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## Council's Corner

By AOF Council

There is an old "Saturday Night Live" skit with Sid Caesar, in which the cast (which included Julia Louis Dreyfus and Eddie Murphy) tries to prove that they are on live (vs. pre-recorded) television. Caesar helps by explaining that the word "now" is "the fastest thing in the universe". It's over before you can even say the word. It was once "going to be" and has become "was". And so the cycle continues now, was, going-to-be. It is not clear whether the cast and Caesar proved they were on live television. They surely try and are plenty funny doing so. What is clear is that "now" is fleeting and the future is here soon, the new "now." By the time you read this, another council year will have begun, and this one, which was a "now" is now a "was".

This past year, we worked with the Society of Actuaries, the Actuarial Foundation, and with other councils to bring you interesting projects and programs. It was an interesting year with a number of our projects and initiatives going global.

Our focus on non-traditional opportunities for actuaries was echoed with a major effort by the SOA<sup>2</sup> to better brand actuaries as more than just insurance professionals, by reaching out to other industry groups to discuss opportunities with them.

Our mentoring program will soon be merged with that of the Actuarial Foundation.<sup>3</sup> We will help them to recruit a cadre of actuarial mentors for U.S.-based actuarial students, while supporting actuarial students elsewhere and job changers who see themselves an Actuary of the Future.

Our third section council intern, Cassie He, has joined her predecessors in knocking our socks off. She successfully ran the Passing the Torch series<sup>4</sup>, helped us keep the dialogue going on LinkedIn<sup>5</sup> and worked on revitalizing the Younger Actuaries Network. We have sponsored successful sessions at the Life and Annuity Symposium, the Health meeting and will have hosted sessions at the Valuation Actuary Symposium and the Annual Meeting. In other words, it has been quite a council year.

However, we couldn't do it without you. As always, section volunteers<sup>6</sup> are our life-blood, suggesting programs and ideas, and getting our projects done right. Getting involved has never been easier. Share your ideas on our LinkedIn page, join our meetings as a friend of the council, help us organize sessions at a meeting, organize a web-cast, or speak at one of our events; the sky's the limit.

We want to hear what you are thinking. Our projects are for your benefit. Share your stories and experiences as actuaries with younger actuaries. Tell us how you are using your actuarial skills in new and different ways. Teach us what you have learned.

The future is here. As you read this sentence, now is ‘was’. Tell us what the Actuary of the Future is going to be!

Sincerely,

Your AOF 2012-2013 Council ☆

#### **ENDNOTES**

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nbc.com/saturday-night-live/video/cold-opening/n9057/>. Search for “Sid Caesar cold opening” to find the clip.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.soa.org/Leadership/Current-Initiatives/initiatives-2013.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> This program is in the works. You can contact us at [aof@soa.org](mailto:aof@soa.org) to indicate an interest in participating as a mentor or in organizing local actuaries into a mentoring group.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.soa.org/Professional-Interests/Actuary-Of-The-Future/aof-passing-the-torch.aspx>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/SOA-Actuary-Future-Section-3937414/about>

<sup>6</sup> Join us as a volunteer: <http://www.soa.org/about/volunteer/default.aspx> or email us at [aof@soa.org](mailto:aof@soa.org) to share your interest