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The Council had another very productive face-to-face meeting at Chicago O'Hare in March. We generally have these types of meetings twice a year, in March and at the SOA Annual Meeting.

Most of the meeting was devoted to discussions concerning content for upcoming meetings in 2017—the Life and Annuity Symposium in Seattle, the Valuation Actuary Symposium in San Antonio, and the SOA Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Boston.

By the time this issue of *The Financial Reporter* is published, the Life and Annuity Symposium will have been completed. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed the sessions and breakfast which we hosted, and many thanks to David Ruiz and Len Mangini for their work on session planning. Much of the groundwork for the Valuation Symposium and SOA Annual Meeting & Exhibit was discussed during our face-to-face meeting. I believe you will be pleased with the content as well as the venues.

We also discussed an impressive list of upcoming webcasts which I encourage you to consider. These can be found in the SOA professional development links and also on our section webpage, which was recently revamped by SOA staff and our website coordinator Kerry Krantz. Take a look and see what a great job they did!

In the research arena we will once again be a sponsor for the Actuarial Research Conference. This year it will be held in Atlanta on July 26–29. We discussed combining two of our new research ideas, using an expanded study of emergence of earnings under multiple accounting bases to also illustrate the targeted improvements to US GAAP. We also discussed co-sponsoring a



study being looked at by the Product Development Council on waiver of premium/monthly deduction rider assumptions under a principles-based framework. A project oversight group is currently being put together on this.

Simpa Baiye updated the council on the new SOA Volunteer Opportunities<sup>1</sup> site. I encourage you to take a look at this resource to see if there is a need which you could fill.

As always I hope you find this edition of *The Financial Reporter* helpful, and welcome any suggestions you might have. ■



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## ENDNOTES

1 <https://engage.soa.org/volunteeroportunities/opportunities-list-public>