

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2008

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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):

January 22, 2008

Western Alliance Bancorporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

001-32550

88-0365922

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2700 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada

89102

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

702.248.4200

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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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 January 22, 2008, the Board of Directors appointed Bruce Hendricks (age 57) to the position of Executive Vice President - Southern Nevada Administration. Mr. Hendricks previously served as President of Western Alliance Bancorporation's wholly owned subsidiary, Bank of Nevada (BON), since January 2007. Mr. Hendricks was also named CEO of BON, and will continue to serve as the President of BON.

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On January 22, 2008, the Board of Directors of Western Alliance Bancorporation (the "Corporation") approved technical changes to the language of Article V of the Corporation's Amended and Restated Bylaws to make clear that the Corporation is authorized to issue and transfer its shares in uncertificated form.

The foregoing description of the adopted amendments to the Corporation's Bylaws does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Corporation's amended Bylaws, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

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**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.

*January 24, 2008*

Western Alliance Bancorporation

By: *Dale Gibbons*

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*Name: Dale Gibbons*

*Title: Chief Financial Officer*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
3.1	Amended and Restated By Laws