

PROASSURANCE CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Di Piazza Samuel A Jr.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/25/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2016 | | A | 1,091 (1) A \$ 51.29 | 8,807 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2016 | | A | 115 (2) A \$ 51.29 | 8,922 | D | |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | (3) | | | | | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 100 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Di Piazza Samuel A Jr. C/O PROASSURANCE COPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209 | X | | | |

Signatures

Frank B. O'Neil with Power of Attorney for the Reporting Person
Date: 05/26/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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These shares are awarded under the ProAssurance Corporation Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan and are exempt under Rule 16b-3. This grant was recommended by the Compensation Committee, which is composed entirely independent directors (as disclosed on page 20 of our 2016 Proxy Statement), and was approved by our Board of Directors at its meeting on May 25, 2016. This year, the

(1) recommended and approved stock compensation grant was for shares having a value not to exceed \$56,000. The number of whole shares is determined using the closing price of a share of stock on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on the day of the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The NYSE closing price on May 25, 2016 was \$51.29, resulting in a distribution to each non-management director of 1,091 shares.

Shares acquired from ProAssurance Corporation under its Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan which are exempt under Rule 16b-3. The plan was amended in 2013 to provide that dividends accumulated on deferred stock will be invested in shares of our stock and

(2) paid solely in our shares of stock when the deferred stock is payable to the directors. Only whole shares are purchased and remaining cash remains in the non-management director's deferred account for future purchase. Any future purchases of this nature will be made yearly, on the date of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the same terms and conditions set forth in this footnote.

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- (3) 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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