

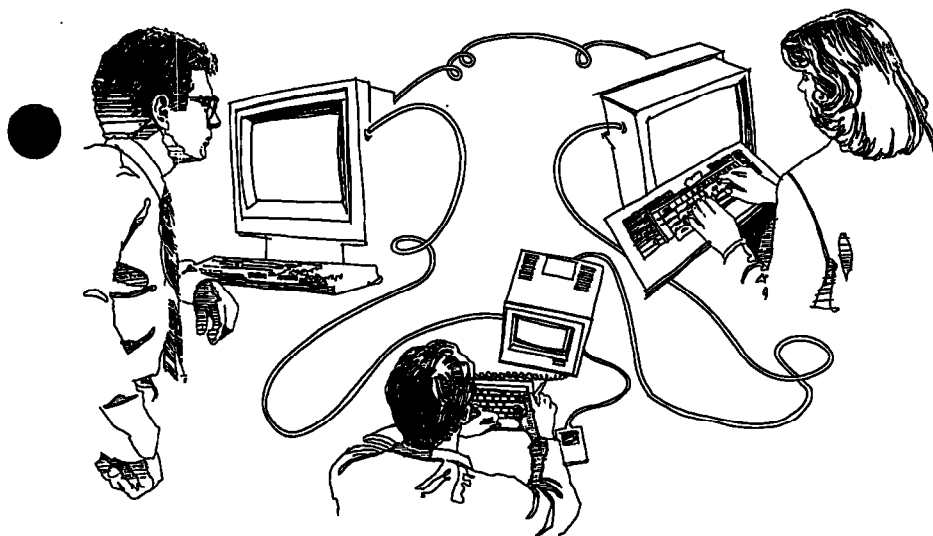


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Actuaries go on-line

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Development of ACTUARIES ONLINE, the Bulletin Board System (BBS) sponsored by the Society of Actuaries, is under way. This information and communication service provided via CompuServe will allow the global actuarial community to share ideas and discuss issues.

Features of the system include:

- CompuServe basic services, which include electronic mail (private messages), data transfers, and an online reference library
- An SOA communications exchange, which will allow the Society to distribute information quickly to members through the electronic medium
- Online, real-time discussions among subscribers
- Message posting for others to scan and respond to
- Special topic conferences focusing on the latest issues. In a moderated conference, guest speakers/experts can be interviewed by subscribers.
- Data libraries where downloadable information is available to subscribers; for example, preprints of *Transaction* papers, meeting session transcripts and research reports. Subscribers also can contribute to the libraries and share reports and data with other professionals.
- Online searchable databases for locating actuarial resources, actuarial programs, and fellow actuaries from around the world

From the general SOA perspective, members could use the service to order books and study materials, notify the SOA office of *Directory* changes, view meeting and seminar programs, register for them online, and see examination pass lists.

Other proposed uses include posting employment opportunities, accessing the *Directory* online, and using the BBS as a central distribution point for regulatory notices and updates.

Other actuarial organizations will be invited to participate in the service. Its success depends on its usefulness to actuaries in all fields. Information and expertise will be available that until now has been limited to meetings or other specialized programs.

The SOA staff is on target for 1993 implementation of the service. More information will be sent to members as it becomes available.

Coming soon

ACTUARIES ONLINE is an electronic forum and information service designed for the needs of the actuarial profession and is sponsored by the Society of Actuaries. See a prototype demonstration in the exhibit area at the October annual meeting in New York, or call the SOA office for more information, 708/706-3500.

Exam preparation seminars offered

Georgia State University will sponsor examination preparation seminars between October 4-29 on the following courses: 110, 120, 130, 135, 140, 150, 151, 160, 161, 162, 165, EA2, 210, and 220. For more information, call Robert W. Batten at 404/651-2736.

Exam preparation seminars for the November exam period will be conducted in October and November 1993, in Chicago, New York, and Toronto for Courses 120, 130, 135, 140, 150, 151, and 160. For details, please contact Professor S. Broverman of the University of Toronto at his *Directory* address or call 416/978-4453.

The Actuaries' Club of Boston will offer the following intensive review seminars in Boston:

Course 151	October 2, 3
Course 160	October 9, 10
CAS Part 4B	October 2, 3

For more information, contact Carolyn McHugh, Director of Student Education, 5 Heather Lane, Southborough, MA 01772, or call 508/481-5953.

The following intensive review seminars will be offered in Philadelphia:

Sponsored by Temple University Actuarial Institute —

Course 1343U	October 16, 17
Course 151	October 14-16
Course 160	October 22-24
Course 165	October 16, 17
Course 210	October 8-11
Course 220	October 2-6

Sponsored by CAMAR (Casualty Actuaries of Mid-Atlantic Region) —

Course 100	October 7-10
Course 110	September 30-October 3
Course 120	October 17, 18
Course 135	October 15, 16
Course 4B	September 10-13

For further information, contact Bonnie Averbach, Program in Actuarial Science, Ritter Annex 475(004-00), Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122, or call 215/204-8153.