Great American Group, Inc. Form 8-K December 11, 2009

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 7, 2009

# GREAT AMERICAN GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

**333-159644** (Commission

27-0223495 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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### 21860 Burbank Boulevard, Suite 300 South

Woodland Hills, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (818) 884-3737

(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 to the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

# Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 7, 2009, Howard Weitzman was appointed as a Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Great American Group, Inc. (the Company ). Mr. Weitzman will serve as the principal accounting officer of the Company.

Mr. Weitzman has over 23 years of accounting and finance experience in public accounting and private industry. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Weitzman worked as a consultant from November 2008 assisting clients with financial reporting, internal controls, and compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, including consulting for the Company from April 2009 on various accounting and financial reporting matters in connection with the Company s transaction with Alternative Asset Management Acquisition Corp. From December 2006 to October 2008, Mr. Weitzman served as a Senior Manager in the SEC Services Group in the audit practice at Moss Adams, LLP. Mr. Weitzman also spent 12 years in public accounting at two Big 4 accounting firms, most recently from 2003 to October 2005 as a Senior Manager in the financial services audit practice of Deloitte & Touche, LLP. Mr. Weitzman also has substantial senior financial management experience in private industry. From 1994 to 2003, Mr. Weitzman was employed by Banner Holdings, Inc., a diversified consumer finance services company, serving in various senior financial management positions including Chief Financial Officer of Central Financial Acceptance Corporation and Controller and Principal Accounting Officer of Central Rents, Inc. Mr. Weitzman also served as a Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Peoples Choice Financial Corporation from October 2005 to October 2006. Mr. Weitzman received a B.S. in Accounting from California State University, Northridge and is a California licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Weitzman will receive salary and bonus and will participate in other benefit programs, including medical, dental, life and long-term disability insurance plans, at levels consistent with his seniority and scope of responsibility.

On December 10, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Weitzman as a Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

**Exhibit** 

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 10, 2009

#### **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.

December 11, 2009 GREAT AMERICAN GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ PAUL S. ERICKSON
Name: Paul S. Erickson
Title: Chief Financial Officer

### **Exhibit Index**

### Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 10, 2009