

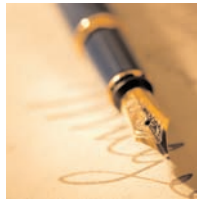


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# Letter from the Chair

*by Kevin Pledge*

**2**008 is going to be an exciting year for the Technology Section; a number of projects are underway while at the same time your section council is keen to take on new challenges.

Three projects that should come to fruition this year are:

- **Scenario Manager**—the Standard Scenario Format Working Group has agreed on an XML scenario and developed a utility program to present yield curves and other economic indicators. During 2008 we will be seeking adoption by major software vendors. Contact Steve Strommen or Carl Nauman if you are interested.
- **Rate Table Manager**—a number of volunteers are busy validating the tables, while we investigate a long-term solution for managing this service. Contact Joe Luizzo if you are interested in helping with this.
- **Section Portal**—this will help coordinate volunteer activities. We currently have a proof of concept and this should become a useful tool in the coming year. Contact Paula Hodges if you are interested in contributing.

Also continuing from last year:

- **Technology Education**—last year we formed a subcommittee to give input on technology education.

In addition, we plan to build on our recent successes:

Publications:

- Four newsletters (January, April, July and October).
- Bi-monthly Tech Update e-mails from the chair.

Networking:

- Providing opportunities for members to network at actuarial meetings.

Education:

- Last year we had our first webinar—this was a great success, I hope we can follow up on this with more in the coming year.

We welcome your input on these projects and any activities that you feel we should be undertaking. Also, we always welcome volunteers—it is the enthusiasm and contribution from the members that make this section what it is.

Please contact me directly if you have any suggestions regarding activities we should be taking on or if you would like to volunteer.



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