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Staff Corner

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

In the world of client-serving professionals who globally optimize value generation by minimizing resource-intensive processes and leveraging synergy, Big Data, InsurTech, cost-benefit-risk analysis, Blockchain and other buzz words and/or three-letter acronyms (TLAs) or four-letter acronyms (FLAs), what does the Investment Section do for me? Where's the beef?

THE INVESTMENT SECTION IS FUN

We are sponsoring an Asset Allocation Contest. We will be announcing the three portfolios that won the the prize for best risk-adjusted alpha return, greatest accumulation and best-managed drawdown risk. Visit the Society of Actuaries' (SOA's) website for more information (*https://www.soa.org/sections/investment/investment-resources/*) and click Asset Allocation Contest.

We are also planning some networking activities at the annual meeting and in a few investment hubs. Stay tuned for more.

THE INVESTMENT SECTION IS USEFUL

Need to read a published paper on investment topics? Most academic papers on investment topics are accessible with our EBSCO partnership. A member-exclusive benefit!

THE INVESTMENT SECTION IS EDUCATIONAL

We offer webcasts on investment topics, such as the Redington Webcast (2/20/18), and have a few others in the works. We also have and plan to do more podcasts.

We built the Economic Scenario Generator, a four-hour pre-LAS seminar that tackles intermediate and advance issues with scenario generations.

We had the Investment Symposium in March where attendees were able to learn about advanced investment techniques despite the inclement weather. The impressive sessions got 5.0 ratings!

Later this year, we will deliver the first iteration of an Investment Bootcamp to support the needs of insurance actuaries who feel the need to up their game on investment topics.

And of course, we are already working hard on the SOA annual meeting sessions with a balance of pension and insurance investing.

THE INVESTMENT SECTION IS A GOOD READ

Enjoy the newsletter and all its great articles.

Want to help? Send me an email (*dschraub@soa.org*) or call me (847.706.3560), and we will leverage your volunteer capacity!

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