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Actuary of the Future Sessions at the Spring Meetings

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The Actuary of the Future section sponsored three sessions at each of the 2005 Society of Actuaries Spring Meetings: the Life Meeting (May 23-24, 2005) and the Health/Pension Meeting (June 15-17, 2005), both of which took place in New Orleans. Your feedback is being compiled, and based on what we've heard so far, the sessions were a resounding success. One session attendee remarked, "This (was) the best session for me in this meeting." Other attendees commented on the lively and fruitful discussions focusing on relevant, day-to-day topics. Still others exposed themselves to new ideas and new perspectives with regard to the actuarial profession. There was a great deal of excitement surrounding our session on the personal actuary ... it seems that some session attendees are contemplating expanding their actuarial expertise to include this developing and growing practice area.

Consistent with our session's mission statement, the Spring Meeting sessions were developed to focus on nontraditional roles, relevant nontechnical skills and other topics outside the traditional practice area structure. The session, "Starting Your Own Business," was a perfect example of the material your section council strives to provide to the section membership. Session attendees commented on the practical usefulness of this seminar.

The "Education of the Actuary of the Future" session offers another example. This session challenged its participants to think openly and critically about the future of education in the actuarial profession, stepping beyond the traditional E&E framework and tackling important questions about continuing education, which plays an important role in every actuary's career. Feedback on this session indicates session participants were excited about this fresh approach to a common topic.

A session on the personal actuary rounded out the Actuary of the Future's Spring Meeting offerings. We are excited to have received such a positive response to this topic from the section membership. Our sense is that actuaries are taking



an interest in this pioneering field, and we look forward to continuing to work with section membership to develop this area.

Although the Spring Meetings are behind us, the Actuary of the Future Section Council is continually looking for ways to provide practical, interesting education to members. If you have an idea for future sessions or would like to be involved as a speaker or coordinator at a future meeting, please contact Andrew Dalton at andrew.dalton@towersperrin.com or 973.331.3570. 📞

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