



Chairperson's Corner

By Jackie Lee

Happy New Year! I am thrilled to be the new chairperson of the Health Section Council. This is my fourth and final year on the council, because I began with a one-year term and followed up with a three-year term. I have some big shoes to fill, following Karen Shelton, Sarah Osborne and Brian Pauley, but I am backed by the wonderful leadership team of Joan Barrett and Doug Norris.

Typically, a new year and a new role signify new beginnings, and there is some of that. But this year, the council is continuing our hard work through the strategic initiatives, webcasts, research and timely communication that we began over the last couple of years. Our goal is to be innovative for our members, and I have strived to press this onto our council members.

As we have prepared for our major deliverable this year, the ACA@10, I could not help but think about my marriage. What does my marriage have to do with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) you ask? It is a strange connection; I completely agree. My husband and I are planning our 10-year anniversary trip without kids to New York City. Traveling is a passion we share, but we usually include our three children. So, this has been exciting, to say the least.

We have been making restaurant reservations, booking tours and buying tickets to a play; but until now, it never dawned on me that we share this anniversary with an event that shook a large part of my career as a health actuary, the signing of the ACA. In the past, the council has put in a lot of work through strategic initiatives, *Health Watch* articles, webcasts, sessions meetings and much more to educate actuaries about the implications of the ACA.

On March 23, 2020, we will celebrate the 10th birthday of the ACA with the ACA@10. This initiative will deliver a research paper from Hans Leida and his team at Milliman, *The State of Key ACA Markets: Medicaid and the Individual Markets*. This



paper includes research on measurable outcomes to assess the markets' viability. In addition to the research, a team of experts are writing more than 10 articles about the ACA. This is an exciting deliverable that health actuaries can look forward to as we celebrate its birthday (and coincidentally, my anniversary).

Did you know that *Health Watch* is now exclusively **digital**? By reading this, I hope you do. If not, the council is dedicated to bringing articles to your inbox each month. This will help us provide up-to-date content in a more readable and sharable way. While we have done our best to communicate this to everyone, please spread the word about this new and exciting change with your friends and colleagues.

Speaking of sharing, our council has been focusing on relevant and timely communication with our membership and other interested parties. To accomplish this, we have been utilizing the [Health Section group on LinkedIn](#). Please visit this page, join it, invite your friends to join and share relevant topics with our community. We are so happy that we have almost 650 members, but we know we are missing some of you! Please jump over to our section group right now to be a part of our community.

While I highlighted three major happenings with the council, there are so many other things we are involved in. If you would

like to help us, please reach out to me or visit the [Volunteer Database](#) to see where you can get plugged in. I am so excited for the coming year with all of our goals and materials we will be delivering. Cheers to new beginnings and celebrating our past! ■



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