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2014 has been a busy year for the Reinsurance Section Council. We kicked off the year with a half-day, face-to-face meeting. This provided us with an opportunity to share ideas at a depth and breadth that our one-hour monthly phone calls don't allow for. Many good ideas were raised that will be used for meeting sessions, webinars, newsletter articles, etc. In addition, it gave us a chance to get to know each other better—which is one of the reasons many of us want to get involved.

We received the message from last year's survey results that continuing education is a top priority for many of our section members. To this end, we sponsored sessions at this year's Life & Annuity Symposium, the Health Meeting, and will be sponsoring sessions at the Annual Meeting. As well, keep your eyes open for details around a one-day Advanced Reinsurance Seminar to be offered on August 27, immediately after the Valuation Actuary Symposium. We hope that the NYC venue will appeal to the meeting attendees as well as the many reinsurance professionals working in the metropolitan area.

We continue to be committed to research, and always welcome any ideas that you may have. Currently, the subteam is hard at work on research studies involving accelerated benefit riders and term conversion experience.

Hopefully, many of you noticed a new communication that we are experimenting with. At the end of April, we sent out our first news blast to section members. Our intent is to keep the communication brief and relevant—covering highlights that we wouldn't want you to miss.

Lastly, we just want to thank each of you for your continued support of the section. We hope that you feel a bit more connected to the reinsurance community by being a member and encourage you to stay involved. Beyond the education and research, we feel that it is important to provide networking opportunities as well. If you are heading to the SOA Annual Meeting this fall, please plan on attending the section breakfast and/or our beer tasting/golfing event. They are both being organized to provide a great opportunity for us to connect, and we hope to see you there!

Enjoy the newsletter! ■



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