

YELP INC
Form 8-K
March 11, 2016

**UNITED STATES
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): March 9, 2016

YELP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation)

001-35444
(Commission File No.)

20-1854266
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**140 New Montgomery Street, 9th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105**
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(415) 908-3801**

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Executive Compensation

On March 9, 2016, the Compensation Committee (the Compensation Committee) of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Yelp Inc. (the Company), pursuant to the authority delegated to it by the Board, approved certain compensation arrangements for the Company's named executive officers (as defined in Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC)), other than Rob Krolik, who, as previously reported, will transition out of his role as Chief Financial Officer by the end of 2016 (collectively, the Executive Officers).

Base Salaries

The Compensation Committee determined not to make any changes to the Executive Officers' annual base salaries at this time. Accordingly, each Executive Officer's base salary will remain at its current level, as set forth in the table below.

Equity Awards

The Compensation Committee approved the grant of (a) options to purchase shares of the Company's Class A common stock (the Options) and (b) restricted stock units covering shares of the Company's Class A common stock (the RSUs, and together with the Options, the Equity Awards) to the Executive Officers, as set forth in the table below.

The Compensation Committee granted the Equity Awards pursuant to, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of, the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the Plan), the forms of Option Agreement and Grant Notice (together, the Option Agreements) and the forms of RSU Agreement and Grant Notice (together, the RSU Agreements) previously filed with the SEC. Each Option will have an exercise price of \$20.47 per share, representing the fair market value of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant as determined under the terms of the Plan, and a term of 10 years from the date of grant.

| Named Executive Officer | Title | Annual Base Salary | Options | RSUs |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jeremy Stoppelman | Chief Executive Officer | \$ 1.00 | 426,200 ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Geoff Donaker | Chief Operating Officer | \$ 1.00 | 53,300 ⁽²⁾ | |
| Joseph R. (Jed) Nachman | Chief Revenue Officer | \$ 325,000.00 | 53,300 ⁽³⁾ | 73,356 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Laurence Wilson | Senior Vice President, Legal and User Operations, General Counsel and Secretary | \$ 325,000.00 | 40,000 ⁽³⁾ | 55,017 ⁽⁴⁾ |

- (1) 1/24th of the shares underlying this Option will vest each month for two years following the date of grant, provided that Mr. Stoppelman is providing services to the Company at the time of each such vesting.
- (2) 1/12th of the shares underlying this Option will vest each month for one year following the date of grant, provided that Mr. Donaker is providing services to the Company at the time of each such vesting.
- (3) 1/48th of the shares underlying this Option will vest each month for four years following the date of grant, provided that such Executive Officer is providing services to the Company at the time of each such vesting.
- (4) The shares subject to this RSU vest in equal quarterly installments over four years from the date of grant, provided that such Executive Officer is providing services to the Company at the time of each such vesting.

The foregoing is only a brief description of the material terms of the Options and RSUs, does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan, Option Agreements and RSU Agreements.

Director Compensation

On March 9, 2016, the Board approved the following changes to the cash compensation provided under the Company's non-employee director compensation program for Board services:

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\$20,000 per year for service as Chair of the Board (previously no additional cash compensation was paid for service as Chair);

\$20,000 per year for service as Chair of the Audit Committee of the Board (increased from \$10,000 per year); and

\$9,000 per year for service as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board, other than the Chair (increased from \$5,000 per year).

SIGNATURES

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: March 11, 2016

YELP INC.

By:

/s/ Laurence Wilson

Laurence Wilson

Senior Vice President & General Counsel
