

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
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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**

January 4, 2005

Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported)

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-9761
(Commission File Number)

36-2151613
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois 60143-3141, (630) 773-3800

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, or registrant's principal executive offices)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

- (b) On January 4, 2005, Bernard L. Hengesbaugh, a Director of the Company, advised Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (the Company) that as a result of his recent acceptance of the position of Chief Operating Officer of the American Medical Association, he is unable to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at the Company's May 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Hengesbaugh will continue to serve as a Director of the Company until the expiration of his term on May 17, 2005.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Hengesbaugh's intention not to stand for re-election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) 99 Press Release, dated January 6, 2005, issued by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

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.

Date: January 6, 2005

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

/s/ John C. Rosengren

John C. Rosengren

Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release, dated January 6, 2005, issued by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.