## 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): December 31, 2007

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 000-26068 (Commission File Number) 95-4405754 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

500 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(949) 480-8300 Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

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

We amended our Bylaws effective December 31, 2007, to provide for the manner of issuance of uncertificated stock as part of our eligibility in the Direct Registration System in compliance with Nasdaq rules. A copy of the amendment is included as Exhibit 3.2 to this report.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
- 3.2 Amendment to Bylaws.

#### **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.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: January 7, 2008

By: /s/ Paul R.

Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan Title: Chairman and Chief

**Executive Officer**