

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 04, 2005

**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: **January 1, 2005**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-2360**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-0871985**  
(IRS employer Identification No.)

**ARMONK, NEW YORK**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10504**  
(Zip Code)

**914-499-1900**  
(Registrant's telephone number)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.03

(a) Amendment to Bylaws:

On October 26, 2004, IBM announced that Michael L. Eskew has been elected to the IBM Board of Directors effective January 1, 2005. Effective January 1, 2005, Article III, Section 2 of IBM's bylaws were amended to increase the number of directors to fourteen. Exhibit 3 of this Form 8-K contains IBM's Bylaws as amended through January 1, 2005.

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: January 4, 2005

By:     /s/                     Andrew Bonzani  
                                   (Andrew Bonzani)  
                                   Assistant Secretary &  
                                   Associate General Counsel