

Newly Elected International Section Council Members

HEATHER INGRAM, FSA

Swiss Reinsurance Company
Zurich, Switzerland

Treasurer



Professional Background

Heather started her actuarial career while attending the University of Waterloo in Canada completing five separate work terms in various roles including P&C pricing, pension consulting, and risk analytics. After graduation, she started fulltime with Swiss Re in Toronto, Canada, where she spent three years working as a valuation actuary responsible for the U.S. health business. In the fall of 2014, she moved with Swiss Re to Zurich, Switzerland and now splits her time between Swiss Statutory reporting and an internal Finance Transformation project.

Society of Actuaries Experience
(Section and committee memberships and participation)
International Section Member, 2016

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience

Member of IMPACT Network at Swiss Re aimed at fostering an inclusive culture within the organization, 2013–2014

Why are you interested in leading the International Section?

As an SOA member based outside of North America, I have come to realize the challenge it is to stay connected with the society. There are time zone differences, few of my colleagues are fellow SOA members, and conferences are more expensive to attend. At the same time, living internationally provides an excellent opportunity to gain new perspective while learning about different markets, actuaries and actuarial societies. I am interested in becoming an International Section Council Member so I can share my firsthand experience with fellow SOA members and continue to build the society's international network.

QUINTIN ZHENG LI, FSA

Director
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
New York, NY

To fill a one-year term



Professional Background

Quintin is a Director in the PwC's Life Actuarial Services practice in New York. He has extensive experience as a life actuary, which spans consulting and life insurance companies. At PwC, Quintin's main focus includes insurance capital market related initiatives, risk management as well as financial reporting. He has worked with many life, annuity, retirement and health insurance products. Quintin's clients include insurance companies, reinsurance companies, private equity funds, hedge funds, investment banks and financial guarantors operating in the US, Bermuda and internationally.

Prior to joining PwC, Quintin worked at AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company as a new product risk manager. While there he was responsible for coordinating product development and approval processes.

Quintin holds a Bachelor of Mathematics from the University of Waterloo in Actuarial Science and Statistics and a Master of Business Administration from New York University. He is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Society of Actuaries Experience
(Section and committee memberships and participation)
Quintin is an active member of the SOA Financial Reporting Section, Product Development Section, Joint Risk Management Section, Reinsurance Section and the International Section.

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience

Quintin is an active member of Bermuda International Long Term Insurers and Reinsurers Association (BILTIR) Capital Committee and Financial Reporting Committee.

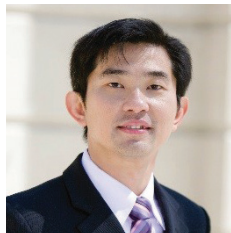
Why are you interested in leading the International Section?

Quintin was born in China, educated in Canada and is currently working in the U.S. He has a strong interest in encouraging and facilitating professional development of SOA members who are interested in international areas of practice. In a world where insurance market, financial reporting and regulatory frameworks are becoming more globalized, it is important for insurance professionals around the world to collaborate. If I were elected, I would continue supporting SOA's broader international initiatives through effective use of our global network and strengthen our liaison with actuarial organizations in other countries.



KEN SENG TAN, ASA, CERA

University Research Chair Professor
University of Waterloo
Waterloo, ON



Professional Background

Ken Seng Tan is the University Research Chair Professor in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, University of Waterloo and the Associate Director of the Waterloo Research institute in Insurance, Securities and Quantitative finance. Previously, he held the Canada Research Chair Professor in Quantitative Risk Management. In 2007 he was among the few actuaries to be granted the first Chartered Enterprise Risk Analyst (CERA) credential by the SOA, based on his years of leadership in the field of enterprise risk management. He has strong ties with many universities in China, including his role as the Cheung Kong Scholar and the Hon. Director of the China Institute for Actuarial Science, Centre University of Finance and Economics, Beijing.

Society of Actuaries Experience (Section and committee memberships and participation)

- Member, 2017-2019 Strategic Planning Task Force
- Member, SOA Center of Actuarial Excellence Committee, 2014-2017
- Co-editor, *North American Actuarial Journal* since April 2010
- Council member, Education and Research Section, 2007-2010

- Treasurer, Education and Research Section, 2007-2009
- Editor, translation of the SOA/CAS/CIA Joint Risk Management Section Newsletter to Chinese, 2007-2012
- Editor, SOA/CAS/CIA Joint Risk Management Section Newsletter, 2004-2007
- Council member, SOA/CAS/CIA Joint Risk Management Section, 2004-2007
- Founding Council Member, SOA Risk Management Section, 2003-2004

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience

- Founder of the International Agricultural Risk, Finance, and Insurance Conference (www.iarfic.org) since 2011
- Associate Editor, *Agricultural Finance Review* since June 2014
- Associate Editor, *Annals of Actuarial Science* since January 2012
- Committee member, CIA Investment Section, 2000-2003
- Committee member, CIA Task Force on Liaison with Banks and Trusts, 2000-2002

Why are you interested in leading the International Section?

Over the past decade I have been very active in South-East Asia promoting actuarial education and the actuarial profession.

With my experience, I could strengthen the SOA presence and enable many of the SOA South-East Asia's activities effectively via the International Section.



JAMES XU, FSA, FCIA, FNZSA

Associate Director – Investment
Risk Management
Royal Bank of Canada
Mississauga, ON



Professional Background

James is a great father, a loving husband and oh yeah, he is an actuary, an actuary who practiced in many different jurisdictions and has a genuine care of the international development of the Society of Actuaries.

Society of Actuaries Experience

(Section and committee memberships and participation)

- Volunteer of Item Writing for QFI Advanced, QFI Core
- Volunteer of Exam Grading for QFI Advanced, QFI Core, Individual Life and Annuities Pricing and Valuation exams

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience

Board of Directors, Volunteer Action Centre

Why are you interested in leading the International Section?

I have had the privilege of travelling and working in various parts of the world, and from what I have observed in places outside North America, I strongly feel that there is a gap in terms of company and student awareness as well as general acceptance of the Society of Actuaries body. Therefore, I believe I have the first-hand experience which prepares me well to serve the SOA to expand its international base.

In addition, I demonstrated great enthusiasm to volunteer through my experience with Volunteer Action Centre, where I serve on the board for this non-for-profit organization, providing financial and strategic guidance to the future development of the organization.

Finally, what do they say? Third time is a charm, well this is my third time running for the International Section Council Leadership and I hope this persistency will finally get me there this time. ■

