

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BURLINGAME JOHN H</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR  (Street) CINCINNATI OH 45202  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [ SSP ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share							13,064,074 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Family Trust	
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share							3,476	D		
Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share							10,693,333 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Family Trust	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$6.63	12/31/2008		J <sup>(2)</sup>			151.14	(2)	(2)	Class A Common	0	\$2.21	0 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Option	\$6.87							05/10/2002	05/09/2011	Class A Common	4,694		4,694	D	
Option	\$8.31							05/09/2003	05/08/2012	Class A Common	4,694		4,694	D	
Option	\$8.49							04/29/2004	04/28/2013	Class A Common	4,694		4,694	D	
Option	\$11.28							04/15/2005	04/14/2014	Class A Common	4,694		4,694	D	
Option	\$10.92							04/14/2006	04/13/2015	Class A Common	4,694		4,694	D	
Option	\$9.96							05/04/2007	05/03/2016	Class A Common	4,694		4,694	D	
Option	\$9.24							04/26/2008	04/25/2017	Class A Common	4,694		4,694	D	
Option	\$9.93							06/13/2009	06/12/2018	Class A Common	23,474		23,474	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The reporting person is a Trustee of the Edward W. Scripps Trust (the "Trust") and has the power, together with the other Trustees of the Trust, to vote and dispose of the shares of the company held by the Trust. Mr. Burlingame disclaims any beneficial interest in the shares held by the Trust.
- Pursuant to the company's 1997 Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors, directors may defer fees into a phantom stock fund. Under this plan, fees are converted quarterly into phantom shares at the fair market value of the company's Class A Common Shares on the last trading day of each quarter. Upon retirement as a director or at another specified date, the balance may be paid in either shares or cash. Mr. Burlingame elected to receive his phantom stock balance, in a lump sum cash payment, on December 31, 2008.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Mary Denise Kuprionis,  
Attorney-in-fact for John H. Burlingame      01/07/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

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

\* 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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