Nuance Communications, Inc. Form 8-K February 07, 2011

## 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): February 2, 2011 NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-27038 (Commission File Number) 94-3156479

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1 Wayside Road

**Burlington, Massachusetts 01803** 

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (781) 565-5000

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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## Item 5.02(e): Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On February 2, 2011, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Nuance Communications, Inc. (the Company) approved a Company Bonus Program for fiscal 2011 for all Company employees. Target bonuses vary based on position and tenure with the Company, and the amount of target bonus actually awarded to individual employees will be based on the achievement of certain Company and individual objectives. The bonuses for the Company s executive officers are tied collectively to the achievement of total revenue and earnings per share targets. In addition, each executive officer s bonus individually is based upon achievement of certain operational objectives.

## 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.

## NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Date: February 7, 2011

By: /s/ Thomas L. Beaudoin Thomas L. Beaudoin Chief Financial Officer