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## FROM THE CHAIR

### WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS?

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**T**he Taxation Section has a long history of providing high-quality, timely educational materials for its members. From *TAXING TIMES*, to Boot Camps, to webinars, the section relies on volunteers who donate their effort and countless hours of their time to support these opportunities. The Taxation Section is especially fortunate to have many “Friends of the Council” who lend their talents in myriad ways. Some of the Friends are former Council members, and others are tax attorneys, tax accountants, and other professionals who have a particular interest in the insurance space.

I’d like to take this opportunity to highlight one of our most dedicated volunteers, and the one who is least likely to toot his own horn. The Taxation Section, in an effort to stay on the cutting edge of technology, has taken a leadership role in developing podcasts for use in actuarial continuing education. Dan Theodore, of Milliman, is a former Council member and current Friend of the Council who recently completed

his term. Dan has taken it upon himself to read aloud and record *TAXING TIMES* articles. He then edits the file, sends it to the author for review, and arranges to have it posted to the SOA website. Being somewhat technologically challenged myself, I was impressed that Dan could identify the right tools for producing a podcast (you just need a computer and a microphone... who knew?). Dan’s initiative and hard work is greatly appreciated by the Section Council. The podcasts are available on iTunes or on the SOA website at <http://www.soa.org/Professional-Development/Event-Calendar/Podcasts/Taxation-Section.aspx>.

As always, we hope you enjoy this issue of *TAXING TIMES*. Please contact me or a member of the Editorial Board if you have any comments, ideas, or articles you would like to submit. ◀

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