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# Here We Go!

## CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER

By Tara Hansen

I am humbled to be joining the ranks of the esteemed gentlemen and one lady who have worn the green jacket before me! Many thanks go out to the section and section council for placing your faith in me for the next year.

This quarter, we have three section members whose terms have come to an end. I'd like to thank them for their generous donation of time and enthusiasm to the section. We will miss Henry Egesi, Craig Ryan and Bill Sayre as they "graduate" from the council. I'd also like to welcome our new section council members who joined us at the annual meeting in October—James Hawke, Leonard Mangini and Jason Kehrberg. Congratulations to you and welcome to the council!

## NEW RESEARCH AND WEBCASTS

Our section has been busy over the past few months assembling some very relevant research and continuing education webcasts for the section.

There has been lots of activity on the research front, and we are in the process of kicking off or shepherding quite a few great research projects that we know will be of interest to the section. Current projects include investigations into tail risk/correlation of risk, rising interest rates, and modeling financial results under multiple reporting bases. We are also considering research on nested stochastic modeling, captive insurance companies and capital financing, as well as a recently approved project to study the 2014 VBT mortality table's impact on statutory reserves.

Our webcast calendar is filling up as well with sessions on topics that include mergers and acquisitions (with a companion webcast on PGAAP), year-end financial reporting update and finance transformation.

As always, we would love to hear from section members about ideas for other research, webcasts, podcasts or any other mode of education/communication that would be useful. And even more than ideas, we love to hear from people volunteering to get involved!

## A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to thank Lisa Markus who has served as editor of The Financial Reporter since June 2011. She has done an outstanding job of herding us cats and producing an outstanding newsletter quarter in and quarter out since that time. We'll miss you, Lisa, and wish you the best as you move on to new challenges. Michael Fruchter will be taking on the role as newsletter editor, having served for more years than I can remember as associate editor. We know that the section will make Michael's life easy with copious contributions of thought-provoking material as you have in the past! Thanks to both of you!

With that, I will close and say that I am excited at what the new year ahead of us brings and look forward to continuing to work with the other members and friends of the council in service to our section.

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