

WILHELM EDWARD W  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WILHELM EDWARD W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/24/2009**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/24/2009		D	250 <sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 0	6,321 <sup>(2)</sup>	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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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option	\$ 19.11					05/09/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 05/09/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock 5,000
Option	\$ 17.72					02/06/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/06/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock 5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILHELM EDWARD W 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA SUITE 500 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	X			

## Signatures

Barry C. Paige, Attorney-in-Fact	04/28/2009
__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).
- (1) These options vest at a rate of 25% each anniversary of the grant until fully vested. This vesting schedule survives Mr. Wilhelm's 4-24-09 retirement from the Board.  
  
The restricted shares granted on 10-20-08 (2062 shares) and on 2-13-09 (1509 shares) vested immediately upon Mr. Wilhelm's 4-24-09 retirement from the Board of Directors. These shares were granted as payment of the Board retainer fees under the Company's 2008 Incentive Equity Plan, a plan approved by the Company's shareholders.
- (3) Pursuant to the Company's 2007 Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Plan, upon his 4-24-09 retirement from the Board, Mr. Wilhelm received a pro-rata share (75%, i.e. 750 shares) of the 1000 shares of restricted stock the Company granted him in February 2007; accordingly, after forfeiting 250 shares, Mr. Wilhelm holds a total of 6321 shares.

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