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Recent and Upcoming SOA Meeting Sessions of Interest to SmallCo Members

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The Smaller Insurance Company Section sponsored three sessions at ValAct, held Sept. 10-11 in Los Angeles.

Valuation Actuary Symposium

How Can Smaller Companies Respond to the Low Interest Rate Environment (workshop)

Mark Rowley of the SmallCo Low Interest Rate Team led a workshop on the impact of low interest rates, with the emphasis on the challenges for smaller companies. Attendees participated in an in-depth review of this timely topic.

Smaller Company Issues (buzz group)

Don Walker led the annual smaller company buzz group. As always, we recruited some great facilitators to make this networking opportunity one of the best sessions at ValAct. Those who attended shared concerns and ideas with fellow small company actuaries.

Smaller Insurance Company Chief and Corporate Actuaries Forum

Don Walker and Mark Rowley led our annual forum for actuaries in leadership positions at small companies. Attendees talked about issues of general interest at lunch, then broke into smaller discussion groups to delve into more specialized topics. This is our 10th year sponsoring this very popular attendee-driven forum on the afternoon of day 2.

Annual Meeting

SmallCo has planned four events for the SOA Annual Meeting & Exhibit in National Harbor, Md.

Low Interest Rates: Financial and Product Implications (co-sponsored with the Financial Reporting Section)

Building on our year-long efforts to explore this issue, SmallCo members will be part of a panel discussion on low interest rates.

Reinsurance Challenges for Medium and Small Companies (co-sponsored with the Reinsurance Section)

Mike Kaster will lead this panel discussion.

Smaller Company Issues (buzz group)

Our regular buzz group session at the annual meeting. (Just as great as the one at ValAct!)

Smaller Insurance Company Hot Breakfast

Our regular hot breakfast at the annual. Meet council members and break bread with fellow small company actuaries.

As you can see, SmallCo is dedicated to providing value to our members by sponsoring a variety of events at SOA meetings. We hope you can join us at future meetings! ●



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