

Wood Bruce Edwin  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wood Bruce Edwin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
National Western Life Group, Inc.  
[NWLI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10801 N. MOPAC EXPY BLDG 3  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
NWLIC VP - Controller

AUSTIN, TX 78759

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Rights | \$ 334.34                          | 12/13/2017       | A          | 205   |      |   |     |     | 12/13/2018 <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/13/2027         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 205                                    |
| Restricted<br>Stock Units       | <u>(2)</u>                         | 12/13/2017       | A          | 51  |      |   |     |     | 12/13/2020 <sup>(3)</sup> | <u>(2)</u>         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 51                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Wood Bruce Edwin<br>10801 N. MOPAC EXPY BLDG 3<br>AUSTIN, TX 78759 |               |           | NWLIC VP - Controller |       |

## Signatures

Bruce E. Wood                      12/13/2017

                                        
\*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) The SARs are exercisable as they vest. The SARs vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the Date Exercisable.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.

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