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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 11-K

### ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Mark One):

### ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

OR

### TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 [d] OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-10890

## HORACE MANN SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

(Full title of the Plan)

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORPORATION

1 Horace Mann Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62715

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(217) 789 - 2500

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Issuer)

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Financial Statements:

Item 4. In lieu of the requirements of Items 1-3, audited statements and schedule are prepared in accordance with the requirements of ERISA for the Plan's fiscal years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and are presented on pages 3 through 12.

Horace Mann Service Corporation

Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

*Years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006*

*with Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm*

Horace Mann Supplemental

Retirement and Savings Plan

Financial Statements

and Supplemental Schedule

Years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Pension Committee and The Board of Directors

Horace Mann Educators Corporation

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Horace Mann Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our 2007 audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the 2007 basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2007, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2007 basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2007 basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2007 basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois

June 27, 2008

Horace Mann Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments:		
Group Annuity Contract:		
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$ 75,199,315	\$ 70,981,075
Fixed fund, at contract value	42,079,337	40,479,628
Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock, at fair value	5,966,824	6,958,176
Participant loans	3,060,349	2,510,541
Cash and Accrued Income	792,988	494,790
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>127,098,813</b>	<b>121,424,210</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued administrative expenses	76,023	85,961
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>\$ 127,022,790</b>	<b>\$ 121,338,249</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

Horace Mann Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
<b>Additions to net assets attributed to:</b>		
Investment income:		
Net realized and unrealized appreciation of investments	\$ 4,615,506	\$ 8,942,252
Dividends and interest	2,239,969	2,027,961
	6,855,475	10,970,213
Contributions:		
Employer	3,817,244	3,751,687
Employees	7,846,446	7,430,472
Total additions	18,519,165	22,152,372
<b>Deductions from net assets attributed to:</b>		
Withdrawals by participants	(12,587,398)	(10,257,235)
Administrative fees	(247,226)	(410,749)
Total deductions	(12,834,624)	(10,667,984)
Net increase during year	5,684,541	11,484,388
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>		
Beginning of year	121,338,249	109,853,861
End of year	\$ 127,022,790	\$ 121,338,249

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



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**Horace Mann Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan**

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2007 and 2006

**(1) General Plan Information**

**(a) Description of the Plan**

The Horace Mann Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan (the Plan) is sponsored by Horace Mann Service Corporation (HMSC) which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Horace Mann Educators Corporation (HMEC). HMSC and HMEC are collectively referred to as the Company. The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general information purposes. Readers should refer to the actual Plan document or the employee summary plan description for additional information.

The Plan is a defined-contribution plan covering all employees of the Company. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

**(b) Contributions and Vesting**

Participating employees may elect to contribute up to 20% of eligible compensation, including salary, overtime, commissions, and certain incentive bonuses on a before-tax basis to one or more of twenty five available investment options. Participant contributions and earnings thereon are fully vested at all times.

The total pre-tax contributions by participant were limited to \$15,500 in 2007 and \$15,000 in 2006. The limit will be subject to adjustments to reflect increases in the cost of living pursuant to Section 402(g) of the Internal Revenue Code. Participating employees who reached age 50 or older during the Plan year have the opportunity to make pretax, catch-up contributions subject to federal limits, which were \$5,000 in both 2007 and 2006.

Prior to January 1, 2002, the Company contributed an amount equal to 50% of the first 6% of eligible compensation contributed by participating employees. Employer contributions and earnings thereon vested 20% for each year of service, with full vesting occurring after five years of service. Company match contributions made prior to January 1, 2002 are 100% vested as of January 1, 2007. In addition, employer contributions generally became fully vested in the event of disability or death. Forfeitures of nonvested employer contributions were used to reduce future Company matching contributions, reinstate balances for rehires, and pay expenses.

Effective January 1, 2002, the Plan became a safe harbor Plan. In compliance with the safe harbor, the Company contributes 3% of eligible compensation to every employee. The 3% Company contribution is 100% vested at the time the contribution is made and is participant-directed.

Effective January 1, 2007, all contributions are 100% vested.

In accordance with the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, eligible compensation for purposes of contributions was limited to \$225,000 and \$220,000 in 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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**(c) Participant Accounts and Benefits**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's contribution, an allocation of Plan investment earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. The benefit to which a given participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from that participant's vested account. A participant subaccount is maintained in each of the investment funds in which a participant chooses to invest. There were 2,532 and 2,689 participants at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**(d) Trust Agreement**

Except for participant loans, all Plan assets are in a Master Trust held by The Northern Trust Quantitative Advisors, Inc. The Master Trust also includes the specifically identified assets of the HMSC Money Purchase Pension Plan. At both December 31, 2007 and 2006, the assets of the Plan represent 48% of the total assets in the Master Trust. The assets of the Plan are participant-directed investments and are deposited in a Horace Mann Life Insurance Company (HMLIC) Group Annuity Contract (Fixed Account), mutual funds, or HMEC Common Stock.

Five new Wilshire lifecycle funds were added to the trust on October 1, 2007. Lifecycle funds asset allocations are tied to an individual's age and expected retirement age.

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The following presents investments held at December 31, 2007 and 2006:

Description of investment	2007	2006
<b>Mutual funds:</b>		
Wilshire VIT Equity Fund HM Shares*	\$ 11,914,714	13,280,014
Wilshire VIT Balanced Fund HM Shares*	7,443,688	8,118,536
Fidelity VIP Mid Cap Portfolio*	7,187,774	6,346,312
Wilshire VIT Small Cap Growth Fund HM Shares	5,663,592	5,032,729
T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value Fund	4,976,306	5,758,473
Fidelity VIP Overseas Portfolio	4,750,689	2,768,535
Fidelity VIP Growth Portfolio	4,557,116	2,456,883
Wilshire VIT International Equity Fund HM Shares	4,474,536	4,527,024
Wilshire 5000 Index Portfolio	4,299,230	4,078,223
Wilshire VIT Socially Responsible Fund HM Shares	4,266,874	4,826,948
Wilshire Large Company Growth Portfolio	4,196,775	3,303,501
T. Rowe Price Small Cap Stock Fund	2,717,488	2,861,597
Wells Fargo Advantage Opportunity Fund	2,067,303	1,921,325
Davis Value Portfolio	1,760,813	1,748,939
Wilshire VIT Income Fund HM Shares	1,366,819	1,369,921
Putnam VT Vista Fund	940,018	1,228,149
J.P. Morgan U.S. Large Cap Core Equity Portfolio	872,444	866,926
Wilshire VIT Short-Term Investment Fund HM Shares	647,893	487,040
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2035 Moderate Fund	278,289	
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2010 Moderate Fund	255,737	
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2025 Moderate Fund	247,811	
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2045 Moderate Fund	214,795	
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2015 Moderate Fund	98,611	
<b>Total mutual funds</b>	<b>75,199,315</b>	<b>70,981,075</b>
HMLIC Fixed Account*	42,079,337	40,479,628
Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock	5,966,824	6,958,176
	<b>\$ 123,245,476</b>	<b>118,418,879</b>

\*Represents 5% or more of the Plan's net assets held at year end.

**(e) Transfers and Withdrawals**

Participants may transfer all or a portion of their account balance between the various investment funds on a daily basis. Participant withdrawals (as allowed under the Plan) are permitted on a weekly basis.

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**(f) Loans**

Effective October 1, 2002, participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of 50% of their vested account balance but no more than \$50,000. The minimum term for a loan is 12 months and the maximum is 60 months (180 months for primary residence loans). Participants may have up to two active loans at one time. A \$65 loan administration fee is deducted from the participant's loan proceeds. Loans totaling \$3,060,349 and \$2,510,541 from 346 and 338 active participants were outstanding at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Interest rates charged on loans ranged from 5.00% to 9.25%.

**(g) Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to the provisions of ERISA.

**(h) Forfeited Accounts**

Amounts that are forfeited relate to the Company's pre-January 1, 2002 matching contributions and any investment gains on those amounts and are used to offset the Company's future contributions, reinstate balances for rehires, and pay expenses. Forfeitures of \$283 and \$3,794 were recorded for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**(i) Recent Accounting Changes**

As of December 31, 2006, the Plan adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Staff Position FSP AAG INV-1 and Statement of Position No. 94-4-1, Reporting of Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts Held by Certain Investment Companies Subject to the AICPA Investment Company Guide and Defined-Contribution Health and Welfare and Pension Plans (the FSP). There was no material impact to the Plan's financial statements or disclosures.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**(a) Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

**(b) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Quoted market prices are used to value investments in common stock. Shares of mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Investments in the fixed fund are stated at contract value, which approximates fair value. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Participant loans are valued at the unpaid principal balance, which approximates fair value. Interest and dividend income is recorded as earned on an accrual basis.

**(c) Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments**

In the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits, the Plan presents the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of its investments which consists of realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments.



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**(d) Plan Expenses**

The Plan pays all Plan administrative expenses, consisting primarily of recordkeeping, trustee, audit, and legal fees. All investment fees have been included in the quarterly performance gains or losses reported for individual Plan funds.

**(e) Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

**(f) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the Plan's financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**(g) Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan provides for investments in mutual funds and Horace Mann Educator Corporation common stock. Investment securities are exposed to various risks including, but not limited to, interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**(3) Investments**

HMLIC Group Annuity Contract (Fixed Account and Mutual Funds)

**(a) Fixed Account**

Within the HMLIC Group Annuity Contract plan, participants may invest in a fixed interest rate fund. Plan assets invested in this fixed interest rate fund are guaranteed by HMLIC and, as a result, are presented in the financial statements at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus interest at the contract rate, less withdrawals by participants. The fair value of the group annuity contract is approximately equal to contract value at December 31, 2007 and 2006.

The actual credited interest rate on the group annuity contract was 4.50% for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. The minimum guaranteed annual interest rate per the group annuity contract is 4.50%. The actual credited interest rate may be reset by HMLIC with 30 days advance notice.

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**(b) Mutual Funds**

Participants may invest in twenty three mutual fund options. Mutual funds are stated at fair value, as determined by quoted market prices.

The investments of the underlying mutual funds are primarily common stocks, U.S. government and corporate bonds, and short-term commercial paper. Short-term commercial paper is presented at cost, which approximates fair value.

**(c) Appreciation (Depreciation)**

The Plan's investments (including realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value during 2007 and 2006 as follows:

	2007	2006
Mutual funds	\$ 5,008,358	\$ 8,444,885
Common stock	(392,852)	497,367
	\$ 4,615,506	\$ 8,942,252

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Total annual returns for each of the mutual funds were as follows:

	2007	2006
	(Unaudited)	
Mutual funds:		
Wilshire VIT Equity Fund HM Shares	1.80%	16.40%
Wilshire VIT Balanced Fund HM Shares	2.60	11.10
Fidelity VIP Mid Cap Portfolio	14.90	11.90
Wilshire VIT Small Cap Growth Fund HM Shares	13.40	10.80
T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value Fund	(0.70)	15.50
Fidelity VIP Overseas Portfolio	16.60	17.30
Fidelity VIP Growth Portfolio	26.20	6.10
Wilshire VIT International Equity Fund HM Shares	8.10	23.20
Wilshire 5000 Index Portfolio	4.50	14.10
Wilshire VIT Socially Responsible Fund HM Shares	(3.00)	20.00
Wilshire Large Company Growth Portfolio	16.30	4.90
T. Rowe Price Small Cap Stock Fund	(2.40)	12.00
Wells Fargo Advantage Oppportunity Fund	6.20	11.70
Davis Value Portfolio	4.20	14.50
Wilshire VIT Income Fund HM Shares	3.80	3.50
Putnam VT Vista Fund	3.40	5.00
J.P. Morgan U.S. Large Cap Core Equity Portfolio	1.20	16.10
Wilshire VIT Short-Term Investment Fund HM Shares	4.40	4.70
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2035 Moderate Fund*	(3.58)	
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2010 Moderate Fund*	(1.48)	
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2025 Moderate Fund*	(2.30)	
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2045 Moderate Fund*	(4.85)	
Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2015 Moderate Fund*	(1.35)	

\* Return is for the three months the fund was in existence



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**(d) HMEC Common Stock**

The Plan's HMEC Common Stock at December 31, 2007 and 2006 consisted of 315,038 shares and 344,464 shares, respectively, of HMEC common stock, which is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol HMN. This investment is presented in the financial statements at fair value with a quoted market price at December 31, 2007 and 2006 of \$18.94 and \$20.20 per share, respectively.

Total annual returns for investments in the HMEC Common Stock were as follows:

<b>1 Year</b>		<b>Since inception</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>(November 1991)</b>
(4.25)%	8.99%	6.58%

**(4) Income Tax Status**

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated August 21, 2003, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code), and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

**(5) Related Party Transactions**

Investment options available to Plan participants include investments in the common stock of the Plan sponsor's parent, HMEC, and investments in annuity contracts guaranteed by HMLIC, a subsidiary of HMEC.

The Parent provides staffing, building space, and supplies at no cost to the Plan.

**Supplemental Schedule**

EIN: 37-0972590

Plan: 004

## Horace Mann Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2007

Number of Shares or Units	Description of Investment	Contract or Fair Value
Mutual Funds:		
415,332	Wilshire VIT Equity Fund-HM Shares	\$ 11,914,714
295,896	Wilshire VIT Balanced Fund-HM Shares	7,443,688
154,422	Fidelity VIP Mid Cap Portfolio	7,187,774
343,129	Wilshire VIT Small Cap Growth Fund- HM Shares	5,663,592
92,045	T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value Fund	4,976,306
142,776	Fidelity VIP Overseas Portfolio	4,750,689
93,660	Fidelity VIP Growth Portfolio	4,557,116
240,797	Wilshire VIT International Equity Fund- HM Shares	4,474,536
315,864	Wilshire 5000 Index Portfolio	4,299,230
197,239	Wilshire VIT Socially Responsible Fund- HM Shares	4,266,874
94,822	Wilshire Large Company Growth Portfolio	4,196,775
59,883	T. Rowe Price Small Cap Stock Fund	2,717,488
50,778	Wells Fargo Advantage Opportunity Fund	2,067,303
109,078	Davis Value Portfolio	1,760,813
69,292	Wilshire VIT Income Fund-HM Shares	1,366,819
53,603	Putnam VT Vista Fund	940,018
52,112	J.P. Morgan U.S. Large Cap Core Equity Portfolio	872,444
50,024	Wilshire VIT Short-Term Investment Fund- HM Shares	647,893
25,101	Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2035 Moderate Fund	278,289
23,339	Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2010 Moderate Fund	255,737
22,362	Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2025 Moderate Fund	247,811
19,442	Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2045 Moderate Fund	214,795
8,922	Wilshire VIT Variable Ins Tr 2015 Moderate Fund	98,611
	Total mutual funds	75,199,315
N/A	HMLIC Fixed Account*	42,079,337
315,038	Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock*	5,966,824
	Participant loans (524 loans, interest rates ranging from 5.00% to 9.25%, maturing January 15, 2008 to October 31, 2022)	3,060,349
		\$ 126,305,825

\*Represents a party-in-interest.

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Pension Plan Committee of the Horace Mann Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HORACE MANN SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT

AND SAVINGS PLAN

/s/ Bret A. Conklin  
Bret A. Conklin  
Senior Vice President and Controller

Date 27 June 2008

**EXHIBIT**

23. Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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