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**NEW FELLOWS BY YEAR, 1889-1981**

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Compiling a year-by-year tally of new Fellows covering the 92 years of this Society and its two predecessor organizations takes more than just copying figures from a shelf of year books. Three operations that seem not to have been previously tackled are required, viz.,

(1) For the years 1909-1948, duplications between Fellowships in the Actuarial Society of America and the American Institute of Actuaries must be removed.

(2) For those same years, each Fellow must be assigned to the year of first achieving Fellowship in either organization.

(3) For the years 1946-1951 and 1964-1981, Fellows qualifying via the fall examinations must be allocated to the year in which that final exam was written. Inconsistency in this treatment down through the years has been a problem; we plan to remove it from now on by tabulating new Fellows (and Associates) separately for spring and fall exams in our Schedules of Membership.

It turns out that 5,332 individuals have qualified as Fellows, counting from the 38 charter members of April 1889 to the 179 who earned their Fellowships in the fall 1981 examinations. In this article, two tabulations are given. Table I lists the 898 who earned Fellowship in the former Society or American Institute, or of course in both, and shows also how many of each year's Fellows were still on the rolls when those two bodies merged on June 3, 1949. Table II traces the entrants to the present Society after it came into being.

**Table I: New Fellows, 1889 to 1948**

	Entered	On Roster 1949 (At Merger)
1889-1908	169*	14*
1909	46	12
1910	4	1
1911	5	1
1912	10	3
1913	12	7
1914	15	7
1915	10	9
1916	13	8

1917	13	11
1918	12	9
1919	14	12
1920	8	6
1921	14	11
1922	9	6
1923	10	10
1924	14	13
1925	24	22
1926	24	24
1927	21	17
1928	15	14
1929	23	22
1930	20	20
1931	19	19
1932	17	17
1933	19	18
1934	15	14
1935	20	18
1936	19	18
1937	17	15
1938	11	11
1939	20	19
1940	21	19
1941	19	19
1942	22	22
1943	17	17
1944	14	14
1945	23	23
1946	38	38
1947	35	35
1948	47	47
1889-1948	898	642

\*Year-by-year figures for 1889-1908 are given in *T.A.S.A.* 50(1949), 67.

**Table II: New Fellows, 1949 to 1981**

1949	48	1966	122
1950	39	1967	113
1951	43	1968	129
1952	44	1969	142
1953	31	1970	143
1954	46	1971	160
1955	46	1972	150
1956	49	1973	160
1957	53	1974	148
1958	56	1975	220
1959	65	1976	394
1960	63	1977	336
1961	62	1978	314
1962	76	1979	279
1963	78	1980	412
1964	65	1981	266
1965	82		
		1949-1981	4,434
		1889-1948	898
		1889-1981	5,332

**697 VOLUNTEERS!**

by Edward S. Silins

Since volunteers are the Society's lifeblood, it is most encouraging to report that 548 Fellows and 149 Associates used the form that went to all our members last May inviting volunteers for work on one or more of 41 different committees. Thus we heard affirmatively from 12% of all Fellows and from 4% of Associates. Every one of the 41 listed committees received at least 5 names, the average being 37 names and the largest 98 names.

The average number of committees volunteered for was 2.2.

Here is a summary of responses by committee groups:

Education and Examination	292
Career Encouragement	134
Most popular by far was Relations with Schools (87). There were 20 interested in helping with Minority Recruiting.	
Services to Members	616
Pensions (98) and Computers (81) led this list.	
Professional Services	133
39 volunteered for Theory of Dividends; runner-up was Complaints & Discipline!	
Research and Studies	278
Mortality Studies on Ordinary Insurance and Annuities reaped 48 volunteers, while the corresponding committee for Group Life and Health drew 39. 37 chose Valuation.	
Publications	47
There were 12 replies each for the Committee on Papers and that for Review. The rest were evenly distributed among our three Editorial Boards.	

Before this article appears, all the names will have been sent to the heads of the respective Committees. Volunteers will appreciate that with so great a response, most committees won't be able to enjoy immediate benefit of all the willing hands. Don't be discouraged. □