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# Chairperson's Corner

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**M**y term as chair of the Society of Actuaries (SOA) Health Section Council ends this month, and Andrea Bykerk Christopherson will next take over the position. Council members whose terms expire this fall in addition to me include Nancy Hubler, Valerie Nelson and Greger Vigen. A special thanks to each of these leaders for their work with the Health Section. I would also like to thank the Health Section Council and the friends of the council for their hard work this year. Thanks to their efforts, the council's accomplishments include:

- A successful Health Meeting in San Francisco with record-breaking attendance of over 1,000 attendees
- Sponsorship of 18 sessions at the October Annual Meeting
- The debut of the Canadian Health Actuary Seminar in May
- The Dental Special Interest Group, which started this year
- Many webinars and podcasts for health actuaries on the go
- Boot camps each November on rotating topics important to health actuarial practice
- Med School for Actuaries and our Payment Reform seminars, which have been well-received
- Several research projects completed and others begun
- Three issues of *Health Watch* offering a wide array of interesting articles.

My three years on the council have been busy and interesting, and the future for the Health Section Council promises more of the same. The health industry is in the midst of extraordinary times. The environment is dynamic and complicated. The council has greatly stepped up efforts in research, basic education and continuing education to prepare health actuaries for their future roles and opportunities over the course of their careers. The Health Section Council is continually striving to help our profession make sure we can sustain and maintain our place in this new environment.

The Health Section Council expects to have a busy year, with more ideas for projects than the available resources and time will permit us to do. As you know, our efforts rely on volunteers, and we never seem to have as many volunteers as we need. I encourage you to contribute in whatever way interests you. If you would like to get involved with the work of the Health Section (running for the Health Section Council, presenting at a meeting or seminar, coordinating meeting and seminar sessions, writing a *Health Watch* article, etc.) or if you just want to learn about these opportunities, please fill out the volunteer interest form found on the SOA Health Section website (<http://www.soa.org/professional-interests/health/hlth-detail.aspx>) or contact any member of the Health Section Council. ■



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