Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Form DEFA14A April 21, 2017 **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 **SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION** PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Filed by the Registrant Filed by a Party other than the Registrant Check the appropriate box: **Preliminary Proxy Statement** Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a 6(e)(2)) **Definitive Proxy Statement Definitive Additional Materials** Soliciting Material Pursuant to §240.14a 11(c) or §240.14a 2 AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. (Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter) Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box): No fee required. Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a 6(i)(4) and 0 11. (1) Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies: (2) Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies:

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on June 8, 2017.

Meeting Information

AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: April 17, 2017

Date: June 8, 2017 Time: 10:30 AM PDT

Location: 11570 6th Street

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

C/O BROADRIDGE

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

P.O. BOX 1342

BRENTWOOD, NY 11717

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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How to Access the Proxy Materials
2. Annual Report
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Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.
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Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:		
1.	Election of Directors	
Nominees:		
1a.	Jason B. Shandell	
	Richard Koo	
	Floyd F. Petersen	
The	Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:	
2. Com	To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the appany for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.	
NOT	ΓE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.	
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