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Society announces election results

Barnet (Bob) N. Berin has been elected President-Elect of the Society of Actuaries for 1993-94.

Berin retired in 1991 from William M. Mercer, Inc., in New York, where he was managing director and chief actuary. He resides in Dix Hills, New York. Since retirement, he taught mathematics for several semesters at Polytechnic University and was a volunteer tutor in mathematics at Apple Drug Rehabilitation Center.

He served on the SOA Board of Governors from 1985-88 and as Vice President from 1988-90. He has served on several SOA education and examination, continuing education, and publications committees since 1963.

New Vice Presidents

Vice Presidents elected were Cecil D. Bykerk, Shane A. Chalke, and Arnold

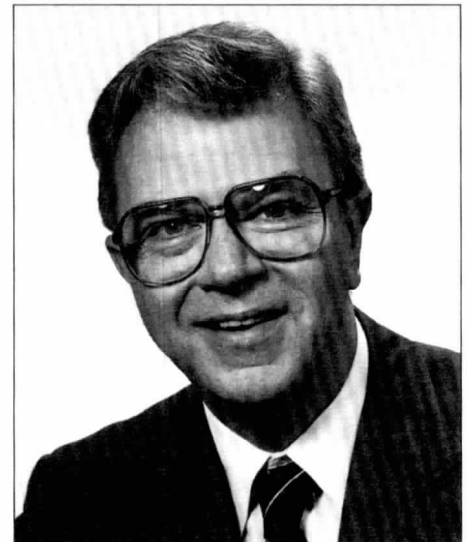
A. Dicke. Bykerk, senior executive vice president and chief actuary, Mutual/United of Omaha Insurance Company, served previously on the SOA Board from 1984-87. Chalke, president and CEO of Chalke, Inc., Chantilly, Virginia, has been an SOA Board member since 1990. Dicke, executive vice president and product actuary at USLIFE Corporation, New York, served on the Board from 1988-91.

New Board members

Elected to Board seats were Donna R. Claire, president of Claire Thinking, Inc., Dix Hills, New York; Douglas C. Doll, at Tillinghast/Towers Perrin, Atlanta; W. Paul McCrossan, partner, Eckler Partners Ltd., Don Mills, Ontario; Esther H. Milnes, senior vice president and chief actuary, Prudential Insurance and Financial Services, The Prudential, Newark; Anna Maria Rappaport, managing director, William M. Mercer, Inc., Chicago; and Alice Rosenblatt, senior vice president and chief actuary, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Boston.

Membership reaffirms motto

With 11 other mottos to choose from, SOA members returning the motto contest ballot voted to retain the current Society of Actuaries' motto. The Ruskin quote from *The Stones of Venice*, "The work of science is to substitute facts for appearances and demonstrations for impressions," was clearly the winner, with 1,408 of the 2,651 voting members marking it as their first, second, or third choices.



Barnet N. Berin

The motto garnered 29% of first choice votes.

The timeless appeal of this motto selected by a forerunner organization, the Actuarial Society, in 1892 was not lost on the person who nominated it. Jonathan Abraham, FSA 1991, assistant actuary in the Group Pension Department of John Hancock Mutual Life in Boston, said, "I remember seeing this quote for the first time at the beginning of a textbook in college, and it struck me as being appropriate. It really relates to what I do and how I communicate what I do to other people. It really sums it up."

Abraham will receive the award of a fee waiver to the October annual meeting in New York.

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