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Form 8-K  
May 19, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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 19, 2006

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-10607	36-2678171
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

307 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(312) 346-8100

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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- ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;

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Appointment of Principal Officers.  
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At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2006, the Board of Directors of Old Republic International Corporation (the "Company") appointed James A. Kellogg as the President, effective July 1, 2006. He succeeds Aldo C. Zucaro who continues as the Company's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. The Board appointed R. Scott Rager to the newly-created position of Senior Vice President - Administration and Planning. Mr. Rager will also succeed Mr. Kellogg as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company's subsidiary, Old Republic General Insurance Group, Inc. A copy of the Company's press release dated May 19, 2006, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws; Change in  
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Fiscal Year.  
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In conjunction with its appointment of a new President of the Company, the Board of Directors amended the Company's By-Laws at its meeting on May 17, 2006, to distinguish the responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, on the one hand, and those of the President, on the other, and to designate a vice president as the Chief Financial Officer. The Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 8.01. Other Events.  
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At its meeting on May 17, 2006, the Company's Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program authorizing the Company to make open-market purchases of its common stock of up to \$500 million over a 24-month period commencing as future market conditions would warrant.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.  
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(d) Exhibits

- 99.1. Press release dated May 19, 2006.
- 99.2. Old Republic International Corporation Amended and Restated By-Laws.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

OLD REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
Registrant

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Date: May 19, 2006

By: /s/ Karl W. Mueller

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Karl W. Mueller  
Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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