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# My Thanks Goes To . . .

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**W**hen I decided two years ago to run for the LTCI Section Council, I never thought two years later I would be required to write the Chairperson's Corner, one of my duties of being chairperson of the council. Given that I have never written an article for a publication, and am many years removed from writing papers during my college years, I wondered how I was going to handle this challenge.

As I thought about potential topics for my first "Chairperson's Corner" article, I started to list the activities that the section was involved in over my first two years on the council. One activity dealt with premium rating issues; another focused on outreach and making refinements to the industry; still another involved collaboration between members from different areas of the industry to propose solutions to the challenges facing the industry. These are just three of the many activities that the section participated in.

The one common theme among all of the activities is that the section's involvement was only possible due to section members volunteering their time. In addition to these ad hoc activities, the section also coordinates with the many ongoing industry meetings to help produce breakout sessions. It is important to recognize the contribution of the members who were presenters at these various industry meetings.

I am glad that so many of the members of the section are actively engaged in supporting the section, the actuarial profession and the LTC insurance industry—thank you and please stay engaged. To those who are not, I encourage you to become involved. Here are some ideas:

- Join the section's LinkedIn group and participate in discussions of current topics.
- Provide feedback to the council as well as suggestions on the issues the council should address.
- Consider speaking at one of the industry conferences.
- Volunteer for a work group that is tackling a particular issue.
- Run for section council.

I hope you decide to become active in the section.

Finally, I want to thank outgoing chairperson David Benz as well as outgoing members Mark Costello and Roger Gagne for their contributions over the past three years. Their hard work and dedication will be missed. ■



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