

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):

September 29, 2008

United Bankshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

No. 0-13322

(Commission File Number)

55-0641179

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

300 United Center

500 Virginia Street, East

Charleston, West Virginia 25301

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(304) 424-8800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or 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 of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 September 29, 2008, United Bankshares, Inc. (“United”), at a meeting of its Board of Directors, elected Gary G. White as an “independent” director to United’s Board of Directors. At the time of his election, Mr. White was not appointed to any committees of the Board. There was no arrangement or understanding between Mr. White and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director.

A copy of a press release dated September 29, 2008 announcing the election of Mr. White to the United Board of Directors is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange commission pursuant to Item 5.02 of Form 8-K and is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release, dated September 29, 2008, issued by United Bankshares, Inc.

SIGNATURES

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

UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.

Date: October 1, 2008

By: /s/ Steven E. Wilson
Steven E. Wilson, Executive Vice
President, Treasurer, Secretary and Chief
Financial Officer



For Immediate Release
September 29, 2008

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**United Bankshares, Inc. Announces Addition
to its Board**

Washington, DC and Charleston, WV -- -- United Bankshares, Inc., (NASDAQ: UBSI), today announced the addition of Gary G. White to its Board of Directors. Mr. White is the President and CEO of International Resource Partners LP, a position which he has held since the company's inception in June 2007. Prior to that, Mr. White was President and CEO of International Industries, Inc. from 1992 until June 2007. In addition, he served as the President & CEO of the West Virginia Coal Association from 1985 to 1992. From 1972 to 1985 he was employed in various management positions with Island Creek Coal Company and Amherst Coal Company.

"Gary White is a very talented and successful business leader, and we are very pleased to have him join our United team," said Richard M. Adams, Chairman and CEO of United Bankshares, Inc.

Mr. White is a Member and Past Chairman of the Marshall University Board of Governors, a Member of Governor Manchin's "21st Century Jobs Cabinet", a Member of the Board of Directors of WV Media Holding, LLC, and Paragon Intellectual Properties, LLC. Additionally, Mr. White serves as Director and Vice President of the Larry Joe Harless Community Center Foundation, Inc., and as a Board Member and Past Chairman of the West Virginia Coal Association. Formerly he served on the Board of Directors of RAG American Coal, Inc., as well as Member and Vice President of the West Virginia Board of Education.

Mr. White is a graduate of Marshall University and was inducted into its Elizabeth McDowell Lewis School of Business Hall of Fame in 2003. He is also a recipient of the City of Hope "Spirit of Life Award"; the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Marshall University Alumni Association; and the Distinguished Achievement Award from the West Virginia Education Alliance. In 2007 he was inducted into the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics Hall of Fame, and in 2006 and 2008 was named 24th of the "Fifty Most Influential Individuals in West Virginia" by West Virginia Executive Magazine. Mr. White resides in Logan, West Virginia with his wife Jo Ann. They have one daughter, Jennifer.

United Bankshares, with \$8.0 billion in assets, has 114 full-service offices in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, and Washington, DC. United's stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the quotation symbol "UBSI".