

FASTENAL CO  
Form 8-K  
July 16, 2012

**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): July 11, 2012

**Fastenal Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-16125**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**41-0948415**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**2001 Theurer Boulevard, Winona, Minnesota**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (507) 454-5374**

**55987-1500**

(Zip Code)

**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))

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

On July 11, 2012, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Fastenal Company (the Company) elected Darren R. Jackson and Rita J. Heise as directors of the Company, effective immediately, filling two vacancies created by an increase in the number of directors on the Board from nine to eleven. Mr. Jackson and Ms. Heise were elected to serve until the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The Board has not yet appointed either Mr. Jackson or Ms. Heise to serve on any committees of the Board. The Board has determined that each of Mr. Jackson and Ms. Heise qualifies as an independent director under the listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market.

Mr. Jackson is President and CEO of Advance Auto Parts, Inc., a leading national automotive aftermarket retailer of parts, accessories, batteries and maintenance items headquartered in Roanoke, Virginia. Before assuming his current duties in 2008, Mr. Jackson held various executive positions with Best Buy, Carson Pirie Scott and Nordstrom Stores.

Ms. Heise is an independent consultant with Rita Heise Consulting LLC. Prior to January 1, 2012, Ms. Heise was Corporate Vice President and CIO of Cargill, Incorporated, an international producer and marketer of food, agricultural, financial and industrial products and services headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Prior to joining Cargill in 2002, Ms. Heise held various positions over a 25 year career with Honeywell International.

There are no arrangements or understandings between either Mr. Jackson or Ms. Heise and any other person or persons pursuant to which such director was selected as a director of the Company. There are no current or proposed transactions in which either Mr. Jackson or Ms. Heise, or any member of his or her immediate family, has an interest that is required to be disclosed under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities Exchange Commission.

Mr. Jackson and Ms. Heise will each receive an annual retainer of \$15,000 for their services as a director, as well as \$4,000 (plus reimbursement of reasonable expenses) for attending each meeting of the Board and each meeting of any committee of the Board to which such director may be appointed in the future, all in accordance with the Company's existing director compensation policy.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**FASTENAL COMPANY**

(Registrant)

**July 16, 2012**  
(Date)

**By /s/ Daniel L. Florness**  
Daniel L. Florness

Chief Financial Officer