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APPS FOR ACTUARIES UPDATE

by Meg Weber

It seems like everyone is entering the world of apps. The term apps may not be so new for members of the Technology Section, but the proliferation of them is and so are the providers. You can even get apps from the U.S. Government: <http://apps.usa.gov/>.

Apps (for you more casual members of the Technology Section) are not just for Apple devices such as iPhones, iPods and iPads. There are apps available for all handheld devices, mobile phones of all types, and personal computers.

SOA Staff and members of the Technology Section converged on the idea that there were opportunities for the SOA to create or obtain apps for our members and candidates. Also, the section can provide real value to its members by identifying apps especially useful to actuaries. There have already been discussion threads on the Technology Section's LinkedIn site (join the group, if you haven't already: Society of Actuaries Technology Section on LinkedIn). Technology Section Council members Tim Deitz and Eddie Smith are serving in an important advisory capacity for the SOA in app development.

Here are some of the apps the SOA will pilot or launch in 2011:

- At the Health Meeting in June: a Meeting App available to attendees that will provide information on sessions, speakers and handouts via various mobile devices.
- Currently under development: SOA e-learning available for iPads.

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- Later this year: a simplified version of the Online Directory of Actuarial Memberships from which users will be able to search, initiate phone calls, emails, and add contacts to their iPhones/iPads, Blackberries, or Androids.

At both the Life & Annuity Symposium and the Health Meeting the Technology Section is hosting sessions that include demonstrations of these, information about other business apps, and the chance for attendees to provide input as to what the SOA should do next. All great ideas are welcome. Feel free to contact [Tim](#), [Eddie](#) or [me](#).



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