

STEPAN CO  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2016  
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): 04/26/2016

STEPAN COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-4462

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Delaware  | 36-1823834                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

Edens and Winnetka Road, Northfield, Illinois 60093

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(847)446-7500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Stepan Company (“Stepan”) held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on April 26, 2016 (the "Annual Meeting"). At the Annual Meeting, there were 19,199,006 shares represented to vote either in person or by proxy, or 86.11% of the outstanding shares, which represented a quorum. Stockholders voted on the following matters at the Annual Meeting: (i) election of three nominees to serve as directors until the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in the year 2019; (ii) approval of the material terms for qualified performance-based compensation under the Stepan Company 2011 Incentive Compensation Plan, As Amended; (iii) approval of the advisory resolution on the compensation of Stepan's named executive officers; and (iv) ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte") as Stepan's independent registered public accounting firm for 2016.

Set forth below are the matters acted upon at the Annual Meeting and final voting results on each such matter as reported by Stepan's inspector of elections.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

| NAME             | FOR        | AGAINST   | ABSTAIN | BROKER NON-VOTES |
|------------------|------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| Michael R. Boyce | 14,366,882 | 2,499,998 | 30,707  | 2,301,419        |
| F. Quinn Stepan  | 16,196,523 | 680,697   | 20,367  | 2,301,419        |
| Edward J. Wehmer | 16,520,319 | 354,800   | 22,468  | 2,301,419        |

Proposal 2: Approval of the Material Terms for Qualified Performance-Based Compensation Under the Stepan Company 2011 Incentive Compensation Plan, As Amended

| FOR        | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | BROKER NON-VOTES |
|------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 16,579,602 | 289,045 | 28,940  | 2,301,419        |

Proposal 3: Approval of the Advisory Resolution on Compensation of Stepan's Named Executive Officers

| FOR        | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | BROKER NON-VOTES |
|------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 16,638,863 | 175,908 | 82,816  | 2,301,419        |

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Proposal 4: Ratification of Appointment of Deloitte as Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for Fiscal Year 2016

| FOR        | AGAINST | ABSTAIN | BROKER | NON-VOTES |
|------------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|
| 19,022,639 | 148,774 | 27,593  | -0-    |           |

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.

STEPAN COMPANY

Date: April 27, 2016

By: Kathleen Sherlock  
Kathleen Sherlock  
Assistant Secretary