

Wilkinson Thomas
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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 *
Wilkinson Thomas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/ [HMN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1 HORACE MANN PLAZA
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/30/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amc or Num of S
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	09/30/2008			A		25.944		08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	25.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wilkinson Thomas 1 HORACE MANN PLAZA SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Rhonda R. Armstead, Attorney in Fact for Thomas C. Wilkinson	10/02/2008
**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) Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Common Stock.

The phantom stock units are estimated based on the market price of Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock and are

(2) acquired under the Horace Mann Educators Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for employees which are to be settled 100% in cash on the earlier of the reporting person's retirement date, termination date or a date specified by the reporting person.

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