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2014 SmallCo Webinars

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One of the things we are most proud of in the Smaller Insurance Company Section is our webinars. We have been fortunate to have recruited many high-quality speakers. We plan to continue this tradition in 2014, and have expanded our slate from four to five webinars. We hope that these webinars are helpful to you in that you are educated, and that they help you receive useful continuing education. We also enjoy collaborating with other sections in doing webinars, as you can see noted below.

1. Qualification Considerations for Small Company Actuaries—A Professionalism Webinar—March 19, 2014
2. Regulatory Issues for Small Companies—Co-Sponsored with the Financial Reporting Section—June 11, 2014
3. Product Issues for Small Companies—Aug. 13, 2014
4. PBR Development Impacting Small Companies—Co-Sponsored with the Financial Reporting Section—Oct. 15, 2014
5. Financial Reporting Issues and Considerations for Year-End 2014—Co-Sponsored with the Financial Reporting Section—Dec. 9, 2014 ●



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On the Research Front

SOA AND LIMRA RELEASE NEW STUDY ON VARIABLE ANNUITIES!

The SOA and LIMRA are proud to release a brand new study of variable annuity guaranteed benefit options. Researchers examined more than 3.4 million contracts with a guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefit, guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefit, guaranteed minimum accumulation benefit or guaranteed minimum income benefit option. The analysis is based on 2011 experience and looks at how policyholders use these guaranteed options and exhibit other behaviors involving step-ups, cash flow and persistency. See the report for the findings in this important new study.