LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES Form 8-K March 20, 2008

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): March 16, 2008

## LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

Maryland (State of Incorporation)

1-14045 (Commission File Number) 3 Bethesda Metro Center 36-4219376 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Suite 1200** 

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (301) 941-1500

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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 March 16, 2008, our Board of Trustees approved annual cash incentive bonuses for Jon E. Bortz, our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, Michael D. Barnello, our Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Acquisitions, and Hans S. Weger, our Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (the Named Executive Officers). Messrs. Bortz, Barnello and Weger were awarded annual cash incentive bonuses of \$459,000, \$253,125 and \$253,125, respectively. According to Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) disclosure rules, the annual cash incentive bonus awarded to each Named Executive Officer for 2006 and 2007 is shown in two columns of the Summary Compensation Table below. For 2007, the entire bonus awarded according to the bonus formula discussed in the paragraph below is reflected in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column. Additional discretionary cash bonus amounts awarded, if any, are shown in the Bonus column. No additional discretionary amount was awarded to the Named Executive Officers for 2007.

As previously disclosed on our proxy statement filed with the SEC, the annual cash incentive bonus is the product of the Named Executive Officer's annual target bonus (which is a percentage of his annual base salary) and a formula number. Depending on the achievement of the predetermined targets, the actual annual cash incentive bonus may be less than or greater than (subject to a cap) the target bonus. For 2007, the absolute calculation of the annual cash incentive bonus was 90% of the target bonus.

The Summary Compensation Table for the year ended December 31, 2007 is shown below and updated from the proxy statement to reflect the annual cash incentive bonus compensation and the total compensation. For more information about amounts shown below and the assumptions made with respect to the share awards or to review the table footnotes, please refer to the Company s proxy statement as previously filed with the SEC.

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The amounts shown represent the compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers for the year shown as consideration for services rendered to us.

With respect to long-term equity incentive awards, the dollar amounts indicated in the table are the compensation expense incurred in the respective fiscal year related to such long-term equity incentive awards, as calculated pursuant to FAS 123R. For example, the amounts shown in the Share Awards column indicate the fiscal year 2007 amortization, in accordance with the applicable accounting literature, of all outstanding awards. Such amortization includes amortization of awards made in earlier years and amortization of awards made in 2007. The full grant date fair values of the long-term equity incentive awards made in 2007 are indicated in the last column of the 2007 Grants of Plan-Based Awards table in the Company s proxy statement previously filed with the SEC.

				Non-Equity Incentive					
				Share	Plan		All Other		
Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Awards	Compensation		Compensation		Total
Jon E. Bortz	2007	\$ 510,000		\$ 1,083,222	\$	459,000	\$	307,896	\$ 2,360,118
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive									
Officer	2006	475,000	\$ 47,500	516,377		712,500		110,636	1,862,013
Michael D. Barnello Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President	2007	375,000		686,047	\$	253,125		228,942	1,543,114
of Acquisitions	2006	350,000	25,000	369,268		375,000		95,443	1,214,711
Hans S. Weger Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President,	2007	375,000		660,761		253,125		213,519	1,502,405
Treasurer and Secretary	2006	350,000	25,000	352,616		375,000		77,737	1,180,353

#### **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 thereunto duly authorized.

#### LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

By: /s/ Hans S. Weger Hans S. Weger Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 20, 2008