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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KING A PAUL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle) Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

100 LIBERTY STREET

(Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2011

Officer (give title below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

WARREN, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Other (specify

(A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

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

Following

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 6. Date Exercisable and 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

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7. Title and Amount of 8

Underlying Securities

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date

Date Expiration Exercisable Date

Title Amount or

Number of Shares

Stock Options \$ 12.12 01/19/2011 A 6,000 01/19/2012 01/19/2021 Common Stock 6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KING A PAUL 100 LIBERTY STREET X WARREN, PA 16365

Signatures

/s/ Gregory C. LaRocca, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 01/21/2011

**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) Stock options vest at a rate of 1/7 per year commencing on January 19, 2012.

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