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## From the Chair–Section Update

by Larry N. Stern

The description on the SOA Web site for our section goes like this:

*The **Entrepreneurial Actuaries Section** serves the business needs of actuaries and related professionals with an entrepreneurial spirit, helping them to thrive in their businesses, consulting firms or companies by providing education, business resources and networking opportunities.*

Activities and events already in the planning stages for next year, such as webcasts, social networking at SOA functions, a new LinkedIn group sponsored by the EAS, and additions to our vendor referral program, all aim to live up to this expectation. One of the more difficult continuing education credits to achieve is for "professionalism." Helping you earn these credits will be at the forefront of planning SOA spring/annual meeting sessions and EAS–sponsored webcasts.

The SOA annual meeting begins a new year for council leadership of your section. I would be remiss in not thanking those who are rolling off—Kevin Dolsky, Emil Kraft and Sandor Goldstein—for their leadership and participation. A special note of gratitude goes to Michael Frank (vendor referral coordinator) who has volunteered to extend his term for another year on Council. Last but not least, I want to thank David Axene for his leadership as chair the past year. We are fortunate to have David for another year on council, as well.

The newly elected members of council include Steve Boger (secretary/treasurer), Peter Coleman, Reza Mohassessi and Pauline Reimer (business opportunities/networking coordinator). We look forward to them serving in the same high standards as those who have gone before them.

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Also continuing on council are Jim Ramenda (vice chair) and Bill Ely (newsletter editor and communications coordinator). Jeff Beckley is our SOA board partner.

Our EAS membership is over 500 strong. We come from varied backgrounds. The one common bond is we are all in business as entrepreneurs applying our actuarial expertise and knowledge. It was interesting to listen at the breakfast meeting in Boston to other entrepreneurial actuaries describe their "nontraditional" roles in their businesses. We plan to spotlight some of these individuals in an interview feature for the section newsletter. Also appearing in the newsletter this year will be the publication of several of the essays from the successful call for papers competition.

Communication with our membership will be the catalyst for how your council interacts with you this year. The use of the newly designed section Web page (check it out!) will post many notices, the notes from our regular monthly conference calls, special events, etc. To the extent possible we will take advantage of blast e-mails where timing is essential to get information to you. Be on the lookout.

In the short time as chair I have been contacted by many section members wanting to volunteer to assist your council. These "Friends of Council" (FoCs) are welcome to participate in the monthly conference calls. Several are already supporting the coordinators' planning efforts. I invite you to become involved in your section—volunteer as an FoC, as a speaker for our sponsored sessions at SOA functions, to prepare a webcast, or to network with other section members. Who knows it may end up being a "profitable" experience for us all.

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