

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form DEFA14A  
March 14, 2008

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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
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**American Express Company**

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**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.**

**The American Express Company Proxy Statement and 2007 Annual Report to Shareholders are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). If you want to receive paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before April 14, 2008 to facilitate timely delivery.**

**This Notice also constitutes Notice of the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.**

To request materials: **Internet:** [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) **Telephone:** 1-800-579-1639 **\*\*Email:** [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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**following page)** in the subject line. Requests, instructions and other inquiries will NOT be forwarded to your

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You may access your proxy materials online by using your 12-digit Control Number(s).

**AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY**

**Vote In Person**

All shareholders of record (or holders in street name who have obtained a legal proxy) may vote in person at the Meeting.

**Vote By Internet**

To vote *now* by Internet, go to [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM). Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time either on April 23, 2008 for shareholders in employee benefits plans, or on April 27, 2008, for all other shares. Have your notice in hand when you access the website and follow the instructions.

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**Meeting Information**

Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: April 28, 2008  
Meeting Time: 10:00 AM EDT  
For holders as of: February 29, 2008  
Matters to be Voted on: See Voting Items in this Notice

**Meeting Location:**

200 VESEY STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10285

**Meeting Directions:**

Our world headquarters, the site of the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, is located at 200 Vesey Street on the west side of Lower Manhattan in the World Financial Center.

Directions to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and vote in person can be found on the last page of the American Express Company Proxy Statement.



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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1, 2, 3, 4a through 4d, and AGAINST Item 5. If no voting instructions are given the proxy will be voted as the Board of Directors recommends.**

**Item 1 - To Elect Directors**

Nominees:

(01) D.F. Akerson	(07) R.C. Levin
(02) C. Barshefsky	(08) R.A. McGinn
(03) U.M. Burns	(09) E.D. Miller
(04) K.I. Chenault	(10) S.S. Reinemund
(05) P. Chernin	(11) R.D. Walter
(06) J. Leschly	(12) R.A. Williams

**Item 2 -** A proposal to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2008.

**Item 3 -** A proposal to amend the Certificate of Incorporation to require a majority vote for the election of Directors in non-contested elections.



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**Items 4a through 4d** - Proposals to amend the Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate statutory supermajority voting for the following actions:

- 4a. Merger or consolidation.
  - 4b. Sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets outside the ordinary course of business.
  - 4c. Plan for the exchange of shares.
  - 4d. Authorization of dissolution.
- Item 5** - A shareholder proposal relating to cumulative voting for Directors.

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