## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  NIKOLAUS DONALD H					2. I D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  DONEGAL GROUP INC [ DGICA ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1195 RIVER ROAD PO BOX 302					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2016								Officer (give title X Other (specify below)  See Remarks						
(Street) MARIETTA PA 17547				_   4.   _	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (C Line)  X Form filed by One Reportin  Form filed by More than Or Person										orting Per	rson			
(City)																			
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day				ur) E	A. Deemed execution Date, any Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Inst					and Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and	n(s) d 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Class A C	Common Sto	ock												113,228	8.869	Γ			
Class A Common Stock													188,867	188,867.104			401(k) Plan		
Class A Common Stock													16,365	16,365.798		[	Spouse		
Class A Common Stock													166,3	166,369			Family Foundation		
Class B Common Stock													130,21	0.44	Ι	)			
Class B Common Stock													51,802	51,802.461			401(k) Plan		
Class B Common Stock													589	589 I		[	Spouse		
Class B Common Stock												3,93	3,938			Family Foundation			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	Date, Transac Code (In				6. Date E Expiratio (Month/I	on Dat	ar) Underlying		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)			10. Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r					
Options	\$16.48	12/15/2016			A		75,000		07/01/20	017	12/15/2021	Class A Common Stock	75,00	0 \$0	75,	000	D		

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Reporting Person is Chairman of the Board of Donegal Group Inc. ("DGI"). Reporting Person is also, President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Donegal Mutual Insurance Company, the holder of a majority control of DGI.

Donald H. Nikolaus

12/19/2016

\*\* 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).
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