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## EDITOR'S NOTES

by Howard Callif

Are you really, really busy? I know all of the editors at *CompAct* are! As you may be aware, I am transitioning out of the co-editor position, and am very pleased to announce that Richard Junker is taking on the role. Richard serves on the [Technology Section council](#)—as does Eddie—so making time to solicit and edit articles is definitely a challenge.

Being editor of *CompAct* has been a lot of work, but it has also been a great learning experience. I am proud of all of the issues that I worked on, and happy that I have been able to contribute to the SOA. All of the people I have worked with have been willing to spend time to share wisdom and knowledge with me, and the *CompAct* readership, and that is a wonderful thing to be a part of. I think now is a good opportunity to point out that producing *CompAct* is a team effort, and there are a lot of people behind the scenes who help in the process. Thanks to all of them!

I would like to especially thank Sam Phillips and Meg Weber. Sam Phillips is our SOA staff editor, and he has worked hard to edit and set up every article for every issue. Many times articles were submitted with little time to spare, and Sam always got the job done. Meg Weber is the Technology Section staff partner, and her wisdom and advice has contributed immensely to the section. Whenever I needed information from the SOA, she either knew the answer, or knew who to contact to get it. Even more importantly, she made me feel welcome, and has been great to meet with at annual meetings. Thanks!

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I'd also like to thank Eddie & Richard. It is a lot easier to step down knowing that the both of you are so capable and energized. I know that *CompAct* will thrive because of your talent and enthusiasm. Good Luck!

This issue of *CompAct* has the first of a four part series of articles to introduce Database concepts and terminology. In addition, we have also included a summary of online resources that can be used as a starting point to find actuarial related information. If you have a resource that you use frequently, please share it with one of the editors, and we will ensure that it is added to the list! Hopefully, some of these tips can help you be more productive, and less busy!



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