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Call for Volunteers

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You can make a difference in the Management and Personal Development Section! The M&PD council seeks your involvement as we move forward. Volunteers are at the heart of the SOA and each of the section councils; our effectiveness as a section is a result of the time and effort put forth by several people who serve their colleagues to further our profession.

The council elections are occurring at the time of publication; I encourage you to vote if you have not done so already. Please consider running for council when the call for candidates is issued next April and May.

The benefits of volunteering are endless, and will serve you well in your professional development:

- Develop leadership skills as you manage, recruit, delegate, negotiate and make decisions on key projects for the section.
- Are collaboration, teamwork, or networking on your development plan? If so, take the opportunity to brainstorm with a team of diverse colleagues, develop negotiation skills and maximize your expertise in a supportive environment.
- Enhance your written and oral communication skills through different writing exercises or presentation opportunities.
- Contribute to the profession with your ideas, insights, personal experience and professional expertise.

As we plan for 2012, the M&PD council has identified areas in which we specifically seek your expertise.

1. We coordinate sessions each year at the SOA Life & Annuity Symposium, the SOA Health Meeting, the Valuation Actuarial Symposium and the SOA Annual Meeting. Volunteer opportunities abound, including:

- Meeting coordinator
- Session moderator
- Session presenter (including book review presentations)
- Session idea generation

2. Practice your written communication by contributing to *The Stepping Stone*:

- Write a newsletter article about the management or personal development topic of your choice. You can view past issues here: <http://www.soa.org/news-and-publications/newsletters/management-and-personal-development/pub-management-and-personal-development-details.aspx>
- Contribute to The Actuarial Ethicist column: <http://www.soa.org/professional-interests/management-and-personal-development/mpd-act-ethicist-jam.aspx>
- Write a book review of a current management or personal development book: <http://www.soa.org/professional-interests/management-and-personal-development/mpd-book-review-competition.aspx>

3. We also seek your thoughts, ideas, and manpower in regard to future M&PD webcasts and ideas in regard to the M&PD website: <http://www.soa.org/professional-interests/management-and-personal-development/mpd-management-and-personal-development-detail.aspx>.

Thank you for your consideration. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Meredith Lilley. She can be reached at meredith.lilley@sunlife.com. ●



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