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May 16, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 12, 2007

ProAssurance Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-16533 63-1261433  
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer I.D. No.)

100 Brookwood Place, Birmingham, Alabama 35209  
(Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 877-4400

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-(c))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF  
CERTAIN OFFICERS

On April 26, 2007, ProAssurance Corporation announced that its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, A. Derrill Crowe, M.D., had informed the Board of Directors of his intention to retire as Chief Executive Officer effective July 1, 2007. At that time we also announced that our Board of Directors elected W. Stancil Starnes to be the new Chief Executive Officer of ProAssurance, also effective July 1, 2007. In a Current Report on Form 8K filed on that date we provided the basic terms of Mr. Starnes employment agreement.

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Our negotiations with Mr. Starnes on a final employment agreement concluded on Saturday, May 12, 2007. The agreement was recommended by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at a joint meeting of the Committee and the Board held on May 16, 2007. We are filing the employment agreement as executed by ProAssurance and Mr. Starnes in this Current Report on Form 8K.

### ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On May 16, 2007, ProAssurance Corporation's stockholders overwhelmingly re-elected Victor T. Adamo, Paul R. Butrus and William J. Listwan, M.D. to the Corporation's Board of Directors. Their terms will expire at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2010. More than 86% of 32,986,394 eligible shares were voted, and each of the directors standing for reelection received approximately 97% of the votes cast by stockholders.

### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit -----	Description -----
99.1	Employment Agreement between ProAssurance Corporation and W. Stancil Starnes.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 16, 2007

PROASSURANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Frank B. O'Neil

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Frank B. O'Neil  
Sr. Vice-President