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(Last)

(City)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading XIAO JIANGPING Issuer Symbol Professional Diversity Network, Inc. (Check all applicable)

[IPDN] (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 04/19/2018 Chief Financial Officer

C/O PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY, NETWORK, INC., 801 W. ADAMS, SIXTH FLOOR

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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CHICAGO, IL 60607

(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

3. 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

Common

(1) Stock, par 04/19/2018 Α 5,000 Α \$0 5,800 D

value \$0.01

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.82	04/19/2018		A	30,000	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

XIAO JIANGPING C/O PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY NETWORK, INC., 801 W. ADAMS, SIXTH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60607

Chief Financial Officer

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Signatures

/s/ Jiangping (Gary) Xiao, Attorney-in-Fact

04/24/2018

**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) On April 19, 2018, the Company granted 5,000 shares of restricted stock to Mr. Xiao. Such restricted stock will vest on April 19, 2019.
- On April 19, 2018, the Company granted an option to purchase 30,000 shares of Common Stock to Mr. Xiao. The options issued to the executive will vest in accordance with the following schedule: (i) 1/3 of the shares underlying the option will vest immediately on the Effective Date, (ii) 1/3 of the shares underlying the option will vest on the one-year anniversary of the Effective Date, and (iii) 1/3 of the shares underlying the option will vest on the two-year anniversary of the Effective Date.

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