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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 (Date of earliest event reported) May 14, 2004

Commission File Number: 000-17962

Applebee's International, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

43-1461763

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4551 W. 107th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66207

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(913) 967-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events

On May 14, 2004, Applebee's International, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release entitled "Michael A. Volkema Elected to the Board of Applebee's

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International, Inc." The press release is attached below.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Michael A. Volkema elected to the board
of Applebee's international, inc.

Overland Park, Kan., May 14, 2004 -- Applebee's International, Inc. (Nasdaq:APPB) announced that Michael A. Volkema was elected to its board of directors yesterday at its Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Volkema is the chairman and chief executive officer of Herman Miller, Inc. (Nasdaq:MLHR), which designs and manufactures office furniture. Volkema began his career with Herman Miller in 1990 when the company acquired Meridian, Inc., where he was president and chief operating officer. In 1993, Mr. Volkema was named chairman and chief executive officer of Meridian, and in 1995, became president and chief executive officer of Herman Miller.

Volkema has been featured in Business Week magazine ("Reinventing Herman Miller") and in a chapter of the business book, "Lessons from the Top: The Search for America's Best Business Leaders." He received his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and his law degree from Wayne State University.

Fortune magazine has consistently listed Herman Miller as the nation's most admired office furniture company, and singled out Herman Miller in 1998 as the "Most Admired Company in America for Social Responsibility." Forbes magazine recognized Herman Miller in 1999 and 2000 on its Platinum List of America's best-managed large corporations. In addition, for the last three years, Industry Week magazine has selected Herman Miller among its 100 Best-Managed Manufacturing Companies in the world.

Lloyd L. Hill, chairman and chief executive officer of Applebee's, said, "We are excited to have an executive with the significant experience that Michael brings to our board of directors. We welcome Michael to our team."

Steve Lumpkin, Applebee's executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer, also was elected to the board of directors. He had been appointed in January to fill a vacancy.

Applebee's International, Inc., headquartered in Overland Park, Kan., develops, franchises and operates restaurants under the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar brand, the largest casual dining concept in the world. There are currently 1,603 Applebee's restaurants operating system-wide in 49 states and nine international countries. Additional information on Applebee's International can be found at the company's website (www.applebees.com).

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SIGNATURES

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: May 14, 2004

By: /s/ Steven K. Lumpkin

Steven K. Lumpkin
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer