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Editor's Note

By Carl Hansen

In addition to our usual feature articles and updates from various parts of the world, this issue of *International News* includes an article on page 5 on the SOA's new International Committee. The work of this group should be of interest to most or all of the International Section membership. I encourage all section members and other readers to help shape the future of the SOA with respect to its international activities at this important developmental stage. Here are a few ideas for becoming more involved without leaving your desk:

- Volunteer to help with initiatives of the new International Committee or of the International Section. If you have some spare time for professional activities in addition to your normal work, you can contact the chairs directly, or email Martha Sikaras (msikaras@soa.org) or Jill Leprich (jleprich@soa.org) at the SOA.
- Consider standing as a candidate for the International Section Council if you are able to commit three years to a professional activity. Current or former members of the Section Council can answer questions on duties and time commitment.
- If you are currently working outside the United States and Canada, volunteer to serve as a country ambassador for the SOA, or help your existing ambassador with local activities. [See page 15 for a full list of the current ambassadors]
- Volunteer for the editorial staff of *International News*. We can always use help to come up with ideas for articles and authors, and to chase people to meet our editorial deadlines. You can contact any of the editorial staff for more information.
- Write an article for *International News*. We are always looking for interesting and informative content for the newsletter. If your timing is right, you may be able to enter your article in the annual Country Feature Article Competition for an opportunity to win cash prizes.

The actuarial profession is becoming much more international, both in terms of membership of organizations and specific issues for each practice area. Actuaries that can draw on experience living and working in more than one country can provide valuable perspective to help shape the future. □



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