

Northwestern Mutual CEO Among Highest Rated CEOs Of 2015

John E. Schlifske named in top ten of Glassdoor's annual "50 Highest Rated CEOs" report

MILWAUKEE, June 10, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John E. Schlifske has been named one of the ten [highest rated CEOs](#) in the U.S. by Glassdoor – an online career and workplace community. This is the third year in a row Schlifske has appeared in Glassdoor's top ten.

Schlifske received a 95% approval rating from Northwestern Mutual employees and members of the company's field force of financial representatives who participated in Glassdoor's annual "50 Highest Rated CEOs" report released June 9, 2015. Glassdoor calculates CEO approval ratings similar to Presidential approval ratings by asking employees a simple question: 'Do you approve or disapprove of the way your CEO is leading the company?'

Schlifske joins other prominent CEOs in the top ten: Larry Page, Google; Mark Parker, Nike; Charles Butt, HEB; Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook; Scott Scherrer, Ultimate Solutions; Hugh Grant, Monsanto; Lloyd Blankfein, Goldman Sachs; Glenn Johnson, Insight Global; and Tim Cook, Apple.

"More than recognition for me, this really reflects the strength and commitment of the entire Northwestern Mutual community," said Schlifske. "Our employees and field representatives are the driving force behind our success throughout our nearly 160-year history, and I'm honored to work side-by-side them every day."

The Glassdoor recognition comes on the heels of a record-breaking 2014 for Northwestern Mutual that included the announcement of the highest dividend payout to policyowners in the company's history expected to exceed \$5.5 billion in 2015 – more than three times its nearest competitor. Additionally, as demand grows for Northwestern Mutual's distinctive approach to providing financial guidance, the company achieved record levels of revenue, assets and surplus in 2014. Northwestern Mutual also continued to receive the highest possible financial strength ratings awarded to any U.S. life insurer by all four of the major credit rating agencies.[i]

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[i] *Current ratings for Northwestern Mutual and Northwestern Long Term Care Insurance Company: A.M. Best Company A++ (highest), May 2015; Fitch Ratings AAA (highest), November 2014; Moody's Investors Service Aaa (highest), December 2014; and Standard & Poor's AA+ (second highest), May 2015. Ratings are subject to change.*

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