#### STARNES WILLIAM STANCIL

Form 4

December 03, 2012

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* STARNES WILLIAM STANCIL

(First)

(Street)

(State)

12/03/2012

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2012

X Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_X\_\_ Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

Chairman / CEO & President

below)

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Ownership Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

> > (1)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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91,003

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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8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	55
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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STARNES WILLIAM STANCIL						
C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION	X		Chairman	CEO & President		
100 BROOKWOOD PLACE	Λ		Chairman	CLO & Tresident		
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811						

# **Signatures**

W. Stancil
Starnes

\*\*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).
- Shares granted pursuant to ProAsssurance's Longevity Award program. These shares were approved and awarded to all eligible
  (1) employees on December 3, 2012. The acquisition of ProAssurance Corporation shares reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.
- (2) 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 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

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2008 Equity Plan. Value to be established upon vesting.

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