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FROM THE EDITOR'S WORKSTATION...

by Richard Jennings

A tremendous amount of work goes into each issue of the *Reinsurance News*. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Reinsurance Section Council for their input and direction. At this year's SOA Spring Meeting in New Orleans, we spent some time reviewing the strategy for the newsletters, both print and electronic, and identifying topic areas that would be of interest to section members. The section publishes an electronic newsletter, *Re-News!* on a timely basis as events or news items need to be distributed. The print newsletter, which continues to be identified as an important source for reinsurance articles, particularly lengthier pieces, will continue to be distributed twice a year.

Thanks to Mike Gabon, Craig Baldwin, Phil Bieluch and Mark Troutman for their assistance in identifying topics and potential authors for the newsletter—authors who were able to bring perspectives from

different areas of reinsurance that would be of interest to the broader needs of the section membership. Thanks to all the contributors who wrote articles and cooperated with my nagging and cajoling to get them to submit on time. Thanks to the staff at the SOA, especially DTP coordinator, Joe Adduci, who lays the issue out and works with me on the many revisions to get the newsletter just right and Debbie Jay who works to get everything quickly updated on the Web site.

Lastly, I'd like to encourage you to get involved with the newsletter. If you have an idea for an article, please let us know, or if you would like to write an article, let us know that as well. Also, contact information for each author is supplied with the articles. Please contact the article authors to pass back feedback and/or any questions you might have about their articles. ✨



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CALL FOR ACTUARIAL PIONEERS...ARE YOU ONE?

by Jim Brooks, Chair of the Actuary of the Future Section

Think of a pioneer as "someone who opens up new areas of thought, research or development, or one who ventures into unknown or unclaimed territory." (*Webster's Dictionary*)

The SOA's current Image Campaign is based on the belief that the actuarial skill set has value that extends beyond technical analysis into other operational and strategic roles. We know there are actuaries demonstrating this expanded value today, thereby modeling the dynamic and relevant image of the profession we are seeking to promote.

Specifically, Actuarial Pioneers are:

- Outside the traditional sectors of insurance companies, reinsurance companies and consulting firms applying their actuarial skill set to new, nontraditional roles such as chief risk officers, financial planners, entrepreneurs, personal actuaries, or
- Inside the traditional sectors, applying their actuarial skill set in nontraditional ways to become chief marketing officers, CROs, CEOs, etc.

Pioneers who are identified will inspire the profession, create practical pathways for career development and potentially serve as spokespersons to business leaders. They will be profiled through articles, Web sites and media releases.

The anticipated time commitment for a pioneer is small. Minimally, it will involve communicating some basic information to SOA staff, and at a maximum involve a few interviews for articles or media events.

Names and contact information are to be submitted via e-mail to pioneers@soa.org. Individuals are free to nominate themselves or recommend others. SOA marketing staff will follow up on each nomination. ✨

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