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Best Article of 2017

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Anthony Asher (left) and Mick James (right).

The 2017 *Reinsurance News* prize was awarded to Mick James, business development director, UK—Alternative Distribution at RGA for his article titled, "Long-Term Care—Are We Fishing in the Wrong Waters?" The article appeared in the November 2017 issue. The article challenged thinking regarding current solutions that provide lump sums, or income streams, in order to help elderly people who need nursing care.

The winning article was voted upon by three sitting members of the Reinsurance Section Council.

This year offered an additional prize for the most downloaded podcast of a *Reinsurance News* article. The winner was Anthony Asher, associate professor at the School of Risk & Actuarial Studies, of New South Wales. His article, "The Social Impact of the Actuarial Profession," describes some of the opportunities we face and suggests that we each need "passion to right a particular wrong or create a particular value." There were in excess of 1,000 downloads of his article.

Why the prizes? To recognize the tremendous effort of our volunteer authors, without whom it would be impossible to publish three information-packed editions per year.

Please feel free to contact Ronald Poon-Affat at *rpoonaffat@rgare .com* and/or Dirk Nieder at *nieder@genre.com* if you are interested in submitting an article for 2018. We are always looking for interesting articles on a range of actuarial and related topics, and who knows? You might become one of our prizewinners! ■

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The Reinsurance Section Council and friends prepare for another successful year during their meeting held at the 2017 SOA Annual Meeting & Exhibit.

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