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# SOA International Section Ambassador Program Update

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Since our last update in May, the International Section Council and the editorial board of this esteemed publication have been busy behind the scenes working on the SOA Ambassador Program. For those who don't know or would like a refresher, the SOA Ambassador Program is run by the International Section as a way to connect SOA members who reside or work outside of North America, and to promote the SOA's international objectives.

The mission of the Ambassador Program, from the SOA website, is: "to assist in carrying out the Society of Actuaries' international programs, identifying and developing subjects of international interest for communication to SOA members, identifying special needs of SOA members in different areas of the world, helping the actuarial profession to grow in underdeveloped areas, and functioning as a valuable resource and link between the SOA and national actuarial organizations and actuarial clubs."

The council, with invaluable support from SOA staff, has recently piloted a new online recruitment process to find new ambassadors for Singapore, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom.



We are pleased to be able to announce officially that the new ambassadors selected through this process are:

- Pritesh Modi, Singapore
- Muhammad Saeed Zafar, Pakistan
- Amanda McKinney-Hosken, United Kingdom

Congratulations to the new ambassadors and best of luck in your new roles.

With the success of the online recruitment process, we will begin recruiting new ambassadors in the following countries at the end of 2015: South Korea, Sri Lanka, and Bermuda. Keep a sharp eye on your inbox if you live in one of those countries. Equally, if your country does not have an SOA ambassador and you're interested in the job, please get in touch with me ([graydon.bennett@generali-worldwide.com](mailto:graydon.bennett@generali-worldwide.com)) or with Breanna Rodriguez of the SOA ([brodriguez@soa.org](mailto:brodriguez@soa.org)). And finally, if your country does have an SOA ambassador and you would like to get involved, send him or her an email to say hello!

As mentioned above, the editorial board has been busy contacting all current ambassadors to seek assistance in sourcing articles from around the world for future issues of International News. At the same time, we have asked ambassadors to take a moment to check the content on their country's page on the SOA website, as some information may be out of date. Please send all corrections to me and I will liaise with the SOA website team.

Lastly but by no means least, I would like to extend on behalf of the council my sincere gratitude for the service of those ambassadors who are stepping down. In the United Kingdom, both Anna Edwards and Nick Dexter have been involved for a number of years in promoting the SOA and ensuring that our members in that country feel connected with their peers around the world. ■



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