
**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): **June 6, 2013**

**AMERICAN EQUITY
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Iowa
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-31911
(Commission File Number)

42-1447959
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

50266
(Zip Code)

(515) 221-0002
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

American Equity Investment Life Holding Company held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on June 6, 2013. At the Annual Meeting, shareholders considered and voted upon five proposals: (1) to elect a total of three directors to three-year terms; (2) to consider and vote upon the 2013 Director Equity and Incentive Plan; (3) to consider and vote upon the Short-Term Performance Incentive Plan; (4) to consider and vote upon the ratification of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2013; and (5) to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.

The final results of the voting on each proposal were as follows:

1. Election of Directors

| Nominee | For | Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Alexander M. Clark | 53,546,902 | 1,174,847 | 2,580,034 |
| John M. Matovina | 51,718,629 | 3,003,120 | 2,580,034 |
| Gerard D. Neugent | 44,648,210 | 10,073,539 | 2,580,034 |

Mr. Clark, Mr. Matovina and Mr. Neugent were elected to serve for a term expiring at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualified.

2. 2013 Director Equity and Incentive Plan

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| 45,549,376 | 8,987,429 | 184,943 | 2,580,034 |

The shareholders approved the 2013 Director Equity and Incentive Plan.

3. Short-Term Performance Incentive Plan

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| 52,304,070 | 2,234,061 | 183,618 | 2,580,034 |

The shareholders approved the Short-Term Performance Incentive Plan.

4. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| 55,361,568 | 1,895,807 | 44,407 | — |

The appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent auditor for the 2013 fiscal year was ratified.

5. Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| 51,502,686 | 3,011,519 | 207,542 | 2,580,034 |

The shareholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 10, 2013

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ John M. Matovina
Name: John M. Matovina
Title: Chief Executive Officer