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Chairperson's Corner PLAY BALL!!!

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s I write this article in mid-April, I am looking out of my office window and am reminded of two things: (1) that spring is around the corner and (2) that taxes are currently on everyone's mind. The former is mainly visual, in that I am watching them roll sod out on the brand new Hartford Yard Goats baseball stadium (yes, that is their name). The latter, is essentially due to the timing of this article (the IRS filing deadline is only a few days away). With this being a TAXING TIMES article, you might say that the second item makes sense, but I'd argue that the first is just as relevant to the Taxation Section. While opening day is just around the corner, it means that there can be a fresh start to the season. In the same way, the industry and the IRS is starting anew with work on the 2017 Commissioner's Standard Ordinary mortality table adoption, Principles Based Reserves (PBR), and the potential for tax reform.

With all these changes on the horizon, we should look for more ways to stay involved and up-to-date on the latest tax content. Here are just a few upcoming events that are full of tax rich content. All are great opportunities for people to learn more or become involved:

- Federal Income Tax Issues Every Company Must Consider Under Life PBR Webinar in June
- · Valuation Actuary Symposium in Hollywood, Florida
- 2016 Product Tax Seminar in Washington, DC
- 2016 SOA Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Las Vegas

We are still looking for volunteers for some of these sessions and would love to hear from you if you are interested in learning more about the opportunities. If you're interested, feel free to reach out to me or another member of the Taxation Section Council. Go Goats!

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