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Chairperson's Corner: First Quarter

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The Council had a very productive face-to-face meeting during the SOA Annual Meeting & Exhibit in October. Our slate of officers was completed with Bob Leach as vice chair, Jason Kehrberg as secretary, and David Ruiz continuing as treasurer. Some of our specific assignments for 2017 are as follows:

- Webcasts—Jason Kehrberg, Katie Cantor, and Simpa Baiye
- 2017 Life & Annuity Symposium—Len Mangini and David Ruiz
- Valuation Actuary Symposium—Bob Leach, David Ruiz and Katie Cantor
- 2017 Annual Meeting—Ashwini Vaidya, Steve Finn and Simpa Baiye
- Economic Balance Sheet Seminar—Jim Hawke
- GAAP Seminar—David Ruiz and Katie Cantor
- Podcasts—Len Mangini
- Research—Jim Hawke
- Section Outreach—Ashwini Vaidya and Steve Finn
- Volunteer Liaison—Simpa Baiye
- Regulatory Change Web Resource—Bob Leach
- IFRS Textbook—Jim Hawke
- GAAP Textbook revision—Bob Leach

I should mention that these are leadership/coordination assignments. Other council members and many volunteers outside the council will aid those listed above in the work.



At this writing a preliminary slotting of sessions that we will sponsor at the 2017 Life & Annuity Symposium has been completed. This meeting will be held May 8–9 in Seattle. We will have PBR related sessions on “ask the experts,” VM-20 mortality, VM-31 actuarial reports, pricing assumptions, simplified methods, a fixed annuity update, and a presentation on the research project concerning modern deterministic scenarios. We plan to co-host a professionalism session on the activities of the AAA Life Practice Council. We will also put on a statutory and GAAP update session and will co-host a breakfast with the Smaller Insurance Company Section. These plans could change as we recruit moderators and speakers.

As always, I encourage you to let us know if you see under-served areas which might need more attention from the council. First quarter is always a very busy time for actuaries involved in financial reporting, and I wish you success and smooth sailing. ■



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