technology, and a founder of the Company. Dr. Klyosov was vice president, research and development for Kadant Composites, Inc., a subsidiary of Kadant, Inc. (KAI-NYSE), where he directed, since 1996, a laboratory performing work in biochemistry, microbiology and polymer engineering. From 1990 to 1998, Dr. Klyosov was visiting professor of biochemistry, Center for Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences, Harvard Medical School, and from 1981 to 1990 he was professor and head of the Carbohydrates Research Laboratory at the A.N. Bach Institute of Biochemistry, USSR Academy of Sciences. Dr. Klyosov was elected as a member of the World Academy of Art and Sciences and is the recipient of distinguished awards including the USSR National Award in Science and Technology. He has published more than 230 peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals, authored books on enzymes, carbohydrates, and biotechnology, and holds more than 20 patents. Dr. Klyosov earned his Ph.D. and D.Sc. degrees in physical chemistry, and an M.S. degree in enzyme kinetics, from Moscow State University.

Anthony Squeglia became Chief Financial Officer in October 2007 and from 2003 served as Vice President of Investor Relations. From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Squeglia was a Partner in JFS Advisors, a management consulting firm that delivered strategic services to entrepreneurial businesses that includes raising funds, business planning, positioning, branding, marketing and sales channel development. From 1996 to 2001, Mr. Squeglia was Director of Investor Relations and Corporate Communications for Quentra/Coyote Networks. Previously, Mr. Squeglia

held management positions with Summa Four, Unisys, AT&T, Timeplex, Colonial Penn and ITT. Mr. Squeglia received an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University and a B.B.A. from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Maureen Foley is Chief Operating Officer since October 2001 and formerly Manager of Operations. Ms. Foley's experience with start-up companies includes: From June 2000 to December 2000, she provided business operations services for eHealthDirect, Inc., a developer of medical records processing software. From October 1999 to May 2000, Ms. Foley managed business operations services for ArsDigita, Inc., a developer of business software and programs. From June 1996 to August 1999, Ms. Foley served with Thermo Fibergen, Inc., a subsidiary of Thermo Electron Corporation, a developer of composite materials. Ms. Foley is a graduate of The Wyndham School, Boston, Massachusetts, with a major in Mechanical Engineering.

None of the directors, executive officers and key employees shares any familial relationship.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### *Board of Directors Meetings and Committees of the Board*

During the year ended December 31, 2007, our Board of Directors held 18 meetings. During 2007, the Board had three standing committees: the Compensation Committee, the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Our Board of Directors has determined that, other than Dr. Platt and Dr. Zucconi, neither of whom serves on a standing committee, all of the directors are independent within the meaning of American Stock Exchange listing standards. As required by the stock exchange rules, we held at least one meeting of the Board attended only by the independent (non-management) directors. During 2007, one director, James Gourzis, attended fewer than 75% of the combined total number of meetings of the Board. Each of the Compensation Committee, Audit Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has a charter, a copy of which is available in the About the Company section of our website at [www.pro-pharmaceuticals.com](http://www.pro-pharmaceuticals.com).

### *Compensation Committee*

The Compensation Committee, whose members are Mildred Christian (chair) and Henry Esber, met three times during 2007. The Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending compensation policies and programs, management and corporate goals, as well as salary and benefit levels for our executive officers and other significant employees. Its specific responsibilities include supervising and overseeing the administration of our incentive compensation and stock programs and, as such, the Committee is responsible for administration of grants and awards to directors, officers, employees, consultants and advisors under Pro-Pharmaceuticals' 2001 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2003 Non-employee Director Stock Incentive Plan.

### *Audit Committee*

The Audit Committee, whose members are Steven Prelack (chair), Dale Conaway and Jerald Rome, met seven times during 2007. The Audit Committee is responsible for oversight of the quality and integrity of the accounting, auditing and reporting practices of Pro-Pharmaceuticals. More specifically, it assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to (i) the quality and integrity of our financial statements, reports and related information provided to stockholders, regulators and others, (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm, (iv) the internal control over financial reporting that management and the Board have established, and (v) the audit, accounting and financial reporting processes generally. The Committee is also responsible for review and approval of related-party transactions. The Board has determined that Mr. Prelack is an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of SEC rules.

*Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee*

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, whose members are Jerald Rome (chair), Dale Conaway and Mildred Christian, met five times during 2007. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become members of the Board, and to recommend to the Board, candidates for election or re-election as directors and for reviewing our governance policies in light of the corporate governance rules of the American Stock Exchange and the SEC. Under its charter, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is required to establish and recommend criteria for service as a director, including matters relating to professional skills and experience, board composition, potential conflicts of interest and manner of consideration of individuals proposed by management or stockholders for nomination. The Committee believes candidates for the Board should have the ability to exercise objectivity and independence in making informed business decisions; extensive knowledge, experience and judgment; the highest integrity; loyalty to the interests of Pro-Pharmaceuticals and its stockholders; a willingness to devote the extensive time necessary to fulfill a director's duties; the ability to contribute to the diversity of perspectives present in board deliberations, and an appreciation of the role of the corporation in society. The Committee will consider candidates meeting these criteria who are suggested by directors, management, stockholders and other advisers hired to identify and evaluate qualified candidates.

The Committee has adopted a policy for stockholders to submit recommendations for director candidates. A stockholder desiring to make a recommendation may do so in writing by letter to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee stating the reasons for the recommendation and how the candidate may meet the Committee's director selection criteria. The letter may be confidential and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, c/o Anthony D. Squeglia, Chief Financial Officer, Pro-Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 7 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459. The Committee will evaluate stockholder-recommended candidates in the same manner as candidates recommended by other persons.

*Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors*

Stockholders may send communications to the Board, the Chairman, or one or more non-management directors by using the contact information provided on our website. Stockholders also may send communications by letter addressed to Anthony D. Squeglia, Chief Financial Officer, Pro-Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 7 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459, or by calling (617) 559-0033. All communications will be received and reviewed by our Chief Financial Officer. Stockholder concerns about our accounting, internal controls, auditing matters or business practices will be reported to the Audit Committee. All other concerns will be reported to the appropriate committee(s) of the Board.

*Attendance of Board Members at the Annual Meeting*

We encourage, but do not require, our Board members to attend the annual meeting of stockholders. Six members of the Board attended our 2007 annual meeting.

### COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following information summarizes the compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Option Awards \$( <sup>(1)</sup> )	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
David Platt, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer	2007	195,000		86,250	49,850 <sup>(2)</sup>	331,100
	2006	260,000		45,832	50,917 <sup>(3)</sup>	356,749
Eliezer Zomer, Ph.D., Executive Vice President of Manufacturing and Product Development	2007	165,000		85,651	26,870 <sup>(4)</sup>	277,521
	2006	220,000		59,484	29,194 <sup>(5)</sup>	308,678
Maureen Foley, Chief Operating Officer	2007	138,750		85,651	18,620 <sup>(6)</sup>	243,021
	2006	185,000		59,484	22,372 <sup>(7)</sup>	266,856

- (1) Reference is made to Note 8 Stock Based Compensation in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the SEC on March 28, 2008, which identifies assumptions made in the valuation of option awards in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R). The amounts listed in this column represent the amount of stock based compensation recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for the year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R) and thus may include amounts from awards granted in or prior to 2007 in our operating expenses for the named executive officers for the year ended December 31, 2007.
- (2) Includes \$22,220 for health insurance, \$17,795 for automobile expenses, \$7,800 for company 401(k) contributions and \$2,035 for health club expenses.
- (3) Includes \$21,785 for health insurance, \$15,956 for automobile expenses, \$8,800 for company 401(k) contributions and \$4,376 for health club expenses.
- (4) Includes \$19,937 for health insurance expenses, \$6,533 for company 401(k) contributions and \$400 for health club expenses.
- (5) Includes \$19,572 for health insurance expenses, \$8,800 for company 401(k) contributions and \$822 for health club expenses.
- (6) Includes \$13,070 for health insurance expenses and \$5,550 for company 401(k) contributions.
- (7) Includes \$13,572 for health insurance expenses and \$8,800 for company 401(k) contributions.

#### NARRATIVE DISCLOSURE TO SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

In order to conserve cash, the Named Executive Officers and certain other key employees voluntarily reduced their cash salaries beginning in July 2007.

#### *Material Terms of Employment Contracts of Named Executive Officers*

##### *David Platt, Chief Executive Officer*

We have an employment contract with Dr. Platt that was filed as an exhibit to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 on March 30, 2004. The agreement, which became effective on January 2, 2004, provides that Dr. Platt shall serve as President and Chief Executive Officer at an initial base salary of \$220,000 per year, subject to annual review, and shall receive our standard employee life, disability and health insurance benefits. Dr. Platt is also entitled to receive bonus compensation as follows:

- (i) upon consummation of a transaction with a pharmaceutical company expected to result in at least \$10,000,000 of equity investment or \$50,000,000 of royalty revenue or other substantial benefit as our

Board may determine, a cash bonus of \$200,000 and fully vested 10-year stock options exercisable at not less than the market value to purchase at least 200,000 of our shares of common stock;

- (ii) upon approval by the Food and Drug Administration of each new investigational new drug application filed by us for commencement of human trials, a cash bonus of \$100,000 and 100,000 of stock options;
- (iii) upon approval by the FDA of each new drug application filed by us for any drug, a cash bonus of \$400,000 and 400,000 of stock options; and
- (iv) a cash bonus upon achievement of goals specified by our Board as determined in the first quarter of each fiscal year, with 50% based on performance relative to his work as an executive manager and/or scientist and 50% based on reference to objective criteria such as the market price of our stock or meeting budgets approved by the Board.

If Dr. Platt's employment terminates other than for cause or within twelve months after a change of control of Pro-Pharmaceuticals, he is entitled to, among other things, severance payments for two years based on his salary as of termination, a cash payment ranging from \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 calculated by reference to prior bonus payments, continuation of or comparable health plan benefits for him and his family for two years, and immediate vesting of any unvested stock options.

The agreement requires Dr. Platt to assign inventions and other intellectual property to Pro-Pharmaceuticals which he conceives or reduces to practice during employment and for such period as the company pays severance, contains protective provisions concerning confidential information, non-competition and non-solicitation of employees, and provides for indemnification of Dr. Platt.

Following the annual review provided for in his employment agreement, Dr. Platt's salary was adjusted to \$260,000 for 2005.

*Eliezer Zomer, Ph.D., Executive Vice President of Manufacturing and Product Development, and Maureen Foley, Chief Operating Officer*

We do not have a written employment agreement with Dr. Zomer or Ms. Foley.

*Material Terms of Employment Agreements with Other Key Employees and Executives*

*Theodore D. Zucconi, President*

We entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Zucconi on December 19, 2007, which amends and restates his prior employment agreement effective October 1, 2007, and was filed as an exhibit to our Form 8-K Current Report on December 26, 2007. The agreement provides for a monthly salary of \$9,167 in 2007, and an annual salary of \$220,000 in 2008, payment of 50% of which is deferred until October 1, 2008. He shall be paid a cash bonus of \$27,500 before June 1, 2008. Dr. Zucconi is entitled to insurance and other employee benefits, as well as \$54,000 for relocation costs and airfare reimbursement for up to 14 round trips to his home in Phoenix, Arizona. The agreement provided for a sign-on bonus of 200,000 stock options, which were granted in December 2007. It also entitles him to 10,000 incentive stock options for each \$1 million of financing received by us from investors identified by him, as well as 100,000 options if the trading price of our common stock exceeds \$5.00 for 20 consecutive trading days prior to October 3, 2008. The agreement provides that all stock options are fully vested on the applicable grant date, have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date, and are exercisable for five years, whether or not Dr. Zucconi is then employed by us. If we enter into a partnership or joint venture with another company resulting in payment to us of upfront fees and milestone payments in excess of \$20 million, Dr. Zucconi is entitled to a cash bonus equal to 1% of such fees and payments. The employment agreement has a term of one year, and contains provisions for compensation if Dr. Zucconi's employment is terminated with or without cause. The agreement requires Dr. Zucconi to assign intellectual property and contains protective provisions including non-competition and non-solicitation.

*Anthony D. Squeglia, Chief Financial Officer*

In connection with Mr. Squeglia's appointment effective October 1, 2007 as our Chief Financial Officer, we entered into an employment agreement with him dated December 20, 2007, which was filed as an exhibit to our Form 8-K Current Report on December 20, 2007.

Mr. Squeglia's employment agreement provides for an initial base salary of \$180,000 per year, subject to annual review, and our standard health insurance benefits. In the event his employment is terminated without cause he is entitled to severance equal to two months' base salary plus one month for each year of employment (not to exceed six months) and continuation of benefits for two months. The employment agreement contains a customary provision for assignment of intellectual property, as well as protective provisions concerning confidential information, non-competition and non-solicitation of employees.

*Anatole Klyosov, Chief Scientist*

Dr. Klyosov's employment agreement provides for an initial base salary of \$220,000 per year, subject to annual review, and our standard health insurance benefits. In the event his employment is terminated without cause he is entitled to severance equal to two months' base salary plus one month for each year of employment (not to exceed six months) and continuation of benefits for two months. The employment agreement contains a customary provision for assignment of intellectual property, as well as protective provisions concerning confidential information, non-competition and non-solicitation of employees.

#### OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT YEAR END

The following information summarizes outstanding equity awards held by the named executive officers as of December 31, 2007.

Name	Option Grant Date	Stock Option Awards		Option Exercise Price Per Share (\$)	Option Expiration Date
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying (#) Unexercised Options Un-exercisable		
David Platt, Ph.D.	03/09/2006	25,000	50,000	3.75	03/09/2011
	03/08/2007		150,000	1.01	03/08/2012
Eliezer Zomer, Ph.D.	12/04/2002	120,000		3.50	
	09/18/2003	425,000		4.05	
	12/21/2004	75,000		1.90	11/14/2012
	03/09/2006	16,667	33,333	3.75	09/02/2013 12/21/2014 03/09/2011
	03/08/2007		100,000	1.01	03/08/2012
Maureen Foley	12/04/2002	20,000		3.50	12/14/2011
	12/04/2002	100,000		3.50	11/14/2012
	09/18/2003	650,000		4.05	09/02/2013
	12/21/2004	75,000		1.90	12/21/2014
	03/09/2006	16,667	33,333	3.75	03/09/2011
	03/08/2007		100,000	1.01	03/08/2012

Options vest annually, in equal increments, over three years beginning the first anniversary of the grant date, provided the grantee is then an employee. The exercise price of the options is set at the closing price of our stock on the date of grant. Grants of options are recommended by the Compensation Committee and adopted by the Board of Directors. No options were exercised in 2007.



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**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Fees Earned		Option Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
	or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)					
Mildred S. Christian, Ph.D.			\$ 19,436				\$ 19,436
Dale H. Conaway, D.V.M.			\$ 18,983				\$ 18,983
Henry J. Esber, Ph.D.							