

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL INC
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**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) **April 30, 2014**

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32525
(Commission
File Number)

13-3180631
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

55 Ameriprise Financial Center

Minneapolis, Minnesota
(Address of principal executive offices)

55474
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(612) 671-3131**

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Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

At the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders held on April 30, 2014, the stockholders of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (the Company) approved an amendment and restatement of the Company's certificate of incorporation (Certificate of Incorporation), which became effective upon the filing of the amended and restated Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware following the meeting. In addition, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Company approved, effective immediately, certain amendments to the Company's by-laws (By-Laws). A summary of the changes to the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws is set forth below and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the amended and restated Certificate of Incorporation and the amended and restated By-Laws, complete copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 and are hereby incorporated by reference in response to this Item 5.03.

Amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation include: (i) the elimination of references in Article V to the declassification of the Board, which declassification became effective as of the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders; (ii) the elimination of the requirement in Article V that the affirmative vote of the holders of three-fourths (3/4) or more of the combined voting power of the Company is required for stockholders to adopt, amend, alter or repeal any provision of the By-Laws; (iii) the elimination of the requirement in Article VIII that the affirmative vote of the holders of three-fourths (3/4) or more of the combined voting power of the Company is required for stockholders to adopt, amend, alter or repeal any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation; and (iv) other non-material amendments.

Amendments to the By-Laws include: (i) the clarification in Article III that Board committees have the authority to make recommendations to stockholders regarding the election or removal of directors; and (ii) the elimination of the requirement in Article IX that the affirmative vote of the holders of three-fourths (3/4) or more of the combined voting power of the Company is required for stockholders to adopt, amend, alter or repeal any provision of the By-Laws.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The 2014 annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company was held on April 30, 2014. At the meeting, the holders of 165,276,536 shares of common stock, which represents approximately 87 percent of the 190,594,540 outstanding shares entitled to vote as of the March 4, 2014 record date were represented in person or by proxy. Detailed voting results are set forth below.

Item 1 Election of Directors. The stockholders elected each director nominee for a term of one year to expire at the 2015 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified. The voting results were as follows:

| Name | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| James M. Cracchiolo | 142,713,466 | 6,500,300 | 1,018,425 | 15,044,345 |
| Dianne Neal Blixt | 149,359,754 | 322,523 | 549,914 | 15,044,345 |
| Amy DiGeso | 149,410,955 | 274,731 | 546,505 | 15,044,345 |
| Lon R. Greenberg | 139,611,465 | 10,066,231 | 554,495 | 15,044,345 |
| W. Walker Lewis | 148,973,018 | 705,843 | 553,330 | 15,044,345 |
| Siri S. Marshall | 148,738,624 | 697,737 | 795,830 | 15,044,345 |
| Jeffrey Noddle | 148,966,311 | 710,934 | 554,946 | 15,044,345 |
| H. Jay Sarles | 132,841,317 | 16,839,836 | 551,038 | 15,044,345 |
| Robert F. Sharpe, Jr. | 147,760,510 | 1,924,172 | 547,509 | 15,044,345 |

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Item 2 Nonbinding Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation of Named Executive Officers. The stockholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of its named executive officers. The proposal received for votes from approximately 97 percent of the shares voted:

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 144,138,082 | 4,526,640 | 1,567,469 | 15,044,345 |

Item 3 Amendment and Restatement of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to Eliminate Supermajority Voting Rights and Effect Certain Other Non-Material Amendments. The stockholders approved the amendment and restatement of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation. The proposal received for votes from more than 99 percent of the shares voted:

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 149,176,843 | 449,126 | 606,222 | 15,044,345 |

Item 4 Amendment and Restatement of the Ameriprise Financial 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan. The stockholders approved the amendment and restatement of the Ameriprise Financial 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan. The proposal received for votes from approximately 86 percent of the shares voted:

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 128,091,055 | 21,445,334 | 695,802 | 15,044,345 |

Item 5 Ratification of the Audit Committee's Selection of the Company's Independent Registered Public Accountant for 2014. The stockholders ratified the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2014. The proposal received for votes from approximately 99 percent of the shares voted:

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 162,953,364 | 1,558,445 | 764,727 |

Item 6 Stockholder Proposal Relating to the Disclosure of Political Contributions and Expenditures. The stockholders did not approve the stockholder proposal for the Company to disclose its policies and procedures related to political contributions and expenditures with corporate funds, as well as certain information relating to such contributions and expenditures. The proposal received for votes from approximately 31 percent of the shares voted:

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 42,282,457 | 92,840,311 | 15,109,423 | 15,044,345 |

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Exhibit 3.1 | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. |
| Exhibit 3.2 | Amended and Restated By-Laws of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. |

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.

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: May 1, 2014

By

/s/ Thomas R. Moore
Thomas R. Moore
Vice President, Chief Governance Officer
and Corporate Secretary