

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form S-8**

(Post-Effective Amendment No. 1)  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**Saga Communications, Inc.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**38-3042953**  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

**73 Kercheval Avenue**  
**Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**48236**  
*(Zip Code)*

**SAGA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 1997 NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR  
STOCK OPTION PLAN**  
*(Full Title of the Plan)*

**Fred B. Green, Esq.**  
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**6th Floor at Ford Field**  
**1901 St. Antoine Street**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48226**  
*(Name and address of agent for service)*

**(313) 392-1056**  
*(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)*

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer   
*(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)*

Smaller reporting company

### **Explanatory Note**

Saga Communications, Inc. (the "Company") is filing this Post-Effective Amendment (the "Post-Effective Amendment") in order to deregister shares of Class A Common Stock of the Company, previously registered by the Company pursuant to its Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 1997 (File No. 333-28611) (the "Registration Statement"). The Registration Statement registered 48,828 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock issuable to certain directors of the Company under Saga Communications, Inc. 1997 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan (the "Director Shares"), which has been terminated. Of these Director Shares, participants purchased 16,526 shares. The number of shares herein reflects the stock splits occurring on May 29, 1998, December 15, 1999 and June 15, 2002 and the reverse stock split which occurred on January 28, 2009.

This Post-Effective Amendment hereby amends the Registration Statement to deregister the remaining unissued Director Shares under the Registration Statement. As a result of this deregistration, no Director Shares remain registered for issuance pursuant to the Registration Statement.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, State of Michigan on September 11, 2009.

SAGA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Edward K. Christian

Edward K. Christian  
President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Edward K. Christian</u> Edward K. Christian	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	September 11, 2009
<u>/s/ Samuel D. Bush</u> Samuel D. Bush	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	September 11, 2009
<u>/s/ Catherine A. Bobinski</u> Catherine A. Bobinski	Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer	September 11, 2009
<u>/s/ Donald J. Alt</u> Donald J. Alt	Director	September 11, 2009
<u>/s/ Brian W. Brady</u> Brian W. Brady	Director	September 11, 2009
<u>/s/ Clarke R. Brown</u> Clarke R. Brown	Director	September 11, 2009
<u>/s/ David B. Stephens</u> David B. Stephens	Director	September 11, 2009
<u>/s/ Gary Stevens</u> Gary Stevens	Director	September 11, 2009