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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Pers <u>Appleton William</u> | on*            | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>SCRIPPS E W CO /DE</u> [ SSP ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner  |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FL.        |                | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/05/2009                          | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Senior Vice President  |
| (Street)<br>CINCINNATI OH<br>(City) (State)                   | 45202<br>(Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------|---|---|---|
|  |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (11541 4)   |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share |  |   |                             |   |   |               |       | 1,666   | D   |   |
| Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share  |  |   |                             |   |   |               |       | 0   | D   |   |

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

|   |   |  | 1   |                              |   |            |     |  |                    |   |                                     |   |  |                     |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------|-----|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | Derivative |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3 and<br>4) |                                     | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | Form:<br>Direct (D) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)        | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)   |                     |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$0.86  | 03/05/2009                                 |   | A                            |   | 465,116    |     | 03/05/2010   | 03/05/2013         | Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units  | 465,116                             | \$0.86  | 465,116 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D                   |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This restricted stock unit award will vest in equal parts on March 5, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will convert into one Class A Common share of the Company based on the closing price of the Company's shares on the vesting date.

### Remarks:

<u>/s/ Mary Denise Kuprionis,</u> <u>Attorney-in-fact for William</u> <u>Appleton</u>

03/09/2009

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

 $\ast$  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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