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FROM THE EDITOR

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Our third issue of *Taxing Times* arrives just as 2005 is coming to an end. Reflecting back on this past year, I am amazed and pleased with how much the Taxation Section has accomplished. An early goal for this year was to develop and distribute our newsletter three times a year. Mission accomplished! With the help of the Society of Actuaries, we have also succeeded in conducting several surveys of our membership. In our last issue, the results from the "Role of the Tax Actuary" survey appeared, and in this issue, we offer survey results giving a profile of our membership.

In addition, our Taxation Section Web page is up and running on the Society of Actuaries Web site. This Web page offers access to valuable information about the work and research of our section. All of these accomplishments this past year have facilitated in our stated goal of promoting the exchange of insurance tax knowledge.

I thank all of you for your membership and contributions to the Taxation Section. I would also like to thank Ed Robbins, our outgoing chair, for his leadership and dedication in launching the Taxation Section. Ed's support contributed to the many accomplishments outlined above. We wish Ed the very best in his new role as president of the Society. This issue also introduces Barbara Gold in her new role as chair of our section. I am confident that her leadership will continue to move the Taxation Section on the successful path established in its maiden year.

There are some additional changes in our council members following the recent SOA elections. Art Pagnighetti, Leslie Chapman, and I have all been elected to a three-year term. We join Douglas Hertz, Peter Marion and James Reiskytl as the Taxation Section council members. While both Art and I have served as council members this past year, Leslie is a new council member. Join me in welcoming Leslie Chapman and also in saying goodbye and thanks to Donald Walker and Charles (Bud) Friedstat who are leaving the council. Also, congratulations to Bud on his election to the SOA Board of Governors.

Again, thanks to all who have worked so hard in making the Taxation Section's initial year such a huge success. Here's to continuing that tradition in 2006. We hope you enjoy the current issue of *Taxing Times*. And remember to pass on to the editor any article ideas or timely topics that you would like to see in future issues. ◀

Sincerely,
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