

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 07, 2016

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: September 7, 2016

STRYKER CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Michigan 000-9165 38-1239739  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, 49002  
Michigan (Zip Code)  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
269.385.2600

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

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On September 7, 2016 Allan C. Golston was designated by the other independent outside directors to serve as Lead Independent Director of Stryker Corporation. Mr Golston has been a member of Stryker's Board of Directors since 2011 and also serves as Chair of the Audit Committee. He is President, United States Program for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In addition, Roch Doliveux, who has been a member of Stryker's Board of Directors since 2010 and a member of the Compensation Committee since 2011, was appointed Chair of that Committee and Srikant M. Datar, who has been a member of Stryker's Board of Directors since 2009, became a member of the Compensation Committee and the Governance and Nominating Committee and no longer serves on the Audit Committee, which still has three independent outside directors.

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.

STRYKER CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

September 7, 2016 /s/ GLENN S. BOEHNLEIN  
Date Glenn S. Boehnlein  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer