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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

by Jeff Pomerantz



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 as though we have a great group on the Council and am excited to do some new and exciting things this year. I would like to thank the outgoing council members for their three years of service—**Tim Pauza, Holly Loberg, and Carl Desrochers**. Thank you very much for your contributions and support!!

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our 2011 council and some of the projects they will be working on this year.



Tim Deitz is from Milliman and is the outgoing Section Chair, and I want to thank him for the guidance he has given me in the past year in preparation for my role as Chair. Tim set a good example in facilitating the work the Council has done the past year. Tim will serve his third and final year on the council as the Web coordinator. If you have any ideas for the Technology Section or SOA sites, please let Tim or me know.

Frank Reynolds is a third—year council member and is from the University of Waterloo. Last year, Frank served as the spring meetings

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coordinator and will continue with that role again this year. Also, with his

background in education, Frank will again serve as our education liaison.



Mary Pat Campbell is a second—year council member from Scor Re,

headquartered in France. You may recognize her name from her frequent CompAct article contributions. Mary Pat will again serve as our webinar coordinator. We are in the process of planning some 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.



Dave Kester is another second —year council member, from SALT Solutions Inc., in Des Moines, Iowa. Dave will continue

to build on the momentum he has created regarding our involvement in local actuarial clubs as the actuarial club program coordinator. We see this as a great opportunity to get involved with and share ideas with actuaries in a smaller group setting. If you know of any actuarial clubs that would be interested in hosting a speaker, please let Dave know.



Lisa Lefkowitz is a second-year council member and works at PolySystems in Chicago, Ill. Lisa

will serve as the other meetings coordinator. Additionally, Lisa will head up the Speculative Fiction Contest.



Eddie Smith is a first—year council member from RBC Insurance in Greenville, South Carolina.

Although Eddie is only now officially a council member, Eddie has been actively participating in

Technology Section calls since 2009. Eddie will serve as the vice chair for the coming year.



Chris Olechowski is a first—year council member from ARC and is working out of

Chicago. Chris will serve as the annual meeting coordinator for the coming year.



Steve Finn is a first—year council member from Ameriprise Financial in Minneapolis, Minn. Steve's financial reporting

background will come in handy as he serves as the secretary/treasurer in the coming year.

There are a couple of others that need special recognition for service to the council. **Howard Callif** is entering his fourth year as editor of the newsletter, but the role as editor is typically a two—year commitment! Eddie Smith will enter his second year as co-editor of CompAct. **Jim Toole**, of MBA Actuaries Inc. in Winston-Salem, N.C., served this past year as the council's board partner and I want to thank him for that service. Our new board partner this year is **Jennifer Gillespie**, of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of MN. I look forward to working with Jennifer in this role. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year and want to encourage all of the Technology Section members to feel free to contact me with any ideas how we, as a council, can better serve you, our members. If you have an idea, we would definitely love to hear about it!!



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