

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 8-K/A

April 12, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

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 6, 2005

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

1-11277
(Commission File Number)

22-2477875
(I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification Number)

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07470
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 305-8800

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Introduction

This Form 8-K/A amends Valley's Form 8-K filed on December 16, 2004 to provide additional information now available on Michael L. LaRusso's committee appointment.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On December 14, 2004, the Board of Directors of Valley National Bancorp appointed Michael L. LaRusso, 59, of New Vernon, New Jersey as a director of the Company.

On April 6, 2005, Mr. LaRusso was appointed to Valley's Compensation and Human Resources Committee.

Mr. LaRusso has extensive experience as an employee of financial institutions in the area of risk management and compliance. He served for 23 years with the Comptroller of the Currency. He received a Finance degree from Seton Hall University.

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: April 12, 2005

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow

Alan D. Eskow
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)