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

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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):

August 1, 2011 (August 1, 2011)

**HARRIS & HARRIS GROUP, INC.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-11576**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**13-3119827**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**1450 Broadway, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**New York, New York 10018**

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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**(212) 582-0900**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On August 1, 2011, the Board of Directors of Harris & Harris Group Inc. (the “Company,” “we” or “us”), upon recommendation by its Nominating Committee, appointed Mr. Bruce W. Shewmaker to serve as a Director of the Company, effective immediately, until the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Since November 2003, Mr. Shewmaker has been a Managing Director of MVC Capital, Inc., a publicly traded business development company listed on the NYSE (“MVC”). Previously, he was a Managing Director of E\*Offering Corp., an investment banking firm that was later merged into WIT Sound View Group, from 1999 to 2001. From 1997 to 1998, Mr. Shewmaker served as President and Director of The US Russia Investment Fund, where he managed a staff of approximately 60 people in seven offices across the Russian Federation. Throughout his career, he has held senior level and strategic positions at New Century Management, Vector Venture Partners Group, Merrill Lynch R&D Management, Inc., Merrill Lynch Oklahoma Venture Partners, L.P. and Merrill Lynch Venture Capital, Inc. He is a Director of several privately held companies: Foliofi, Inc., Velocitus B.V., and Vestal Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc. Earlier this year, Mr. Shewmaker agreed to serve as an independent director of Garrison Capital Inc., a newly organized business development company currently in registration for its initial public offering. He was graduated from The Ohio State University (B.S.) and has completed graduate work in Management Studies at New York University’s Leonard N. Stern School of Business.

Mr. Shewmaker was also appointed as a member of the Valuation Committee and the Independent Directors’ Committee. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Shewmaker and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Shewmaker was selected as a director of the Company. Mr. Shewmaker does not have any direct or indirect material interest in any existing or proposed transactions to which the Company is or may become a party.

The press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Shewmaker is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1

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**Item 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated August 1, 2011

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## SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 1, 2011

HARRIS & HARRIS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Douglas W. Jamison

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Douglas W. Jamison  
Chief Executive Officer

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**AUGUST 1, 2011**

**HARRIS & HARRIS GROUP, INC.®**  
**1450 BROADWAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**NEW YORK, NY 10018**

**CONTACT: DOUGLAS W. JAMISON**

**TEL. NO. (212) 582-0900**

**HARRIS & HARRIS GROUP ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Harris & Harris Group, Inc., (NASDAQ: TINY) is pleased to announce that the Company's Board of Directors, upon recommendation by its Nominating Committee, elected Mr. Bruce W. Shewmaker to serve as a Director of the Company, effective immediately, until the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

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The Board of Directors believes that Mr. Shewmaker's knowledge and experience in the venture capital industry and his experience with business development companies will contribute to the strategic direction of the Company.

Harris & Harris Group is a publicly traded venture capital company that invests in nanotechnology and microsystems. Detailed information about Harris & Harris Group and its holdings can be found on its website at [www.HHVC.com](http://www.HHVC.com).

This press release may contain statements of a forward-looking nature relating to future events. These forward-looking statements are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. These statements reflect the Company's current beliefs, and a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in this news release. Please see the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, as well as subsequent filings, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a more detailed discussion of the risks and uncertainties associated with the Company's business, including but not limited to the risks and uncertainties associated with venture capital investing and other significant factors that could affect the Company's actual results. Except as otherwise required by Federal securities laws, the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements to reflect new events or uncertainties. The reference to the website [www.HHVC.com](http://www.HHVC.com) has been provided as a convenience, and the information contained on such website is not incorporated by reference into this press release.

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