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by Bill Ely

With a new year approaching, Larry Stern is the new chair for our Entrepreneurial Actuaries Section (EAS). We also welcome Larry as a contributor to this month's issue of *The Independent Consultant*.

One of the services our section provides is our List of Preferred Vendors. In this issue, Michael Frank provides more information on this program.

EAS sponsored a Papers Competition this summer on a topic related to being an entrepreneur. This competition was open to all SOA members. In this issue we include two of the honorable mention essays. I would like to extend my thanks to the essayists Thomas Nightingale and Jay Jaffe for their fine contributions.

Enjoy the issue!

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