National Western Life Group, Inc.

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Hasan Riad

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

National Western Life Group, Inc.

[NWLI]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

850 E. ANDERSON LANE

02/16/2017

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

NWLIC - SVP Chief Info Officer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

AUSTIN, TX 78732

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2017		A		55		02/16/2020(2)	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	55
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 311.16	02/16/2017		A		221		02/16/2018(3)	02/16/2027	Class A Common Stock	221

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hasan Riad

850 E. ANDERSON LANE AUSTIN, TX 78732 NWLIC - SVP Chief Info Officer

Signatures

Riad Hassan 02/20/2017

**Signature of Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive the cash value of one share of NWLI Class A common stock on the Date Exercisable.
- (2) The restricted stock units have a three year cliff vesting schedule that begins on the grant date. The restricted stock units will vest 100% on the third anniversary from the grant date.
- (3) The SARs are exercisable as they vest. The SARs vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.

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