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MARKEL CORP Form 8-K August 19, 2016

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): August 17, 2016

Markel Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia 001-15811 54-1959284 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

4521 Highwoods Parkway

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060-6148

(804) 747-0136

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

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.

On August 17, 2016, the Compensation Committee of Markel Corporation approved base salary increases for the following executive officers of the company: Thomas S. Gayner, Co-Chief Executive Officer; Richard R. Whitt, III, Co-Chief Executive Officer; and F. Michael Crowley, President.

The table below sets forth the new base salaries for each of these executive officers, which will go into effect on September 5, 2016.

Name Title Base Salary Effective September 5, 2016

Thomas S. Gayner Co-Chief Executive Officer \$950,000 Richard R. Whitt, III Co-Chief Executive Officer \$950,000 F. Michael Crowley President \$900,000

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SIGNATURE

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

Date: August 19, 2016 MARKEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard R. Grinnan Name: Richard R. Grinnan

Title: General Counsel and Secretary