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May 08, 2018 **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 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) May 8, 2018 (May 8, 2018) National Instruments Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware 000-25426 74-1871327 (IRS Employer (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) Identification No.) 11500 North MoPac Expressway Austin, Texas 78759 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) (512) 683-0100 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) N/A (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below): Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) [] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the Annual Meeting held on May 8, 2018 (the "Annual Meeting"), the stockholders elected each of the following individuals to serve on the Board for a term of three years, or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors Votes For Votes Withheld Broker Non-Votes

 Charles J. Roesslein
 112,572,5435,138,347
 9,073,400

 Duy-Loan T. Le
 115,849,9711,860,919
 9,073,400

 Gerhard P. Fettweis
 116,307,4321,403,458
 9,073,400

 In addition, the following proposals were voted on at the Annual Meeting.

| | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|---|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Proposal 2: To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as National Instruments Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 | 125,828,824 | 1873,531 | 81,935 | 0 |
| | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
| Proposal 3: Advisory (non-binding) proposal on executive compensation | 68,850,289 | 48,463,794 | 396,807 | 9,073,400 |

SIGNATURES

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.

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION

By:/s/ DAVID G. HUGLEY David G. Hugley Vice President & General Counsel; Secretary

Date: May 8, 2018