

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Steinbecker Roger

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/13/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

401 TUDORS TRACE COURT

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WELDON SPRINGS, MO 63304

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	07/13/2006		A	2,000 A \$ 0 <sub>(2)</sub>	2,000	D	

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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	07/13/2006		A	1,887.077	08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup> 08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Steinbecker Roger 401 TUDORS TRACE COURT WELDON SPRINGS, MO 63304		X		

## Signatures

Rhonda R. Armstead, Attorney in Fact for Roger Steinbecker  
7/17/2006

07/17/2006

        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) The acquisition of Common Stock reported hereby is in the form of restricted stock units which will vest on July 13, 2007.
- (2) Provided as compensation pursuant to the Director retainer compensation plan.
- (3) One-for-one.

(4) The phantom stock units are estimated based on the market price of Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock and are acquired under the Horace Mann Educators Corporation Director Stock Plan which are to be settled in Common Stock upon the reporting person's resignation from the Board of Directors.

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