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EDUCATION AND RESEARCH SECTION COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF RECENT ACTIVITY

By Kristen Moore

The purpose of the Education and Research (E&R) Section is to facilitate expanding the knowledge base of the actuarial profession, promote ties between business actuaries, academic actuaries and actuarial educators, and seek ways to support and encourage actuarial education and research.

Here is a brief update on the recent activities of the E&R Section Council.

Meeting Updates

- We recognized the service of our past Section Council Chairs Chuck Fuhrer, Margie Rosenberg and Joan Barrett with plaques at the E&R Section breakfast at the 2010 Annual Meeting in October.
- There are three E&R sessions scheduled at the Health Meeting in Boston in June 2011.

Actuarial Research Conference (ARC)

The 2011, 2012 and 2013 ARCs will be held at University of Connecticut, University of Manitoba and Temple University, respectively. The theme of the 2011 ARC is to encourage the connection between theory and practice: academics providing theory to solve real-life problems and practitioners presenting some of the issues they face and how they approach solutions to these issues. We encourage you to attend.

Membership Survey

Joan Barrett is drafting a survey of our membership; we would like your feedback on how the section meets your needs and serves our mission.

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- The council appointed liaisons between the E&R Section and the SOA's Preliminary Education Curriculum Committee.
- The council reached out to the academic community to encourage them to join the E&R Section. You can join the Listserv or edit your information [here](#).
- The Halmstad Prize Selection Committee has added a member from The Actuarial Foundation and is moving ahead for next year's review of papers.

Financial Update

- E&R Section dues will not increase in 2011; they will remain at \$20.
- The section gave another \$5,000 to The Committee on Knowledge Extension Research (CKER).

We value your feedback and ideas on section activities. If you would like to share a comment or suggestion with us, please contact Ron Gebhardtsbauer at rug16@psu.edu.

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