NAVIGATORS GROUP INC Form 8-K August 07, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 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) August 6, 2009

The Navigators Group, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 0-15886 13-3138397 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Incorporation) Identification No.)

One Penn Plaza, New York, NY
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10119
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (914) 934-8999

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Directors

On August 6, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee") completed a review of the performance of Mr. Stanley A. Galanski, President & Chief Executive Officer of The Navigators Group, Inc. (the "Company"), and of Mr. Galanski's compensation relative to peers in the marketplace. As a result of this review, the Committee elected to increase Mr. Galanski's base salary to \$725,000 per annum effective as of August 16, 2009. The Committee also approved a grant of 25,000 restricted common shares under the Company's Amended 2005 Incentive Stock Plan, which grant will follow the vesting and performance criteria under the Company's Admirals' Program. A description of the vesting and performance criteria under the Company's Admirals' Program can be found in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section contained in the Company's Annual Proxy Statement dated March 13, 2009.

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.

THE NAVIGATORS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce J. Byrnes

Name: Bruce J. Byrnes

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel

& Chief Compliance Officer

Date: August 7, 2009