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Form 8-K  
October 17, 2008

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): October 16, 2008

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02a Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers.

On October 16, 2008 our Board of Directors elected W. Stancil Starnes to serve as the Chairman of the Board of ProAssurance Corporation. He assumes that role immediately, and will serve in addition to his role as Chief Executive

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Officer. Mr. Starnes' election was recommended by our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which is made up entirely of independent directors.

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: October 17, 2008

PROASSURANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Frank B. O'Neil

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Frank B. O'Neil  
Senior Vice President