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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

by Tim Deitz

I am pleased to introduce myself as the new chairman of the Technology Section Council. Last year, I served as the vice-chair in preparation for this year. I feel we have a great group on the council and would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our 2010 council and some of the projects they will be working on this year.



Mary Pat Campbell is a first-year council member from Scor Re, headquartered in France. You may recognize her name from her frequent CompAct article contributions. Mary Pat will serve as our Webinar Coordinator. We have planned a couple of webinars for the upcoming year, but are constantly looking for ideas. If you have any good webinar ideas, please feel free to contact Mary Pat or me.



Carl Desrochers from Berkshire Life in Pittsfield, Mass. is in the third and final year of his term on the council. As he did last year, Carl will serve as the Other meetings coordinator. Carl will also help by serving as our Section liaison. Additionally, Carl will continue to head up the Speculative Fiction Contest.



Dave Kester is another first-year council member from SALT Solutions Inc., in Des Moines, Iowa. Dave is excited about invigorating our involvement in local actuarial clubs as the Actuarial Club program coordinator. We see this as a great

[Fiction Contest](#)

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I love it!

It's better than the printed version

The print version was better / more convenient

I'm not sure - what's CompAct?

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opportunity to get involved with and share ideas with actuaries in a smaller group setting.



Lisa Lefkowitz is also a first-year council member. Lisa works at PolySystems Inc. in Chicago, Ill. She has

many ideas to make the Technology Section Web site a better resource and will serve as our Web coordinator. With the recent SOA redesign of the Section Web pages, Lisa will work with them to make future improvements. If you have any ideas, please let Lisa or me know.



Holly Loberg is another third-year council member. She comes to us from Allianz Life Inc.

Company of North America in Minneapolis, Minn. Holly served as the Web coordinator last year, working closely with the SOA on the Web page redesign. This year Holly will serve as the Secretary/Treasurer.



Tim Pauza is from the Philadelphia office of Ernst & Young. Tim is the outgoing Section chair and

I want to thank him for all of the guidance he has given to me in preparing to take over the role and for the fantastic job he has done. This year, Tim will serve his third and final year on the council as the Annual Meeting coordinator and also manage our partnerships with various analyst groups.



Jeff Pomerantz is a second-year council member from Quantitative Risk Management in Chicago, Ill. Last year, Jeff

did a great job as our Annual Meeting coordinator. There were a couple of very informative sessions with excellent speakers that Jeff pulled together for the meeting in Boston. This year Jeff will serve as vice-chair and the People coordinator.



Frank Reynolds is another of our second-year council members and is from the University of Waterloo. Last year Frank served as the Spring Meetings coordinator and will continue with that role again this

year. Also, with his background in education, Frank will again serve as our education liaison.

There are a couple of others that need special recognition for service

to the council. Howard Callif is entering his third year as editor of the newsletter, but the role as editor is typically a two-year commitment! J. Eddie Smith has offered to co-edit CompAct, so for the rest of the year, Howard and Eddie will be co-editors. Phil Gold, of GGY AXIS in Toronto, ON, served this past year as the council's board partner and I want to thank him for that service. Our board partner this year is Jim Toole of MBA Actuaries Inc. in Winston-Salem, N.C. I look forward to working with Jim in this role. In closing, I would like to also thank the outgoing council members for their three years of service, Joe Liuzzo, David Minches and Carl Nauman. Thank you very much for your contributions and support!! I'm looking forward to the upcoming year and want to encourage all of the members to feel free to contact me with any ideas how we, as a council, can better serve you, our members.



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