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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): April 26, 2005

# American Real Estate Partners, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

|            | Delaware  | 1-9516                            | 13-3398766                        |
|------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _          | (State or other jurisdication of incorporation) | (Commission File<br>Number)       | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
|            | 100 South Bedford Road, Mt. Kisco, NY           |                                   | 10549                             |
|            | (Address of principal executive offices)        |                                   | (Zip Code)                        |
| Registrant | s telephone number, including a                 | rea code: (914) 242-7700          |                                   |
|            | N/A   |                                   |                                   |
|            | (Former name                                    | or former address, if changed sin | ce last report)                   |

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#### Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

# Item 5.02(c) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On April 26, 2005, the Board of Directors of our general partner, American Property Investors, Inc., or API, appointed Jon F. Weber, 46, President. Mr. Weber, who replaces Keith A. Meister as President of API, will assume day-to-day responsibility for our New York-based corporate operations. Mr. Meister will continue to serve as API s Chief Executive Officer.

From April 2003 through April 2005, Mr. Weber served as Head of Portfolio Company Operations and Chief Financial Officer at Icahn Associates Corp., an entity controlled by Carl C. Icahn, who controls API and, through affiliates, owns approximately 86.5% of our depositary units. Since May 2003, Mr. Weber has been a Director of Viskase Companies, Inc. and was the Chief Executive Officer of Viskase Companies, Inc. from May 2003 to October 2004. Since January 2004, he has served as a director of Philip Services Corporation, a metal recycling and industrial services company affiliated with Mr. Icahn, and he was the Chief Executive Officer of Philip Services Corporation from January 2004 through April 2005. Mr. Weber served as Chief Financial Officer of venture-backed companies QuantumShift Inc. and Alchemedia Ltd. from October 2001 to July 2002 and November 2000 to October 2001, respectively. From May 1998 to November 2000, Mr. Weber served as Managing Director Investment Banking for JP Morgan Chase and its predecessor, Chase Manhattan Bank, in São Paulo, Brazil. Previously, Mr. Weber was an investment banker at Morgan Stanley and Salomon Brothers. Mr. Weber began his career as a corporate lawyer following his graduation from Harvard Law School *cum laude* in 1985. He also holds an MBA and Bachelor's degrees *magna cum laude* from Babson College.

On April 28, 2005, AREP issued a press release announcing Mr. Weber s appointment, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

#### **Section 9** Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 28, 2005

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, L.P. (Registrant)

By: American Property Investors, Inc. General Partner

By: /s/ John P. Saldarelli John P. Saldarelli Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Date: April 28, 2005