
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): January 10, 1997

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-8597

(Commission File Number)

94-2657368

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 590, Pleasanton, California 94588
(Address of principal executive offices)

(510) 460-3600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On January 10, 1997, The Cooper Companies, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release in which it announced the date and record date of its next annual meeting of stockholders. This release is filed as an exhibit hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 10, 1997 of The Cooper Companies, Inc.

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.

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ Stephen C. Whiteford

Stephen C. Whiteford
Vice President and
Corporate Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: January 17, 1997

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COOPER COMPANIES SETS ANNUAL MEETING AND STOCKHOLDER RECORD DATES

IRVINE, Calif., January 10, 1997 -- The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE/PSE:COO) announced today that its next annual meeting of stockholders will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. at the Marriot East Side Hotel in New York City. Stockholders of record as of the close of business on February 14, 1997 will be eligible to vote on matters presented in the Company's proxy statement including the slate of directors and the ratification of the Company's independent certified public accountants for 1997. The Company plans to mail its proxy statement on or about February 20, 1997.

Standing for election will be current directors Allan E. Rubenstein, M. D., Chairman, A. Thomas Bender, Cooper's President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert S. Weiss, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, Michael H. Kalkstein, Moses Marx, Donald Press and Steven Rosenberg.

Stanley Zinberg, M. D. has also been nominated to serve as a director. He is an obstetrician-gynecologist who has been Director of Practice Activities of the American College of

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Obstetricians and Gynecologists since January 1994. He is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He formerly headed a department of obstetrics and gynecology and residency training program in a New York City hospital and has been a private practitioner. Dr. Zinberg's educational background and experience include health policy and administration and he is the author of a number of publications on these subjects.

The Cooper Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries develop, manufacture and market specialty healthcare products and services. Corporate offices are located in Irvine and Pleasanton, Calif. CooperVision, Inc., located in Irvine, Calif., with additional manufacturing facilities in Huntington Beach, Calif., Rochester, N.Y., and Ontario and Quebec, Canada, markets a broad range of contact lenses for the vision care market. CooperSurgical, Inc., located in Shelton, Conn., markets diagnostic and surgical instruments and accessories for the gynecological market. Hospital Group of America, Inc. provides psychiatric services through hospitals and satellite locations in New Jersey, Delaware and Illinois.

NOTE: An interactive telephone system that provides stock quotes, recent press releases, financial data and management commentary about the Company may be reached toll free at 1-800-334-1986. Press releases, financial data and corporate information are available the at www.businesswire.com on the Internet.

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