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#### 1. Message From Your Section Chair - Gaetano Geretto



It is with great enthusiasm that I take on the Chair's role for the 2007-2008 year for the SOA's Reinsurance Section Council. Most recently, I follow in the steps of Graham Mackay and Larry Carson who have done a masterful job of creating very good infrastructure and an excellent volunteer network for our members. I am also honored to serve our membership in this role as have many of our most notable contributors to our profession and our sector have done in the past. Click on the link below to read the rest of Gaetano Geretto's message.

[Click here to read Chairperson's Column](#)

Over the next year, the Reinsurance Section Council will be continuing to work hard on delivering its goals and priorities. If there is anything else that you believe we should be doing to increase value to the membership, or to you personally, please let me know. And if you would like to work on a particular initiative, please feel free to speak with me or any member of the Council. We'd love to have you on the team.

Finally, if you have the time, please take a quick look at our website and provide us with any feedback:

<http://www.soa.org/professional-interests/reinsurance/rein-reinsurance-section-detail.aspx?s=14>

Thank you again for your continued support.

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#### 2. [ReFocus2008: See The Future First, Mar. 2-4, Ritz Carlton, Las Vegas, NV](#)

Join other senior level professionals at the premier reinsurance event, a distinctive industry conference focused on the reinsurance world targeting life, health and annuities. Attendees are senior level professionals with a vested interest in the future of the reinsurance industry. More information about ReFocus 2008 is available at [www.ReFocusConference.com](http://www.ReFocusConference.com). This annual conference is hosted by the ACLI and Society of Actuaries (SOA).

### 3. November issue of Reinsurance Newsletter now available online.

The November issue of Reinsurance News has some very interesting articles that you will be sure to want to read. Here is the line-up for the November issue:

- Protected Cell Companies in Bermuda
- FAQ on Protected Cell Companies - A Rating Agency's Perspective
- Life Reinsurance Sector - Rating Agency View
- The Market For Mortality (Longevity Risk)
- Life Treaty Project Update
- Employer Stop Loss Insurance Considerations
- Provider Excess Insurance Contract Considerations
- Reinsurers and Direct Writers: Comparative Results from the recent SOA Mortality Table Structure Survey
- Options For Actuaries (Life Settlements)
- Reinsurance Actuary Takes On All Challengers To Win IQ Showdown!

[Click here to read the latest issue of Reinsurance News](#)

Also, please take the time to provide us some feedback on this issue of Reinsurance News.

[Click here to take a readership survey for the November issue of Reinsurance News](#)

### 4. Discussion of Reinsurance Provisions In A Life Reinsurance Treaty

The Life Treaty Project group has been working to create a document that would provide guidance and commentary on life treaty language. For more information on this project, see the article by Tim Ruark in this month's issue of Reinsurance News. Sample sections are available on the Reinsurance Section website here:

<http://www.soa.org/professional-interests/reinsurance/papers-presentations-research-and-resources/rein-discussion-of-reinsurance-provisions-in-a-life-reinsurance.aspx>

### 5. Annual Meeting Washington, DC

[Annual Meeting: Presentations now available online](#)

One of the sessions put on by the Reinsurance Section was on "[The New World of Financial Reinsurance](#)", moderated by Larry Carson with Jeff Poulin, Jeff Burt, and Laura Bazer as presenters. A summary of the meeting was reprinted in the National Underwriter, and [can be viewed online here](#) with their permission.

### 6. Upcoming Reinsurance Industry Events

- [Metropolitan Underwriting Discussion \(MUD\) Meeting, New York, NY, Jan. 27-29](#)
- [SOA/ACLI ReFocus 2008: See The Future First, Las Vegas, NV, Mar. 2-4](#)
- [SOA Spring Meeting \(Health/Pension\) May 28-30, Los Angeles, CA](#)
- [SOA Spring Meeting \(Life\), June 16-18, Quebec City, QC](#)

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