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Coming in 2010

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It's a New Year. It's time to get things rolling. Resolutions have been made. Some have even been kept. As I start the new year as chairperson of the Management & Personal Development Section, I thought it would be helpful to lay out what sections do in general, and in particular, what our section hopes to accomplish in 2010.



WHAT DO SECTIONS DO?

You are a member of one, and maybe more, sections. Sections serve an important role within the Society of Actuaries. In fact, sections are the only entity specifically mentioned in the SOA Strategic Plan.

This graphic represents what sections attempt to accomplish while fulfilling their link to one of the SOA's Strategic Themes, "Promote sections as knowledge communities and networking facilitators." Sections provide activities and make decisions from the perspective of their specific interest. They provide the SOA Board of Directors the grassroots connection to the membership. In contrast, the Board makes decisions for the good of the profession and is the ultimate ruling body within the SOA.

WHAT WILL M&PD DO IN 2010?

We will focus our efforts for 2010 on the foundational tiers, "Create Grassroots Communities" and "Transfer Knowledge."

You can expect to see four issues of *The Stepping Stone*. The quarterly format seems to provide just the right amount of information. Through the great efforts of our editor, John West Hadley, and the SOA staff, we continue to publish a well-respected and well-read newsletter. I have been told by more than one person that our newsletter is the only one they read cover-to-cover. If you have an idea for an article, or would like to submit one yourself, I strongly encourage you to do so. We would love to hear from you.

We will strive to provide more free content on our Web page on the SOA's Web site, www.soa.org. This past year, we developed a webcast on tips for moderators. While the webcast was developed for moderating a session at an SOA event, the tips and education can be applied to any meeting you must plan.

Finally, we will continue to plan and implement management and business skills development for our members through sessions at future SOA events and through partnerships with local actuarial clubs.

Happy New Year! ●



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