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Chairperson's Corner

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I have been stalling for weeks in writing this segment, having no idea what to write about! It's challenging to measure up to the high quality of the articles in each edition of *Health Watch*, given the excellent leadership of our editor and the outstanding articles our members continue to submit. I'm getting tired of saying it, but it is a crazy time to be in our profession. I both love what I'm doing, and feel like my hair is on fire on a daily basis. There is so much to learn, keep up with, do and review. So I'm going to keep this corner short and sweet.

We have a number of outstanding events on which council members and friends of the council have been working hard to plan. Knowing how people's time is in such short supply, I highly recommend you take advantage of the opportunities to cram as much thought leadership and learning in, as efficiently as possible. I know I will be!

First, our 2015 Health Meeting is coming up. It's being held June 13-15 in Atlanta. The schedule is packed with interesting, forward-looking topics and key note speakers. We will also be offering a new seminar immediately following the meeting—Best Actuarial Practices in Health Studies. There are a plethora of topics which need further analysis and explanation in our field, and this seminar should provide the tools on how to message and present the findings to practicing actuaries in a meaningful and succinct way.

Looking into the second half of the year, we are making great strides in expanding the health offerings at both the Valuation Actuary Symposium (August 31-September 1 in Boston) and the Annual Meeting & Exhibit in Austin, October 11-14. As spring becomes a busier time for a larger portion of our profession, we recognize the need for deeper offerings to work around busy schedules. As this issue goes to press, we are in the process of lining up a trio of in-depth boot

campus on Valuation, Advanced Commercial Pricing, and Medicare Advantage for late in the year, with a half day of professionalism to get that continuing education requirement box checked.

Whatever choice you make for continuing education, I know it's time to get back to work for me! So without further ado, I'll let you dive into this edition of the newsletter, and I wish you the best of luck with whatever your particular flavor of busy is this time of year. ■



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