

# AON PLC

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

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**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): **July 18, 2008**

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**Aon Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-7933**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-3051915**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**200 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60601**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(312) 381-1000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On July 18, 2008, Aon Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the Company’s Board of Directors has elected Lester B. Knight to serve as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors effective upon the retirement of Patrick G. Ryan as a Director and Executive Chairman on August 1, 2008.

A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a)—(c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press Release issued by the Company on July 18, 2008.

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

### Aon CORPORATION

Date: July 22, 2008

By: /s/ D. Cameron Findlay

D. Cameron Findlay

*Executive Vice President and General Counsel*

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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## Aon Names Lester B. Knight as non-Executive Chairman

CHICAGO, July 18 - - Lester B. Knight, an independent director since 1999, has been elected non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Aon Corporation (NYSE:AOC). Knight, 50, succeeds Patrick G. Ryan, Aon's Executive Chairman and founder, who previously announced his intention to retire on August 1, 2008. Aon is the world's largest insurance and reinsurance intermediary, and a global leader in human capital consulting.

Knight is a founding and managing partner of RoundTable Healthcare Partners, a healthcare-focused private equity investment firm. Prior to RoundTable, he was the Chairman and CEO of Allegiance Corporation. In addition, Knight serves as a Trustee of Northwestern University, and as a director of Evanston Northwestern Healthcare and Junior Achievement of Chicago.

Andy McKenna, Aon's lead director and chair of the ad hoc Nominating Committee, commented, "Aon's choice of an independent non-Executive Chairman is consistent with best governance practices of leading global firms. The Aon family and our shareholders should be confident in Lester's ability to sustain the independent oversight of their interests."

Ryan noted, "As I have remarked many times since announcing my retirement earlier this year, Aon is extremely well-positioned for growth and success under the leadership of Greg Case and his management team. Our Board has never been more excited about the future of Aon. Lester is a wonderful choice and will ensure continued close collaboration between the Board and management."

Knight said, "I am gratified to serve Aon's shareholders in a new capacity and want to thank Pat, Andy and the Board for honoring me with this opportunity. I look forward to working with the Board, Greg and the management team to ensure Aon continues to strengthen and extend its position of global market leadership."

### About Aon

Aon Corporation (NYSE: AOC) is the leading global provider of risk management services, insurance and reinsurance brokerage, human capital and management consulting. Through its 36,000 colleagues worldwide, Aon delivers distinctive client value via innovative and effective risk management and workforce productivity solutions. Our industry-leading global resources, technical expertise and industry knowledge are delivered locally through more than 500 offices in more than 120 countries. Aon was named the world's "best broker" by *Euromoney* magazine's 2008 Insurance Survey. Aon also was ranked by A.M. Best as the number one global insurance brokerage in 2007 and 2008 based on brokerage revenues, and voted best insurance intermediary, best reinsurance intermediary, and best employee benefits consulting firm in 2007 by the readers of *Business Insurance*. For more information on Aon, log onto <http://www.aon.com>.

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