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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 18, 2005

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:

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

At its meeting on May 18, 2004 the ProAssurances Board of Directors adopted the Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") as recommended by the Compensation Committee of the Board. The Plan allows non-employee members of the Board of Directors of the Company to defer the receipt of stock-based compensation until such time as they are no longer a member of the Board.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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Exhibit Description

Exhibit 99.1: ProAssurance Corporation Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan

adopted on May 18, 2005.

 ${\tt Exhibit~99.2:~Election~Form~for~the~ProAssurance~Corporation~Director~Deferred}$

Stock Compensation Plan adopted on May 18, 2005.

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 23, 2005

PROASSURANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Edward L. Rand, Jr.

Edward L. Rand, Jr. Chief Financial Officer