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From the Chair Our Volunteers!

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As the new chair of the Taxation Section, I want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing council members for their service and introduce the new council members. Over the past two years, I've had the pleasure to learn from three distinguished actuaries: Mark Biglow, Brian McBride and Don Walker. Their significant contributions, great leadership and dedication to the Taxation Section have established a precedent and they will surely be missed.

This year, the council is comprised of individuals with broad and diverse experiences, which I believe will provide great value to the overall actuarial community. I look forward to partnering with everyone during what promises to be an exciting year (especially if tax reform is your cup of tea). Joining me as officers for 2018 are Bill Lehnen (treasurer/secretary) and Tony Litterer (vice chair). The new council members joining this year are Sivakumar Desai, Tom Edwalds and Vincent Zink.

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I would also like to thank the SOA staff, Beth Bernardi and Dee Berger, for their ongoing support. Beth and Dee have been instrumental to the Taxation Section and have helped keep us working through our collective goal of providing timely education to our members.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to reach out to our section members, including our many partners that come from outside the actuarial community. It will be more



important than ever to get involved with the section over the next few years. With tax reform becoming a reality, I ask all of you to consider getting more involved. It's as easy as joining as a friend of the council and participating in our monthly calls. This is a great platform to share ideas and raise concerns. Feel free to reach out to anyone on the council or to me for more information. ■

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