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# FROM THE CHAIR

## SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS

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**A**s I am writing this, I cannot tell you where the last few months have disappeared to and how it is possible that the signs of summer are starting to show. Here are some of my favorite signs of summer in Kansas City:

- Barbecue eating (outdoors!)
- Balmy humidity
- Fountains everywhere
- Continued optimism about the KC Royals
- Shoppers at the Country Club Plaza
- Competitive high school girls' basketball tournaments all weekend, every weekend (of course, that may just be my life and not all of KC ...)
- The countdown of school days left.

The last few months have been busy ones for the Taxation Section. In addition to the signs of summer, I am seeing signs of success from the diligent team focused on the attraction and development of the next generation of tax actuaries. As part of this effort, we are promoting the "Tax-Free Benefits of the Taxation Section" and have started getting the message out to local actuarial clubs. If you have a local actuarial club that may be interested in hearing more about the Taxation Section and volunteerism in general, please contact me.

Another sign of success is that this edition of *TAXING TIMES* features the first-ever "In the Beginning..." (great name, John!). This column will be an excellent addition to our publication and fits nicely with providing content for all levels of tax actuaries.

On September 10-12, 2014, the Taxation Section will host the popular Product Tax Seminar and Boot Camp. This event provides a unique learning and networking opportunity in Washington, D.C. This meeting is where I became addicted to product tax several years ago, and I highly recommend it.

Additional details can be found on the Society of Actuaries Web page or by contacting Brian King at [Brian.King3@ey.com](mailto:Brian.King3@ey.com). I hope to see some new faces at that meeting!

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the dedicated friends of the council and council members for their time and hard work. I also hope you all see the signs of summer in your area and that you will help in the success of this section. Call me crazy, but I have a feeling this is the year for the KC Royals. ◀

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### Save the Date

## 2014 Product Tax Seminar and Bootcamp

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