

PROASSURANCE CORP

Form 4

February 23, 2017

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
O NEIL FRANK B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O PROASSURANCE
CORPORATION, 100
BROOKWOOD PLACE**

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)
Senior Vice-President / Assistant Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/23/2017		M	(A) or (D) A	5,602 (1) \$ 61.85	97,931	D
Common Stock	02/23/2017		A	(A) or (D) A	1,500 (2) \$ 61.85	99,431	D
Common Stock					4,050	I	Shares held in the ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan

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Common Stock 1,258 I In Trust ⁽³⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(4)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	93
Restricted Stock Units	(5)							(5)	(5)	Common Stock	5,000
Restricted Stock Units	(6)							(6)	(6)	Common Stock	100
Restricted Stock Units	(7)							(7)	(7)	Common Stock	2,265
Restricted Stock Units	(8)							(8)	(8)	Common Stock	112

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

O NEIL FRANK B
C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION
100 BROOKWOOD PLACE
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

Senior Vice-President Assistant Secretary

Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil 02/23/2017

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Payout of Performance Shares awarded to the reporting person upon completion of a three year performance period at year-end 2016. The Compensation Committee of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors reviewed the company's performance against the defined criteria and approved this award. The Compensation Committee is comprised solely of independent, non-employee directors.

These shares are exempt under Rule 16b-3. Bonus shares awarded to the reporting person under the terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2014 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is comprised solely of independent, non-employee directors

(3) Shares are held in the George O'Neil Generation-Skipping Trust, Non-Exempt, fbo Frank B. O'Neil. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership because the Trustee retains sole investment control over the shares.

RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, issued on 10/5/16 under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs vest upon the sooner of three years of continuous employment, termination of employment by reason of death or disability, for "good reason," or a change of control of the Company. If a participant terminates employment more than twelve months but less than three years from the date of grant, the RSUs will partially vest based on the number of days that the participant was employed in the vesting period. Any RSUs that are unvested on termination of employment will be forfeited. In addition, if a participant withdraws shares purchased for his or her account, matching unvested RSUs will be forfeited. Upon vesting, we will pay the RSUs in shares of our Common Stock from those shares reserved for issuance under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan with the value established at vesting.

Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the ProAssurance Corporation 2014 Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until December 31, 2018 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon termination of employment as the result of (i) death; (ii) disability; or (iii) Good Reason, as defined in the reporting person's employment agreement with ProAssurance Corporation, or by action of the Compensation Committee of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors. The RSUs will be settled in shares of ProAssurance Common Stock and in cash, with the cash portion being approximately equal to the federal, state, and local taxes.

RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, issued on 10/5/15 under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs will vest upon the sooner of three years of continuous employment, termination of employment by reason of death or disability, for "good reason," or a change of control of the Company. If a participant terminates employment more than twelve months but less than three years from the date of grant, the RSUs will partially vest based on the number of days that the participant was employed in the vesting period. Any RSUs that are unvested on termination of employment will be forfeited. In addition, if a participant withdraws shares purchased for his or her account, matching unvested RSUs will be forfeited. Upon vesting, we will pay the RSUs in shares of our Common Stock from those shares reserved for issuance under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan with the value established vesting.

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(8) RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, issued on 10/6/14 under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs will vest upon the sooner of three years of continuous employment, termination of employment by reason of death or disability, for "good reason," or a change of control of the

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Company. If a participant terminates employment more than twelve months but less than three years from the date of grant, the RSUs will partially vest based on the number of days that the participant was employed in the vesting period. Any RSUs that are unvested on termination of employment will be forfeited. In addition, if a participant withdraws shares purchased for his or her account, matching unvested RSUs will be forfeited. Upon vesting, we will pay the RSUs in shares of our Common Stock from those shares reserved for issuance under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan with the value established vesting.

Remarks:

\$61.85 was the closing price of a share of ProAssurance common stock on February 23, 2017

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