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Form 8-K  
May 05, 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 (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) APRIL 29, 2005  
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FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.  
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(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

INDIANA -----	0-362 -----	35-0827455 -----
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)	(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)	(I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

400 EAST SPRING STREET BLUFFTON, INDIANA -----	46714 -----
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)	(ZIP CODE)

(260) 824-2900  
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(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

NOT APPLICABLE  
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(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

(d) The Board of Directors of Franklin Electric Co., Inc. (the "Company") has elected David M. Wathen and Thomas L. Young as directors of the Company effective April 29, 2005. The press release announcing the election of Mr. Wathen and Mr. Young to the Board of Directors is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Mr. Wathen was appointed to the Personnel and Compensation Committee of the Board, and Mr. Young was appointed to the Board's Audit Committee. Neither Mr. Wathen nor Mr. Young have entered into any transactions with the Company since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, and there are no arrangements or understandings under which either Mr. Wathen or Mr. Young were elected to the Board.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements & Exhibits

c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated May 5, 2005

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SIGNATURES

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

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FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.

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(Registrant)

Date May 5, 2005

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By /s/ Gregg C. Sengstack

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Gregg C. Sengstack, Senior Vice  
President, Chief Financial  
Officer and Secretary (Principal  
Financial and Accounting Officer)

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Exhibit  
Number

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Description

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99.1

Press Release dated May 5, 2005

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Exhibit 99.1

Press Release

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For Immediate Release    For Further Information

Refer to: Gregg C. Sengstack  
260/824-2900

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC COMPANY ELECTS  
DAVID M. WATHEN AND THOMAS L. YOUNG TO BOARD

BLUFFTON, INDIANA - MAY 5, 2005 - The board of directors of Franklin Electric Co., Inc. (NASDAQ: FELE) has elected David M. Wathen and Thomas L. Young to be directors of the company.

Mr. Wathen is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Balfour Beatty, Inc. (U.S. Operations) a Novi, MI-based firm engaged in engineering, construction, and building management services, primarily in Europe and North

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America. Prior to his Balfour Beatty appointment in 2002, he served as a Principal Member of the General Partnership of QUESTOR a venture capital firm. Mr. Wathen has also held management positions with General Electric, Emerson Electric, Allied Signal and Eaton Corporation. While at General Electric Mr. Wathen was General Manager of the Industrial Motors Business and while at Emerson Electric he served as President of the U.S. Electrical Motors Division. He earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 1977 and an MBA from Saint Francis College in 1981.

Mr. Young recently retired, after 29 years of service, as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Owens-Illinois, Inc. (NYSE: OI) a manufacturer of glass and plastic packaging containers for the food and health care industries. He was elected as a director of Owens-Illinois in 1998 and continues to serve on its board. Mr. Young is also a member of the board of directors of Manor Care, Inc. (NYSE: HCR), is Chairman of the audit committee and its designated financial expert, and a member of the compensation committee. He is also a director of the National Association of Manufacturers and the United Way of Greater Toledo. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from St. John's College in 1966, a doctor of jurisprudence with honors from the University of Notre Dame in 1972 and in 1985 completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

The election of Mr. Wathen and Mr. Young to the Board of Directors is in anticipation of two current directors attaining mandatory retirement age later this year.

Franklin Electric is a global leader in the production and marketing of groundwater and fuel pumping systems and is a technical leader in submersible motors, drives, controls, and monitoring devices.

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