

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### **VAN HOOSE MARY**

CIK: **1472421**

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### ISSUER

#### **ADVISORY BOARD CO**

CIK: **1157377** | IRS No.: **521468699** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **0308**  
SIC: **8741** Management services

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br><b>VAN HOOSE MARY</b> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>ADVISORY BOARD CO [ABCO]</b> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>Chief Talent Officer</b> |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>03/15/2013</b>          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2445 M STREET, NW  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                           |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing<br>(Check applicable line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |
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| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                          | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) Price         |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2013                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,424   | A \$22.38                | 18,536  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2013                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,424   | D \$49.41 <sup>(2)</sup> | 16,112  | D  |   |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |       | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-------|--|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)   | (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |  |  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Options                       | \$22.38  | 03/15/2013                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   |   | 2,424 | <sup>(3)</sup>   | 05/20/2013      | Common Stock  | 2,424                                      | \$ 0   | 2,412  | D  |                            |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

2. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$49.16 to \$49.58. The price reported in Column 4 reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range at which the transaction was effected.
3. The option represents a right to purchase a total of 31,500 shares of the Company's common stock, which became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on March 31, 2009.

### Signatures

/s/ Mary D. Van Hoose by Seth A. Allyn by Power of Attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

03/19/2013

Date

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

\* 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).

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