

**ACTUARIAL RESEARCH CLEARING HOUSE  
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**Scientific Publications Proposal: The North American  
Actuarial Journal, the Transactions, and the  
Monograph Series**

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**SOA SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION  
PUBLISHED IN:**

- *Transactions*
- *Transactions Reports*
- **Various Stand-Alone Books**

**NORTH AMERICAN  
ACTUARIAL JOURNAL (NAAJ)**

- **Quarterly Journal**
- **Publish Refereed Papers**
  - **Research**
  - **Education**
  - **Exposition**
  - **Practice-Oriented**
  - **Synthesis**

## **NAAJ (Cont'd)**

- **Update Research Projects**
- **Publish Book Reviews**
- **No Restrictions on Who Could Publish**

## **NAAJ (Cont'd)**

- **SOA Prestige**
- **No Image Problems**
- **Available to SOA Membership**
- **Subscriptions Sold to Others**

## **NAAJ EDITORIAL BOARD**

- **One Editor**
  - Solicit and Invite Papers**
- **Several Associate Editors**
  - Practice Areas Represented**
  - International Representation**

## **NAAJ**

- **Referees Recommend Papers to Publish**
- **Editor Makes Decision after Consensus Building**
- **Discussions/Authors' Replies Published**

## **NAAJ TIMETABLE**

- **Editor Appointed by June 1995**
- **Associate Editors by Fall 1995**
- **First Issue Published January  
1997**

## ***TSA***

- **Blend *TSA Reports* with Current  
*TSA***
- **Include Other Committee/Industry  
Reports**
- **Appoint Editor**
- **Peer-Review Reports**

## **MONOGRAPH SERIES**

- **Publish Books for the  
Profession**
- **Books Numbered as Part of  
Series**
- **Published on As-Needed Basis**

## **COSTS**

- **NAAJ - About \$100,000**
- ***TSA Reports* - Some Costs  
Recouped**
- **Monograph Series - Priced to  
Make Profit**

## **ADVANTAGES**

- **NAAJ on Par with Major Actuarial Journals**
- **Actuarial Scholarship on Competitive Basis**
- **Enhance Reputation of SOA by Quality of Papers Published**
- **Paper Submissions Will Increase**

## **ADVANTAGES (Cont'd)**

- **Subscriptions Sold Worldwide**
- **Quarterly Publication May Attract Advertising Revenue**
- **SOA Staff Support Will Continue for New Journal**
- **TSA Preprint System Eliminated**

## **DISADVANTAGES**

- **May Be More Difficult for SOA Members to Publish in Competitive Journal**
- **Overall Publications Budget Will Increase**



	<i>North American Actuarial Journal</i>	<i>TSA Reports</i>	<i>Monograph Series</i>
<b>Principal Audience</b>	Actuarial profession & related disciplines, policy-makers, plan sponsors, libraries	Society of Actuaries members, industry organizations, libraries	Actuarial profession & related disciplines, nontraditional employers, policy-makers, academia
<b>Authority</b>	Board-appointed editor has broad authority	Board-appointed editor has broad authority	SOA staff operates under Board policy
<b>Publication Frequency</b>	Four issues per year	One issue per year	On demand
<b>Distribute as Benefit of Membership</b>	Yes, but subscription for nonmembers	Yes	No, copies sold for profit
<b>Typical Products</b>	Research, exposition, surveys, practice papers, discussions, book reviews. Three expert reviews required on papers to be refereed.	Peer-reviewed mortality studies, task force reports, industry studies, Presidential Address, Financial Statement, obituaries	Books on topics needed by actuaries, usually not available elsewhere. Also may create a track series to accommodate information in specialities, i.e. health series, etc. Also used for publication of SOA-authorized research
<b>Advertising</b>	Possibly	No	No

