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Chairperson's Corner A Hard Act to Follow

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The I want to start by thanking the section and section council for allowing me to follow in the footsteps of the brave people who have dared to wear the green jacket! Hopefully, the lab results which claim that the only residual effects of the original radioactive material from which it was hewn is its green glow are true ... I suspect they are given the number of half-lives since its creation ...

This October we bid farewell to three section members whose terms have ended: John Esch, Tara Hansen, and Jim McWilliams. I'd like to thank them for the time, dedication and service they've provided as generous volunteers and the leadership they've exhibited in their roles as secretary, chair, and treasurer, respectively. As you'll see in the summary below of all the section's activities and initiatives, Tara is a hard act to follow and I hope to build on these accomplishments over the next year. I'd also like to welcome our three new section council members who joined at the Annual Meeting in October—Bob Leach, David Ruiz, and Ashwini Vaidya—congratulations!

RESEARCH, OUTREACH, AND WEBCASTS

Our members continue to tell us how important research and continuing education is to helping them with their professional responsibilities. We've ramped up our webcast delivery channel in response to very busy people asking for more accessible content. We're continuing, and expanding, outreach to other sections whose interests intersect with financial reporting—"old friends" like the smaller insurance company and product development sections, and newer ones like the health, modeling, and tax sections.

One new project the section is joint-sponsoring is an effort to update the PBA Implementation Guide as it looks more and more like PBR will become effective as early as Jan. 1, 2017. The section is also co-sponsoring a project to look at a set of deterministic scenarios that could be used for asset adequacy testing and other analyses. We're also supporting prize awards for predictive modeling papers that relate to financial reporting.

The results of projects the section helped to fund have recently been presented. This includes the impact of the new 2015 VBT/2017 CSO tables on product development and financial reporting; an extreme events study exploring correlations, models, and mitigation for market, credit, insurance, liquidity,

and business risk; and a report on Insurance Accounting under Multiple Accounting Bases looking at U.S. statutory, US GAAP, Canadian CALM, IFRS, and Market Consistent balance sheets.

Recent section sponsored webcasts included one on PGAAP, another on gains followed by losses, and an economic balance sheet seminar should be coming out at about the same time you receive this newsletter. We're also actively exploring reviving the very popular GAAP reporting seminars as it becomes clearer that IASB and FASB convergence becomes more distant.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our goal is to serve the membership, so we welcome feedback and suggestions on how to improve the content of our educational offerings, the utility of our research, and the resources on our website.

Please feel free to reach out to members of the council with your ideas and we will be actively reaching out—as we recently did at the Financial Reporting Hot Breakfasts—to get your suggestions.

I look forward to continuing to work with other section leaders, members and friends of the council as we prepare for another exciting year! Like I said, it will be a hard act to follow ... ■



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