

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: October 1, 2002

APA OPTICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MINNESOTA	0-16106	41-1347235
(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

2950 NE 84TH LANE, BLAINE, MN	55449
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (763) 784-4995

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last
report): N/A

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

We received the resignation of Gregory Von Wald from our Board of Directors effective September 30, 2002. This change is discussed in the press release included as an exhibit to this report.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated October 1, 2002

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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.

Dated: October 1, 2002 APA OPTICS, INC.

By /s/ Robert M. Ringstad

Robert M. Ringstad, Chief Financial Officer
(Principal accounting and financial
officer) and Authorized Signatory

NEWS RELEASE

APA OPTICS ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINNEAPOLIS (October 1, 2002) - APA Optics, Inc. (Nasdaq/APAT) today announced that Gregory Von Wald has resigned from the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Von Wald served on the Board since 1997 as a representative of the Aberdeen Development Council, one of the funding sources for the Company's Aberdeen, South Dakota, manufacturing facility.

Anil K. Jain, Ph.D., APA's founder, president, and chief executive officer, said Mr. Von Wald contributed significantly to APA over the years. "Greg is a strategic thinker and was always able to maintain perspective. We thank him for his years of service and will miss his presence on the board."

APA's board of directors will fill the board seat vacated by Mr. Von Wald by appointment.

APA Optics, Inc. develops, manufactures and markets advanced products for the fiber optic network communications, optoelectronics and laser industries, including dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) components, ultraviolet (UV) detectors and devices for consumer UV monitoring based on compound semiconductor technology, nitride epitaxial layers and custom optics. APA's Internet address is <http://www.apaoptics.com>.

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