Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Form 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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WAGNER W	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]				S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (M	iddle) 3. Date of	(Check all applicable) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction)		
100 LIBERTY STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2016				X Director 10% Owner		
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) WARREN, PA 16365					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)		Zip) Table	I Non D	amirrativa Ca	~ ~~~ ~!+!			an Danafiaiall	v. Owned
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	d of (D)	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)
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	05/18/2016	05/18/2016	A	11,250 (1)	A	\$ 14.51	266,228.56	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock							170,991.61	I	Wife
Northwest Bancshares,							4,762	I	IRA

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Inc. Common Stock			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	5,840	I	Wife's IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	3,406.92	I	Trust For Son
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	202,418.487 (3)	I	401-K
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	38,050.421 (4)	I	ESOP
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of s	securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection information contained in this form are required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB contribution.	e not	SEC 1474 (9-02)

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	rivative Expiration Date curities (Month/Day/Year) quired (A) Disposed of) str. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.15	05/18/2016	05/18/2016	A	24,000 (2)	05/18/2016	05/18/2026	Common Stock	24,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.r. g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WAGNER WILLIAM J							
100 LIBERTY STREET	X		President & CEO				
WARREN, PA 16365							

Signatures

William J.
Wagner

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) One tenth of this grant of RRP shares will vest each year beginning May 18, 2016 and on each May 18th thereafter through May 18, 2025.
- One tenth of this grant of stock options will vest each year beginning May 18, 2016 and on each May 18th thereafter through May 18, 2025.
- (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
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