PROASSURANCE CORP

Form 4

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

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rand Edward Lewis Jr

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

(Check all applicable)

C/OPROASSURANCE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2011

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

CORPORATION, 100 **BROOKWOOD PLACE**

Chief Financial Officer / Senior Vice

President

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 12/20/2011 Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price \$ 80 $S^{(1)}$ 2,000 D

(2)

17,040 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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	39
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,085
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	2,085
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(6)</u>					(6)	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	2,085
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.28					09/01/2008(7)	09/01/2018	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.48					09/10/2007(8)	09/10/2017	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38					09/11/2006 <u>(9)</u>	09/11/2016	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15					09/10/2005(10)	09/10/2015	Common Stock	25,000

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rand Edward Lewis Jr C/OPROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209

Chief Financial Officer Senior Vice President

Signatures

Edward L. Rand, Jr. 12/20/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- (1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 13, 2011.
- (2) All 2,000 shares were sold at \$80.00

RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, are issued under the 2008 Equity 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 or for "good reason," or a change of control of the Company. If

- (3) 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 2008 Equity Plan. Value to be established upon vesting.
 - Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the ProAssurance 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until December 31, 2013 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon
- (4) 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.
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- (5) 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.
 - Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until February 26, 2012 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon termination
- (6) 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.
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 1, 2008

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- (8) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007
- (9) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (10) The options vested in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005

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