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): October 19, 2016

IDEXX LABORATORIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-19271

(Commission File Number)

01-0393723

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One IDEXX Drive, Westbrook, Maine

(Address of principal executive offices)

04092

(ZIP Code)

207.556.0300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Election of New Director. On October 19, 2016, the board of directors (the "Board") of IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. (the "Company") elected Lawrence D. Kingsley as an independent Class II Director and a member of its Compensation and Finance Committees effective that date. To accommodate Mr. Kingsley's election as a Class II Director, the Board increased the number of Directors constituting the Board from nine to ten and the number of Class II Directors from three to four. It is expected that Mr. Kingsley will stand for election by stockholders as a Class II Director at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, with a three-year term expiring in 2020.

Mr. Kingsley will receive the same compensation as is paid to the Company's other nonemployee Directors as described in the section entitled "Corporate Governance – Director Compensation" in the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 24, 2016, which description is incorporated herein by reference. The cash fee to be paid to Mr. Kingsley in the fourth quarter of 2016 will be prorated to reflect the effective date of his election to the Board on October 19, 2016. Annual deferred stock unit and stock option grants were made to Directors on May 4, 2016, the date of the 2016 Annual Meeting. Since Mr. Kingsley was not serving as a Director at that time, such grants will be made to him on December 1, 2016, and the award values will be prorated to reflect the portion of the year during which he will serve on the Board, specifically from the effective date of his election on October 19, 2016 until the Company's 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

On October 19, 2016, the Company issued a press release regarding Mr. Kingsley's election to the Board. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 5.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed.

99.1 Press Release dated October 19, 2016.

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.

IDEXX LABORATORIES, INC.

Date: October 19, 2016 By:

/s/ Jacqueline L. Studer Jacqueline L. Studer Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated October 19, 2016.

IDEXX Laboratories Elects Lawrence D. Kingsley to Board of Directors

WESTBROOK, Maine, Oct. 19, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. (NASDAQ: IDXX) today announced the unanimous election of Lawrence D. Kingsley as a member of the Company's Board of Directors, effective today. In connection with Mr. Kingsley's election, the Board also increased its size from 9 to 10, effective today.

Mr. Kingsley served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pall Corporation from 2013 to 2015, and as its President and Chief Executive Officer from 2011 to 2013. Prior to joining Pall Corporation, he was the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of IDEX Corporation from 2006 to 2011, as its President and Chief Executive Officer from 2005 to 2006, and as its Chief Operating Officer prior to that. In addition, he has been a director of Polaris Industries Inc. since 2016 and Rockwell Automation Corporation since 2013, and served as a director of Cooper Industries plc (formerly Cooper Industries Ltd.) from 2007 to 2012.

"We are delighted to welcome Larry to our Board of Directors," said Jonathan Ayers, the Company's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. "Larry's extensive executive management and operational experience leading high tech, high-growth public companies will serve the Company and our shareholders well as we look to continue enduring, profitable growth in our business both in the U.S. and internationally."

"IDEXX has a terrific track record for innovation in extremely attractive global markets," said Mr. Kingsley. "I am excited to join the Board of this dynamic company and look forward to working closely with Jon and the other IDEXX Board members to achieve the Company's goals and continue to build long-term value for our shareholders."

Mr. Kingsley was also appointed by the Board to serve, effective October 19, 2016, on the Compensation and Finance Committees of the Board.

Since May 2016, Mr. Kingsley has been an Advisory Director to Berkshire Partners LLC, a Boston-based investment firm. Prior to joining IDEX Corporation in 2004, Mr. Kingsley held management positions of increasing responsibility at Danaher Corporation, Kollmorgen Corporation and Weidmuller Incorporated. Mr. Kingsley holds an undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering and Management from Clarkson University and an M.B.A. from the College of William and Mary.



About IDEXX Laboratories

IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. is a leader in pet healthcare innovation, serving practicing veterinarians around the world with a broad range of diagnostic and information technology-based products and services. IDEXX products enhance the ability of veterinarians to provide advanced medical care, improve staff efficiency and build more economically successful practices. IDEXX is also a worldwide leader in providing diagnostic tests and information for livestock and poultry and tests for the quality and safety of water and milk. Headquartered in Maine, IDEXX Laboratories employs more than 7,000 employees and offers products to customers in over 200 countries.

Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains or may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "expects," "may," "anticipates," "intends," "would," "will," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "should," and similar words and expressions. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs, as well as a number of assumptions concerning future events. These statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on such forward-looking statements because actual results may vary materially from those expressed or implied. The reports filed by the Company pursuant to United States securities laws contain discussions of these risks and uncertainties. The Company assumes no obligation to, and expressly disclaims any obligation to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Readers are advised to review the Company's filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (which are available from the SEC's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov/, at various SEC reference facilities in the United States and via the Company's website at www.idexx.com).

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